

NAHUM, PROPHET OF GOD’S HOLY VENGEANCE:
NINEVEH’S COMING DESTRUCTION
(Nahum 1:15 – 2:13)

- I. The Good News HERALDED (Nahum 1:15; cf. Isa.52:7; Rom. 10:15-16)
 - A. A JOYFUL announcement of DELIVERANCE
 - 1. Reminder of the DEFEAT of Sennacherib.
 - 2. Promise of the DESTRUCTION of Nineveh
 - 3. Allusion to DELIVERANCE from Babylon
 - 4. Prophecy of REDEMPTION through Christ
 - B. A promise of restoration of TRUE WORSHIP in JERUSALEM

- II. The Siege of Nineveh PORTRAYED (Nahum 2:1-13)
 - A. God’s CRY against Nineveh (2:1-2)
 - 1. He intends to CRUSH them and SCATTER the rubble
 - 2. He TAUNTS them with a warning to PREPARE
 - 3. He affirms the IMPOTENCE of their DEFENSE
 - B. The ONSLAUGHT upon Nineveh (2:3-5)
 - 1. They would be an army in RED
 - 2. Their CHARIOTS would be “enveloped in FLASHING steel”
 - 3. They would be followed by hoards of SPEARMEN

4. Their chariots would dash SWIFTLY throughout the city, setting it ABLAZE
 5. They will quickly seized control of the WALLS and TOWERS
- C. The COLLAPSE of Nineveh's DEFENSES (2:6-8)
1. The city would be FLOODED and the PALACE destroyed
 2. It will be STRIPPED BARE and survivors will be dragged into CAPTIVITY
- D. The SPOILING of Nineveh (2:9-10)
1. "Empty it of EVERYTHING of VALUE"
 2. It would be left DESOLATE and a WASTE
 3. Assyrians would be in DESPAIR
- E. The DOOM of Nineveh (2:11-13)
1. They boasted of being RAVENING LIONS
 2. God announces, "I am AGAINST YOU"

III. Lessons

- A. God's JUDGMENT of His enemies will be UNAVOIDABLE and TOTAL
- B. God's judgment upon His enemies always results in DELIVERANCE of His PEOPLE
1. It is "GOOD NEWS"
 2. It will ESTABLISH PEACE
 3. It will ENDURE FOREVER