

# Nahum

**In this judgement of Assyria and its capital city Nineveh, God is judging a sinful world and it applies to every generation.**

One hundred years earlier, Jonah preached to Nineveh, the people heard God's message and repented, turning from their evil.

Now in Nahum's generation, evil was again reigning and God's prophet Nahum was pronouncing God's judgement on this wicked nation.

Nineveh was called a "city of blood" [Nahum 3:1].

Nineveh was called a "city of cruelty" [Nahum 3:15].

The Assyrians were judged for their arrogance [Nahum 1:11], idolatry [Nahum 1:14], murder, lies, treachery and social injustice, [Nahum 3:1-19].

**Because of these sins and sinful attitudes Nahum predicted this proud and powerful nation would be utterly destroyed, this end came within 50 years.**

**The message that the Creator God is giving, that applies to every generation, is very clear.** Disobedience, rebellion and injustice will **not** prevail but will be punished severely by a righteous and Holy Creator God who is the ultimate ruler of the whole universe, including all humans who live on earth, even those who do **not** acknowledge Him and His Word, the Christian Bible.

**Nahum 1:2** [New King James] *"God is jealous, and the LORD avenges; the LORD avenges and is furious. The LORD will take vengeance on His adversaries, and He reserves wrath for His enemies;"*

God alone, as the Creator and Sustainer of all things, has the right to be jealous.

The Hebrew word translated "jealous" is "qannôw" which has the root meaning in the good sense of being zealous.

Jealousy and vengeance may seem surprising terms to associate with a God who is love itself, [1 John 4:8, 16].

When humans are jealous and take vengeance they are usually acting in the spirit of selfishness.

It is appropriate for the Creator God to insist on complete allegiance, and it is just, as a Holy God, to punish unrepentant evildoers.

**God's jealousy is totally different to human jealousy, for it is devoid of any selfishness, the purpose is to remove all sin and bring peace to all humanity, [Isaiah 9:6; John 14:27].**

**This can come only by all humanity accepting Jesus Christ as their Saviour, [John 3:16-17] and Lord, [Matthew 28:18; Revelation 19:16].**

**Nahum 1:3** [New King James] *"The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked. The LORD has His way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet."*

**God is slow to get angry, but at the right time, according to His plan for all humanity, even the physical earth will tremble.**

**Often people avoid the Creator God because they see evildoers going unpunished in society and hypocrites in the Christian Church. They do not realise that God is slow to anger to give His true followers time to share His love and truth with evildoers, [Matthew 5:14-16].**

**Nahum 1:6** [New King James] *“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.”*

No person on earth can safely defy the Creator God Who only is eternal.

**Nahum 3:4** [New King James] *“Because of the multitude of harlotries of the seductive harlot, the mistress of sorceries, who sells nations through her harlotries, and families through her sorceries.”*

**Nineveh used its beauty, prestige and power to seduce other nations. Like a prostitute, she had enticed them into false friendships. Then when the nations were relaxed thinking Assyria was a friend, Assyria destroyed and plundered them.**

Do not let an attractive institution, company, movement or person seduce you into lowering your Christian standards or compromising your moral principles.

**No power on earth can protect us from God’s righteous judgement or be a substitute for His power in our lives, by the active presence of the Holy Spirit.**

**1 John 4:1-6** [New King James] *“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because **He who is in you** is greater than he who is in the world. They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.”*

**“He who is in you” is referring to the Holy Spirit.**

**Put your trust in the Creator God alone. Do not insist in learning to trust God by personal, painful experience, learn the lesson that human history has already taught.**