

Nahum 2:1-13 **Nineveh Judged – Israel will be Restored**

Call to Arms

1 He who scatters has come up before your face. Man the fort! Watch the road! Strengthen your flanks! Fortify your power mightily.

Promised to Restore Israel

2 For Yahweh (the Lord) will restore the excellence of Jacob Like the excellence of Israel, For the emptiers have emptied them out And ruined their vine branches.

Yahweh is victorious over the powers of Nineveh

3 The shields of his mighty men are made red, The valiant men are in scarlet. The chariots come with flaming torches In the day of his preparation, And the spears are brandished.

4 The chariots rage in the streets, They jostle one another in the broad roads; They seem like torches, They run like lightning.

5 He remembers his nobles; They stumble in their walk; They make haste to her walls, And the defense is prepared.

6 The gates of the rivers are opened, And the palace is dissolved.

7 It is decreed: She shall be led away captive, She shall be brought up; And her maidservants shall lead her as with the voice of doves, Beating their breasts.

8 Though Nineveh of old was like a pool of water, Now they flee away. 'Halt! Halt!' they cry; But no one turns back.

9 Take spoil of silver! Take spoil of gold! There is no end of treasure, Or wealth of every desirable prize.

10 She is empty, desolate, and waste! The heart melts, and the knees shake; Much pain is in every side, And all their faces are drained of color.

11 Where is the dwelling of the lions, And the feeding place of the young lions, Where the lion walked, the lioness and lion's cub, And no one made them afraid?

12 The lion tore in pieces enough for his cubs, Killed for his lionesses, Filled his caves with prey, And his dens with flesh.

13 "Behold, I am against you," says Yahweh Tsebaavot (the Lord of hosts), "I will burn your chariots in smoke, and the sword shall devour your young lions; I will cut off your prey from the earth, and the voice of your messengers shall be heard no more."

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Facts Revealed:

Call to Arms

✧ Nineveh was the capital city of Assyria. [[Genesis 10:8-12](#)]

✧ Yahweh used the Assyrians to scatter His people Israel because of their sins. [[2 Kings 17:5-23](#)]

✧ Yahweh called the Assyrians to prepare for war, because He is coming to judge Nineveh. [[Nahum 2:1](#)]

Promised to Restore Israel

✧ Yahweh promised to restore Israel after the destroyers have emptied their land. [\[Nahum 2:2\]](#)

Yahweh is victorious over the powers of Nineveh [\[Nahum 2:3-13\]](#)

✧ The rest of the chapter describes the fall of Nineveh as Yahweh brought her down by the hand of other nations.