

# Bible Study



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**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ 7:00 PM\_EDT**

**OBJECTIVE:** to learn God's wisdom for spiritual growth, and divine promises for prosperity from short bible books, with *power-filled* messages!! **NOTE:** if you print, use the "booklet" and "print on both sides" features of Adobe, then staple twice in the center.

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**2021 FALL SESSION TOPICS** (Wed\_Sep.22<sup>nd</sup>—through—Wed\_Dec.15<sup>th</sup>)

--SEP.22<sup>TH</sup>: "FREELANCE QUESTIONS"

--SEP.29<sup>TH</sup>: Jude

**OCTOBER** (OCT.11<sup>TH</sup>: COLUMBUS DAY)

--OCT.06<sup>TH</sup>: Jude      --OCT.20<sup>TH</sup>: Nahum

--OCT.13<sup>TH</sup>: Jude      --OCT.27<sup>TH</sup>: Nahum

**NOVEMBER** (NOV. 2<sup>ND</sup>: ELECTION DAY; NOV.25<sup>TH</sup>: THANKSGIVING DAY)

--NOV.03<sup>RD</sup>: Nahum      --NOV.17<sup>TH</sup>: 1John

--NOV.10<sup>TH</sup>: Nahum      --NOV.24<sup>TH</sup>: **CANCELLED**

**DECEMBER** (DEC.25<sup>TH</sup>: CHRISTMAS DAY; JAN.01<sup>ST</sup>: NEW YEARS DAY)

--DEC.01<sup>ST</sup>: 1John      --DEC.15<sup>TH</sup>: "FREELANCE QUESTIONS"

--DEC.08<sup>TH</sup>: 1John

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**2021-22 WINTER BREAK:** Wed\_DEC.22<sup>ND</sup>—through—Wed\_JAN.26<sup>TH</sup>

**BACKGROUND (NAHUM). AUTHOR:** Nahum...**DATE WRITTEN:** 650 BCE

- **NAHUM.** His name means “*consolation!*” Nothing else is known of him except that he came from a city called Elkosh, which was near Capernaum.
- **AUDIENCE.** His prophetic message against Nineveh as preached to Judah (or the Israelite Southern Kingdom, who capital was Jerusalem), since the Northern Kingdom called Israel had already been taken captive by the Assyrian Empire in 722 BC.
- **THEME.** His strong message was that Nineveh would be destroyed! In fact, nearly every verse from chapter 1:15 -to- chapter 3:19 describes that event—which actually took place in 612 BC.
- **THE ISSUE.** The Ninevites or Assyrians had converted from their evil ways through the preaching of the Prophet Jonah more than 100-years before Nahum preached his prophecy. Unfortunately, the ancient Ninevites had not transmitted their knowledge of the true God to their children. Thus, this new generation of Ninevites reverted back to their cruel and heathen practices. And in chapter 3:1-4, Nahum briefly describes the Ninevite’s wickedness.
- **EXAMPLE.** In 722 BC, they destroyed Samaria, which was the capital of the Israelite Northern Kingdom (called Israel), and also in 701 BC they nearly captured Jerusalem, which was the capital of the Israelite Southern Kingdom (called Judah).
- **PUNISHMENT.** Nahum starts with a magnificent description of God’s character. He goes on to describe the great wickedness of the Ninevites (Assyrians) against the two Israelite nations. Then Nahum prophesied that God had to punish and destroy such an apostate people.
- **ENCOURAGEMENT.** Nahum’s prophecy was also a source of comfort to the Israelites of the Southern Kingdom (Judah). For he revealed that God would punish their great enemy for their sins against God’s people—their cousins the Israelites of the Northern Kingdom (Israel).

<b>NATION</b>	<b>ISRAEL</b>	<b>ASSYRIA</b>	<b>JUDAH</b>
<b>CAPITAL</b>	SAMARIA	NINEVEH	JERUSALEM
<b>NAME</b>	NORTHERN ISRAELITES	ASSYRIANS	SOUTHERN ISRAELITES
<b>CONQUERED (BCE)</b>	● <b>722</b> BY ASSYRIANS	● <b>612</b> BY MEDES & BABYLONIANS	● <b>701</b> BY ASSYRIANS (ATTEMPTED ONLY) ● <b>586</b> BY BABYLONIANS

