

Nahum 1

- ¹ The burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.
- ² God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.
- ³ The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.
- ⁴ He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth.
- ⁵ The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.
- ⁶ Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.
- ⁷ The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.
- ⁸ But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies.
- ⁹ What do ye imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.
- ¹⁰ For while they be folden together as thorns, and while they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.
- ¹¹ There is one come out of thee, that imagineth evil against the LORD, a wicked counsellor.
- ¹² Thus saith the LORD; Though they be quiet, and likewise many, yet thus shall they be cut down, when he shall pass through. Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more.
- ¹³ For now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder.
- ¹⁴ And the LORD hath given a commandment concerning thee, that no more of thy name be sown: out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image and the molten image: I will make thy grave; for thou art vile.
- ¹⁵ Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.

Nahum 2

- ¹ He that dasheth in pieces is come *up before* thy face: keep the munition, watch the way, make thy loins strong, fortify thy power mightily.
- ² For the **LORD** hath turned away the excellency of **Jacob**, as the excellency of **Israel**: for the emptiers have emptied them *out*, and marred their vine branches.
- ³ The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men are in scarlet: the chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation, and the fir trees shall be terribly shaken.
- ⁴ The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall justle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings.
- ⁵ He shall recount his worthies: they shall stumble in their walk; they shall make haste to the wall thereof, and the defence shall be prepared.
- ⁶ The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall be dissolved.
- ⁷ And **Huzzab** shall be led away captive, she shall be brought *up*, and her maids shall lead her as with the voice of doves, tabering upon their breasts.
- ⁸ But **Nineveh** is of old like a pool of water: yet they shall flee away. Stand, stand, shall they cry; but none shall look *back*.
- ⁹ Take ye the spoil of silver, take the spoil of gold: for there is none end of the store and glory *out* of *all* the pleasant furniture.
- ¹⁰ She is empty, and void, and waste: and the heart melteth, and the knees smite together, and much pain is in *all* loins, and the faces of them *all* gather blackness.
- ¹¹ Where is the dwelling of the lions, and the feedingplace of the young lions, where the lion, even the old lion, walked, and the lion's whelp, and none made them afraid?
- ¹² The lion did tear in pieces enough for his whelps, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his holes with prey, and his dens with ravin.
- ¹³ Behold, I am against thee, saith the **LORD** of hosts, and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall devour thy young lions: and I will cut off thy prey from the earth, and the voice of thy messengers shall no more be *heard*.

Nahum 3

- ¹ Woe to the *bloody city*! it is *all full* of *lies* and *robbery*; the *prey departeth not*;
- ² The *noise* of a *whip*, and the noise of the *rattling* of the *wheels*, and of the *pransing horses*, and of the *jumping chariots*.
- ³ The *horseman lifteth up* both the *bright sword* and the *glittering spear*: and there is a *multitude* of *slain*, and a *great number* of *carcases*; and there is *none end* of their *corpses*; they *stumble* upon their corpses:
- ⁴ *Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the wellfavoured harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts.*
- ⁵ Behold, I am *against* thee, saith the **LORD** of *hosts*; and I will *discover* thy *skirts* upon thy *face*, and I will shew the *nations* thy *nakedness*, and the *kingdoms* thy *shame*.
- ⁶ And I will *cast abominable filth* upon thee, and make thee *vile*, and will *set* thee as a *gazingstock*.
- ⁷ And it shall come to *pass*, that *all* they that look upon thee shall *flee* from thee, and say, **Nineveh** is *laid waste*: who will *bemoan* her? whence shall I *seek comforters* for thee?
- ⁸ Art thou better than *populous No*, that was *situate* among the *rivers*, that had the *waters* round about it, whose *rampart* was the *sea*, and her *wall* was from the sea?
- ⁹ **Ethiopia** and **Egypt** were her *strength*, and it was *infinite*; **Put** and **Lubim** were thy *helpers*.
- ¹⁰ Yet was she *carried away*, she went into *captivity*: her *young* children also were *dashed* in *pieces* at the *top of all* the *streets*: and they *cast lots* for her *honourable men*, and *all* her *great* men were *bound* in *chains*.
- ¹¹ Thou also shalt be *drunken*: thou shalt be *hid*, thou also shalt *seek strength* because of the *enemy*.
- ¹² *All* thy *strong holds* shall be like *fig trees* with the *firstripe* figs: if they be *shaken*, they shall even *fall* into the *mouth* of the *eater*.
- ¹³ Behold, thy people in the midst of thee are *women*: the *gates* of thy *land* shall be *set wide open* unto thine *enemies*: the *fire* shall *devour* thy *bars*. ¹⁴ *Draw* thee *waters* for the *siege*, *fortify* thy *strong holds*: go into *clay*, and *tread* the *mortar*, make strong the *brickkiln*. ¹⁵ There shall the *fire devour* thee; the *sword* shall *cut* thee *off*, it shall *eat* thee *up* like the *cankerworm*: make thyself *many* as the cankerworm, make thyself *many* as the *locusts*. ¹⁶ Thou hast *multiplied* thy *merchants above* the *stars* of *heaven*: the *cankerworm spoileth*, and *fleeth* away. ¹⁷ Thy *crowned* are as the *locusts*, and thy *captains* as the *great grasshoppers*, which *camp* in the *hedges* in the *cold* day, but when the *sun ariseth* they *flee away*, and their place is *not known* where they are. ¹⁸ Thy *shepherds slumber*, O king of **Assyria**: thy *nobles* shall *dwell* in the *dust*: thy people is *scattered* upon the *mountains*, and *no* man *gathereth* them. ¹⁹ There is *no healing* of thy *bruise*; thy *wound* is *grievous*: *all* that *hear* the *bruit* of thee shall *clap* the *hands* over thee: for upon whom hath *not* thy *wickedness passed continually*?