

Bible Reading Notes
Nahum

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Nahum 1

Nahum ministered just a few years prior to the fall of Nineveh. Nineveh was the capital of the Assyrian Empire and was destroyed by the Medes and Babylonians in 612 BC.

1:2, 7 - Both vv. 2 & 7 are true, and both must be upheld firmly – The Lord is both an avenging God and a good God. Both are equally his perfections.

1:15 – The day the Lord destroys Nineveh will be a day of blessing for Israel. This same language of the runner bringing good news is found in Isaiah 52:7.

Nahum 2-3

2:3 – his mighty men – This is a reference to the Babylonians who God used to bring judgment upon the Assyrians.

2:6 – river gates – Historians believe that the fall of Nineveh was brought about by the Babylonians first closing the river gates that shut off the flow of water into the city and then opening them later so a flood of water entered Nineveh bringing great destruction.

2:11 – lion's den – The lion was the symbol of Assyria.

2:13; 3:5 – I am against you – This was the ultimate reason for the fall of Nineveh, the Lord was against her.

3:8 – Thebes – Thebes fell to the Assyrians in 644 BC, 32 years before Nineveh.