**BACKGROUND (NAHUM)— QUIZ** (select all that are correct)

- Q1** When was Nahum written? **a)** 650-AD; **b)** 722-BC; **c)** 701-AD; **d)** neither.
- Q2** What does Nahum’s name mean and where is he from? **a)** “*Son of Thunder*,” from Elkosh; **b)** “*God is with us*,” from Capernaum; **c)** “*Prince of Peace*,” from Samaria; **d)** neither.
- Q3** What were the Israelites of the Southern Kingdom called, and what was their capital city? **a)** Israel and Jerusalem; **b)** Judah and Samaria; **c)** Assyria and Nineveh; **d)** neither.
- Q4** What were the Israelites of the Northern Kingdom called, and what was their capital city? **a)** Israel and Jerusalem; **b)** Judah and Samaria; **c)** Assyria and Nineveh; **d)** neither.
- Q5** What is the theme of Nahum’s prophecy? **a)** God will destroy Israel; **b)** God will destroy Nineveh; **c)** God will destroy Judah; **d)** neither.
- Q6** When was Israel conquered and by whom? **a)** 722-BC, by the Assyrians; **b)** 701-BC, by the Judeans; **c)** 612-BC, by the Ninevites; **d)** neither.
- Q7** When did God destroy the Ninevites and why? **a)** 722-BC, for helping Israel defeat Judah; **b)** 701-BC, for helping Judah defeat Israel; **c)** 612-BC, for their renewed apostate behavior and wicked practices against Israel and Judah; **d)** neither.
- Q8** What secondary message does Nahum’s prophecy have for Judah? **a)** God will punish their enemies; **b)** God will restore Israel, their cousins; **c)** God will forgive the Assyrians; **d)** neither.

<b>QUIZ ANSWERS:</b>
<b>BACKGROUND ANSWERS:</b> <b>Q1)</b> d; <b>Q2)</b> d; <b>Q3)</b> d; <b>Q4)</b> d; <b>Q5)</b> b; <b>Q6)</b> a; <b>Q7)</b> c; <b>Q8)</b> a;
<b>NOTES:</b>

**CHAPTER\_1 (NAHUM). GOD’S WRATH ON HIS ENEMIES.** <sup>1</sup>The burden against Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>The Lord is slow to anger and great in power. And he 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. <sup>4</sup>He rebukes the sea and makes it dry; and dries up all the rivers. Bashan and Carmel wither, and the flower of Lebanon wilts. <sup>5</sup>The mountains quake before him. The hills melt, and the earth heaves at His presence—YES, the world and all who dwell in it! <sup>6</sup>Who can stand before His indignation? And who can endure the fierceness of His anger? For his fury is poured out like fire, And the rocks are thrown down by him. <sup>7</sup>The Lord is good, and a stronghold in the day of trouble. He knows those who trust in Him. <sup>8</sup>But with an overflowing flood he will make an utter end of its place, and darkness will pursue his enemies. <sup>9</sup>What do you conspire against the Lord? He will make an utter end of it. Affliction will not rise-up a second time. <sup>10</sup>For while tangled like thorns, and while drunken like drunkards, they shall be devoured like stubble fully dried. <sup>11</sup>From you comes forth one who plots evil against the Lord. A wicked counselor. <sup>12</sup>Thus says 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.* <sup>13</sup>*For now I will break off his yoke from you; and burst your bonds apart.”* <sup>14</sup>The Lord has given a command concerning you, *“Your name shall be perpetuated no longer. Out of the house of your gods I will cut off the carved image and the molded image. I will dig your grave. For you are vile.”* <sup>15</sup>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!

<b>NOTES:</b>

**CHAPTER\_1 (NAHUM)— QUIZ** (select all that are correct)

**Q1** With whom does Nahum say God is angry (v1)? **a)** Israel/Samaria; **b)** Judah/Jerusalem; **c)** Assyria/Nineveh; **d)** neither.

**Q2** How does the Prophet Nahum say God will deal with his fierce anger and fury (vv2-3)? **God will send Nahum to...** **a)** forgive and forget the sins of the enemy of his people; **b)** preach and pray for the enemy of his people to repent; **c)** recruit an army of his people to fight their enemy; **d)** neither.

**Q3** How powerful does Nahum say is God's wrath against the enemy of his people (vv3-6)? **It can cause their enemy's...** **a)** hills to melt, mountains to quake, and plains to heave; **b)** cities to wither, vegetation to wilt, and rivers to dry-up; **c)** skies above them to fill with tornadoes, clouds above them to become dust storms, and rocks around them to become landslides; **d)** neither.

**Q4** How does Nahum say God will handle the enemy of his people (vv7-14)? **God will allow their...** **a)** evil conspiring plans to run their course like a fever; **b)** plotting wicked leaders to convert to the Israelite faith; **c)** carved god-images to be placed in Israelite and Judean temples; **d)** neither.

**Q5** How does Nahum reassure God's people as they face their enemy (vv3,6,7)? **In times of trouble, God...** **a)** won't let any enemy of his people stand before him; **b)** is good and stronghold; **c)** is slow to anger and slow in power; **d)** neither.

**Q6** What does Nahum say is God's final judgment against the enemy of his people (vv12-15)? **God will...** **a)** free his people from their yoke; **b)** dig their grave and bury them; **c)** destroy their name and nation forever; **d)** neither.

**Q7** What closing instructions does Nahum give and to whom (v15)? **He tells them to...** **a)** continue with holy rituals, the Northern Israelites; **b)** engage in peaceful fellowship with Southern Israelites, the Assyrians; **c)** expect their enemy to be cutoff, the Northern Israelites; **d)** neither.

