

Nahum 1:1-15 **Warning against Nineveh – God's Wrath & Mercy**

Warning against Nineveh

1 The burden against Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

God's Wrath on His Enemies

2 El (God) is jealous, and Yahweh (the Lord) avenges; Yahweh (the Lord) avenges and is furious. Yahweh (the Lord) will take vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves wrath for His enemies;

3 Yahweh (the Lord) is slow to anger and great in power, And will not at all acquit the wicked.

Yahweh (the Lord) has His way In the whirlwind and in the storm, And the clouds are the dust of His feet.

4 He rebukes the sea and makes it dry, And dries up all the rivers. Bashan and Carmel wither, And the flower of Lebanon wilts.

5 The mountains quake before Him, The hills melt, And the earth heaves at His presence, Yes, the world and all who dwell in it.

6 Who can stand before His indignation? And who can endure the fierceness of His anger? His fury is poured out like fire, And the rocks are thrown down by Him.

7 Yahweh (the Lord) is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble; And He knows those who trust in Him.

8 But with an overflowing flood He will make an utter end of its place, And darkness will pursue His enemies.

9 What do you conspire against Yahweh (the Lord)? He will make an utter end of it. Affliction will not rise up a second time.

10 For while tangled like thorns, And while drunken like drunkards, They shall be devoured like stubble fully dried.

11 From you comes forth one Who plots evil against Yahweh (the Lord), A wicked counselor.

12 Thus says Yahweh (the Lord):

"Though they are safe, and likewise many, Yet in this manner they will be cut down When he passes through. Though I have afflicted you, I will afflict you no more;

13 For now I will break off his yoke from you, And burst your bonds apart."

14 Yahweh (the Lord) has given a command concerning you: "Your name shall be perpetuated no longer. Out of the house of eloheyka (your gods) I will cut off the carved image and the molded image. I will dig your grave, For you are vile."

Kingdom Blessing

15 Behold, on the mountains The feet of him who brings good tidings, Who proclaims peace! O Judah, keep your appointed feasts, Perform your vows. For the wicked one shall no more pass through you; He is utterly cut off.

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Facts Revealed:

Warning against Nineveh

- ✧ The burden against Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite. [Nahum 1:1]
 - ✧ The messenger and subject are clearly identified in this verse, the time is not mentioned in the text.

God's Wrath on His Enemies

- ✧ Yahweh is here identified as a powerful God who is able to punish His adversaries and who reserves wrath for His enemies. [Nahum 1:2]
- ✧ Yahweh is longsuffering and slow to anger. [Nahum 1:3]
- ✧ He makes a distinction between the faithful for whom He has made a way of escape, and He will not at all acquit the wicked. [Nahum 1:3, Exodus 34:6-7, Numbers 14:18, Romans 2:1-11]
- ✧ Yahweh is in full control of the weather and the earth, He has dried up a path through the sea and the river, He brings rain or drought. [Nahum 1:3-5]
- ✧ The questions need to be considered, "Who can stand before His indignation? Who can endure the fierceness of His anger? When His fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by Him." [Nahum 1:6]
- ✧ Yahweh (the Lord) is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble; And He knows those who trust in Him. [Nahum 1:7]
 - ✧ The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment [2 Peter 2:9]
- ✧ The wrath of Yahweh on His adversaries is overwhelming like a flood, and the enemies will be blinded to the truth. [Nahum 1:8]
- ✧ It is useless to conspire against Yahweh, because those who do will be devoured in the fire of His wrath like a fully dried thorn hedge. [Nahum 1:9-10]
- ✧ Wicked counselors who plot against Yahweh come from among the people. [Nahum 1:11]
- ✧ In defending those who trust in Him, Yahweh will destroy the enemy and free His people from their oppression. [Nahum 1:12-13]
- ✧ In the process, idolatry will be totally eliminated for they are vile. [Nahum 1:14]

Future Blessing

- ✧ Behold, on the mountains The feet of him who brings good tidings, Who proclaims peace! O Judah, keep your appointed feasts, Perform your vows. For the wicked one shall no more pass through you; He is utterly cut off. [Nahum 1:15]
 - ✧ Introduction of Messiah to come and the one who announces His coming, also of those who spread the Gospel message leading to the Kingdom Age. [Isaiah 52:7, Romans 10:15]
 - ✧ Wickedness will be removed and cut off.