

NAHUM, PROPHET OF GOD’S HOLY VENGEANCE:
ADDRESSING THE INVASION OF SENNACHERIB
(Nahum 1:1-14)

- I. The Context (Nahum 1:1)
 - A. The IDENTITY of the prophet
 - 1. Name means “CONSOLATION”
 - 2. LOCATION of his birthplace is UNCERTAIN
 - 3. The TIME of his prophecy: between 663 and 612 BC
 - B. The CHARACTER of the prophecy
 - 1. Theme is the HOLY VENGEANCE of God (1:1-11)
 - 2. Application is specifically to His WRATH upon NINEVEH (1:12 – 3:19)

- II. Our Great God (Nahum 1:2-8)
 - A. The DEFENDER of His people
 - B. The ENFORCER of justice
 - C. The King who is FURIOUS with His ENEMIES
 - D. The omnipotent CONTROLLER of the ELEMENTS
 - E. The SOVEREIGN ruler against Whom NO ONE can stand
 - F. The BENEVOLENT refuge in “the day of TROUBLE”

G. The ERASER of the city of NINEVEH

III. Judgment Decreed (1:9-14)

A. The distress Nineveh had caused will NEVER be REPEATED

B. Nineveh's opposition to God will be UTTERLY DEFEATED

C. Nineveh should LEARN the LESSON from Sennacherib

1. Despite Assyria's STRENGTH and their ALLIES, they will "be CUT OFF and PASS AWAY"

2. Assyria's OPPRESSION of Judah has been GOD'S DOING, but it will END

a. Freedom from Assyrian TRIBUTE

b. Deliverance from Assyrian BONDAGE

D. Nineveh's NAME would CEASE

1. God declared them CONTEMPTIBLE

2. God announced their pending BURIAL

IV. Lessons

A. It is God who BUILDS, PROTECTS and DESTROYS nations

B. Our AFFLICTION by ENEMIES is under God's CONTROL

1. Our AFFLICTION is TEMPORARY and always has a PURPOSE

2. Our DELIVERANCE will be PERMANENT