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## Nahum

Chapter 1

1The declaration about Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum, the Elkoshite.2Yahweh is a jealous God and avenges;Yahweh avenges and is full of wrath;Yahweh takes vengeance on his adversaries,and he continues his anger for his enemies.3Yahweh is slow to anger and great in power;he will not acquit the wicked.Yahweh makes his way in the whirlwind and the storm,and the clouds are the dust of his feet.4He rebukes the sea and makes it dry;he dries up all the rivers.Bashan is weak, and Carmel also;the flowers of Lebanon have become weak.5The mountains shake in his presence,and the hills melt;the earth collapses in his presence, indeed,the world and all people who live in it.6Who can stand before his rage?Who can resist the fierceness of his anger?His wrath is poured out like fire,and the rocks are broken apart by him.

7Yahweh is good,a stronghold in the day of trouble;and he acknowledges those who take refuge in him.8But he will make a full end to his enemieswith an overwhelming flood;he will pursue them into darkness.

9What are you people plotting against Yahweh?He will make a full end to it;trouble will not rise up a second time.10Like tangled thornsand like the drink of drunkards,they will be consumed like dry stubble.11From you, Nineveh, has come outsomeone who plotted evil against Yahweh,a wicked counselor.

12This is what Yahweh says,"Even if they are at their full strength and full numbers,they will nevertheless be sheared; their people will pass away.But you, Judah: Though I have afflicted you,I will afflict you no more.13Now will I break that people's yoke from off you;I will break your chains."

14Yahweh has given a command about you, Nineveh:"There will be no more descendants bearing your name.I will cut off the carved images and the cast metal figuresfrom the houses of your gods.I will prepare your grave,for you are contemptible."

15Look, on the mountainsthere are the feet of someone who is bringing good news,who is announcing peace!Celebrate your festivals, Judah,and fulfill your vows,for the wicked one will invade you no more;he is completely cut off.

Chapter 2
1The one who scatters is coming up against you.Guard the city wall, watch the road,strengthen your loins, pull together all your strength.2For Yahweh is restoring the majesty of Jacoblike the majesty of Israel,although the plunderers devastated themand destroyed their vine branches.3The shields of his mighty men are red,and the soldiers are clothed in scarlet;the chariots flash with their metalon the day that they are made ready,and the cypress spears are waved in the air.4The chariots speed through the streets;they rush back and forth in the wide streets.They look like torches,and they run like lightning.

5He remembers his nobles;they stumble over each other in their march;they hurry to attack the city wall.The large shield is made ready to protect these attackers.6The gates at the rivers are forced open,and the palace collapses.7Huzzab is strippedand is taken away;her female servants moan like doves,beating on their breasts.8Nineveh is like a leaking pool of water,with its people fleeing away like rushing water.Others shout, "Stop, stop,"but no one turns back.9Take the silver plunder, take the gold plunder,for there is no end to the treasure,to the splendor of all Nineveh's desirable things.10Nineveh is empty; empty and devastated.Everyone's heart melts, everyone's knees strike together,and anguish is in all loins; their faces are all pale.11Where now is the lions' den,the place where the young lion cubs were fed,the place where the lion and lioness walked,with the cubs, where they were afraid of nothing?12The lion tore his victims to pieces for his cubs;he strangled victims for his lionesses,and filled his cave with victims,his dens with torn carcasses.13"See, I am against you—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts.I will burn your chariots in the smoke,and the sword will devour your young lions.I will cut off your prey from your land,and the voices of your messengers will be heard no more."

Chapter 3
1Woe to the city full of blood!It is all full of lies and stolen property;victims are always in her.2But now there is the noise of whipsand the sound of rattling wheels,prancing horses, and bounding chariots.3Horsemen charging,flashing swords and glittering spears!Piles of the dead, bodies that could not be counted—their attackers stumble over the bodies.4This is happening because of the lustful actionsof the beautiful prostitute, the expert in witchcraft,who sells nations through her prostitution,and peoples through her acts of witchcraft.

5"See, I am against you—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts—I will raise up your skirt over your faceand show your private parts to the nations,your shame to the kingdoms.6I will throw disgusting filth on youand make you vile;I will set you up as a spectacle.7It will come about that everyone who looks at youwill flee from you and say,'Nineveh is destroyed; who will weep for her?'Where can I go to find anyone to comfort you?"

8Nineveh, are you better than Thebes,which was located on the Nile River,which had water around her,whose rampart was the sea,and the sea was its wall?9Cush and Egypt were her strength,and there was no end to it;Put and Libya were allies to her.10Yet Thebes was carried away;she went into captivity;her young children were dashed in piecesat the head of every street;her enemies threw lots for her honorable men,and all her great men were bound in chains.11You also will become drunk; you will try to hide,and you also will look for a refuge from your enemy.

12All your fortresses will be like fig treeswith the earliest ripe figs:if they are shaken,they fall into the mouth of the eater.13See, the people among you are women;the gates of your land have been opened wide to your enemies;fire has devoured their bars.

14Go draw water for the siege;strengthen your fortresses;go into the clay and tread the mortar;pick up the molds for the bricks.15Fire will devour you there, and the sword will destroy you.It will devour you as young locusts devour everything.

Make yourselves as many as the young locusts,as many as the full-grown locusts.16You have multiplied your merchantsmore than the stars in the heavens;but they are like young locusts:they plunder the land and then fly away.17Your princes are like locust swarms,and your commanders are like locuststhat camp in the walls on a cold day.But when the sun rises they flee,and the place they go to is not known.

18King of Assyria, your shepherds are asleep;your nobles are lying down resting.Your people are scattered on the mountains,and there is no one to gather them.19No healing is possible for your wounds.Your wounds are severe.Everyone who hears the news about youwill clap their hands in joy over you.On whom has your wickednessnot trodden continually?