

# NAHUM

Book of Nineveh's Doom



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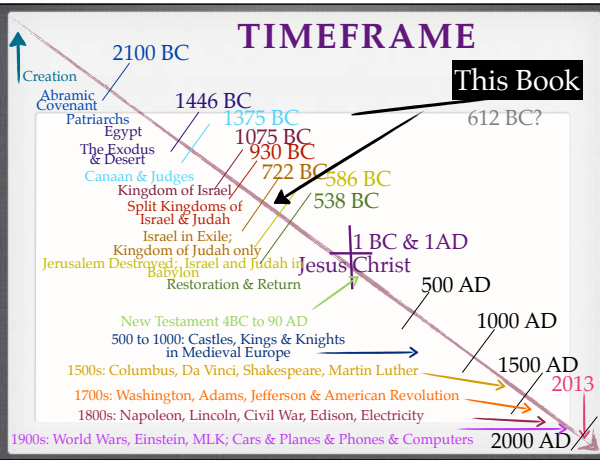
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### TYPE OF BOOK

- Moses' Torah / Pentateuch
- History
- Poetry & Wisdom
- Major (Long-book) Prophets
- Minor (Short-book) Prophets ✓

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### AUTHOR

- 1:1
- Nahum

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## READERS & RECIPIENTS

- People of Nineveh and the Assyrian Empire.
- People of Israel & Judah, too?
- I write people's names on the board for everyone to see not to embarrass, humiliate, or hurt him or her, but so that everyone else can see that they shouldn't do what he or she did. They also see that I follow through with consequences for your behavior.
- This is the example God sets for you and me in our Christian Classroom.

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## Major OT Themes found in this Book:

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1. God is Love
2. God Creates
3. Israel (we) are supposed to be God's Obedient Servants
4. Israel (we) are Sinful
5. God is Angry with His People for Rejecting Him
6. God Forgives and Blesses those who Follow Him
7. Israel (we) are God's Chosen Examples
8. God Speaks through His Prophets
9. God is Always with His People
10. God is Just and Merciful
11. God Keeps His Promises
12. Israel (we) are Redeemed and Restored by the Blood of Christ
13. Israel (we) are JoGoFd
14. Israel (we) will Inherit the Kingdom of God

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## STORYLINE

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- "The Divine Warrior"--Chapter 1--The Lord will destroy Nineveh.
- "The Future Destruction of Nineveh"--Chapters 2 & 3

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## THEOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTION

- "This book teaches the sure judgment of God against those who oppose His will and abuse His people. Although God sometimes uses a pagan nation as an instrument of His judgment, He will also judge that nation by His standards of righteousness and holiness."
- CSB 181
- 1: 2-6--God is slow to anger, but the anger will come to those who refuse to repent of their sins. The one unforgivable sin is not "acknowledging" Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

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## SECULAR CONTRIBUTION

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## KEY V

- 1: 7-8
- The Lord is good,  
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But with an overflowing f  
he will make a complete end  
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## REQUIRED READING

- 1
- Foretells destruction of Nineveh

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## WHEN TO TURN HERE

- What happens to people who sin and refuse to repent?

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## LUTHER SAYS:

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- “The prophet Nahum prophesies about the destruction that the Assyrians were to inflict upon the people of Israel and Judah, as it was then actually accomplished by Shalmanser and Sennacherib. This destruction took place because of the people’s great sins...
- “Next Nahum announces the destruction of the kingdom of Assyria, especially of Nineveh...”
- CSSB 1386

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## MR. MARTIN SAYS:

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- “Nahum foretells God’s swift and final destruction of Nineveh and the Assyrian Empire. With mighty power, God executes His avenging wrath against His adversaries, who plot evil against Him and His people. **As God mercifully delivered ancient Judah from Assyrian oppression, so He rescued us from sin, death and the devil through the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ.**” LSB 1501.
- Assyrian Empire was the strongest country in the world at the time.

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## LIFE LESSONS FROM NAHUM

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### ■ Nahum:

This prophecy against Assyria and Nineveh might easily be dismissed as irrelevant to people's lives today, as the events addressed here happened so long ago. However, Nahum dramatically illustrates how concerned the Lord is with human affairs, especially matters that affect the lives of His people, the Church. (LSB 1499). How about you? Do you feel like we're learning about things that don't matter anymore--who cares about what happened thousands of years ago? Or do you find it interesting to study the way God works in human history?

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# ACTIVITIES

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**The Short-book Prophets:**

The last twelve books of the Old Testament are often referred to as the "Minor Prophets". However, "minor" is a bit of misnomer, since "minor" refers to the fact that the books are short, and not that the books are, as is the contemporary meaning, "lesser". These books as a whole mainly discuss two themes, which will become clear as you read them. They clearly exemplify God's plan for humankind, as laid out in Genesis 12: 1-3. We see God dealing very clearly with his people—there are clear consequences for their actions. Many, several of these books speak toward the coming Messiah through the building of the temple in Jerusalem. This will be the same temple that Jesus visits in John 2:19, and the curtain of which is torn at Jesus' death in Matthew 27:51. These bold prophets speak directly with God and often have to tell the people of his terrible judgments against them. Sometimes, they have the honor of calling of God's blessings.

The following are some key verses for each of the twelve short-booked prophets. Read the verses and try to determine the major theme of the book. Feel free to read more verses from the book if you need more help. Please use at least two complete sentences for each. Since there is not enough space below, please answer these using your own lined paper.

- Hosea: 4:1-14:4
- Joel: 2:1-2:32
- Amos: 3:2; 9:10-10
- Obadiah: v1, v15
- Jonah: 2:1-2; 3:7-10
- Micah: 2:1, 32
- Nahum: 1:2-4
- Habakkuk: 1: 2-4
- Zechariah: 1: 3-4; 3: 11-17
- Haggai: 1:2, 1:13-15
- Ezekiel: 9: 9-13 ; 14:9
- Malachi: 1:6; 4:1-6

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