

NAHUM

Written by Nahum around 660 B.C.

- a short book, only 3 chapters
 - written as a warning of God's pending judgment on Assyria
 - Assyria was a wicked nation known for harassing God's people
 - 100 years earlier, Jonah walked the streets of their great city Nineveh
 - obviously their repentance only lasted a generation

Nineveh was now possibly the mightiest city on earth

Powerful military

- walls 100 feet high (3 chariots could ride on top)
- it was thought that the city could withstand a 20 year siege

-Also written to give comfort to God's people that He will take vengeance on their enemies

- and the Assyrian empire did fall only 50 years later

Nah 1:8 But with an overflowing flood He will make a complete end of its site, And will pursue His enemies into darkness.

- the Tigris river overflowed, destroying part of Nineveh's wall
- the Babylonians came in and plundered the city, set it on fire

The book closes with a description of Nineveh's destruction

Speaking of the city of Nineveh, Nahum prophesies:

Nah 3:11 You too will become drunk, You will be hidden. You too will search for a refuge from the enemy.

This prophecy came to pass after the city was destroyed

- the city was forgotten and "hidden"
- not discovered again until 1842 (2254 years later)
- has not been rebuilt or inhabited since

Jesus Type:

Nahum is the avenger of God's elect

- as Jonah came preaching a message of repentance to the city of Nineveh, Nahum comes to pronounce judgment on those who do not believe

-When Jesus came the first time, He came in peace, riding on a donkey
-But at His second coming, He comes like Nahum came to Nineveh:

Rev 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it *is* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.

Rev 19:12 His eyes *are* a flame of fire, and on His head *are* many diadems; and He has a name written *on Him* which no one knows except Himself.

Rev 19:13 *He is* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

-then it goes on to describe the judgment and destruction He pours out on those who are against Him