<b>QUIZ ANSWERS:</b>
<b>CHAPTER_1 ANSWERS: Q1) c; Q2) d; Q3) a,b,c; Q4) d; Q5) a,b; Q6) a,b,c; Q7) d;</b>
<b>NOTES:</b>





**CHAPTER 3 (NAHUM). THE WOE OF NINEVEH.** <sup>1</sup>Woe to the bloody city! It is all full of lies and robbery. Its victim never departs. <sup>2</sup>The noise of a whip and the noise of rattling wheels, of galloping horses, of clattering chariots! <sup>3</sup>Horsemen charge with bright sword and glittering spear. There is a multitude of slain. A great number of bodies. Countless corpses—they stumble over the corpses—<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>*“Behold, I am against you,”* says the LORD of hosts. *“I will lift your skirts over your face. I will show the nations your nakedness, and the kingdoms your shame. I will cast abominable filth upon you, and make you vile, and make you a spectacle. I will cast abominable filth upon you, and make you vile, and make you a spectacle. I will cast abominable filth upon you, and make you vile, and make you a spectacle. I will cast abominable filth upon you, and make you vile, and make you a spectacle.”* <sup>6</sup>*I will cast abominable filth upon you, and make you vile, and make you a spectacle. I will cast abominable filth upon you, and make you vile, and make you a spectacle. I will cast abominable filth upon you, and make you vile, and make you a spectacle. I will cast abominable filth upon you, and make you vile, and make you a spectacle.”* <sup>7</sup>*It shall come to pass that all who look upon you will flee from you, and say, ‘Nineveh is laid waste! Who will bemoan her?’ Where shall I seek comforters for you?”* <sup>8</sup>Are you better than No Amon that was situated by the river, that had the waters around her. Whose rampart was the sea. Whose wall was the sea? <sup>9</sup>Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength, and it was boundless. Put and Lubim were your helpers. <sup>10</sup>Yet she was carried away. She went into captivity. Her young children also were dashed to pieces at the head of every street. They cast lots for her honorable men, and all her great men were bound in chains. <sup>11</sup>You also will be drunk. You will be hidden. You also will seek refuge from the enemy. <sup>12</sup>All your strongholds are fig trees with ripened fig. If they are shaken, they fall into the mouth of the eater. <sup>13</sup>Surely, your people in your midst are women! The gates of your land are wide open for your enemies. Fire shall devour the bars of your gates. <sup>14</sup>Draw your water for the siege! Fortify your strongholds! Go into the clay and tread the mortar! Make strong the brick kiln! <sup>15</sup>There the fire will devour you. The sword will cut you off. It will eat you up like a locust. Make yourself many—like the locust! Make yourself many—like the swarming locusts! <sup>16</sup>You have multiplied your merchants more than the stars of heaven. The locust plunders and flies away. <sup>17</sup>Your commanders are like swarming locusts, and your generals like great grasshoppers. Which camp in the hedges on a cold day. When the sun rises they flee away, and the place where they are is not known. <sup>18</sup>Your shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria. Your nobles rest in the dust. Your people are scattered on the mountains, and no one gathers them. <sup>19</sup>Your injury has no healing, your wound is severe. All who hear news of you will clap their hands over you. For upon whom has not your wickedness passed continually?



**CHAPTER\_3 (NAHUM)— QUIZ** (select all that are correct)

**Q1** What inditement does the Prophet Nahum say God has against Nineveh (vv1-4)? **a**) like seductive harlots they sell families, and like sorceries they murder people of other nations; **b**) they are robbers and liars; **c**) their victims never leave Nineveh alive, and their blood stains the entire city; **d**) neither.

**Q2** How does Nahum say God will deal Nineveh (vv5-7)? **God will...** **a**) forgive and redeem them; **b**) bless and lift them; **c**) comfort and praise; **d**) neither.

**Q3** Who does Nahum say God condemns as Nineveh's allies (vv8-9)? **a**) Put and Lubim; **b**) Israel and Judah; **c**) Ethiopia and Egypt; **d**) neither.

**Q4** What does Nahum say was the fate of some of Nineveh's allies (v10)? **a**) their children were brutally killed; **b**) their elder men were chained and sold; **c**) they were conquered and enslaved; **d**) neither.

**Q5** What does Nahum say is Nineveh's fate like their allies (vv10-13)? **a**) they will not be able to stop their enemy's attack; **b**) only their women will remain; **c**) their buildings and gates will be set afire; **d**) neither.

**Q6** How does Nahum say Nineveh will attempt to protect itself (vv14-17)? **a**) by seeking help from Israel and Judah; **b**) by seeking help from Egypt and Put; **c**) by fortifying their strongholds and multiplying themselves like locust; **d**) neither.

**Q7** What does Nahum say is Nineveh's eternal fate (vv18-19)? **a**) its citizens will be reassembled after Nineveh's destruction; **b**) surrounding nations will express sorry and sadness after Nineveh's destruction; **c**) Nineveh's elders and shepherd will repent and rebuild it; **d**) neither.

**QUIZ ANSWERS:**

**CHAPTER\_3 ANSWERS: Q1) a,b,c; Q2) d; Q3) a; Q4) a,b,c; Q5) a,c; Q6) c; Q7) d;**

**NOTES:**