

NAHUM, PROPHET OF GOD’S HOLY VENGEANCE:  
NINEVEH’S UTTER DESOLATION  
(Nahum 3:1-19)

- I. The VERDICT for Nineveh (Nahum 3:1)
  - A. A pronouncement of WOE
  - B. A recitation of GUILT
- II. The ATTACK upon Nineveh (Nahum 3:2-3)
  - A. Simulates the CONFUSION and CACOPHONY of battle
  - B. Emphasizes the SLAUGHTER of the NINEVITES
- III. The SHAME of Nineveh (Nahum 3:4-7)
  - A. Nineveh’s crime is “the many HARLOTRIES of the HARLOT”
    - 1. May refer to Assyria’s many IDOLATRIES
    - 2. May refer to rapacious ABUSE of her VANQUISHED
    - 3. May refer to widespread MORAL DEGENERACY
  - B. Nineveh’s VERDICT is God’s ENMITY
  - C. Nineveh’s HUMILIATION
    - 1. Their “NAKEDNESS” exposed
    - 2. Their only COVERING will be their FILTH
    - 3. Their DISGRACE will be put on PUBLIC DISPLAY
    - 4. No one will GRIEVE her passing
- IV. The EXAMPLE for Nineveh (Nahum 3:8-10)

- A. The GREATNESS of No-amon (Thebes)
  - 1. A large POPULATION
  - 2. A SECURE location
  - 3. Powerful ALLIES
- B. The FALL of No-amon proves no city is INVINCIBLE
- C. The DESTRUCTION of No-amon CONDEMNS Assyria
- V. The DOOM of Assyria (Nahum 3:11-19)
  - A. They are more VULNERABLE than they know (3:11-13)
  - B. No DEFENSIVE action will SUCCEED (3:14-15)
    - 1. The CITY will BURN
    - 2. The PEOPLE will be SLAUGHTERED
    - 3. The LAND will be STRIPPED as if devoured by locusts
    - 4. Their DEFENDERS will DISAPPEAR like a departing swarm
  - C. Their LEADERS are SLEEPING
    - 1. No POLITICAL or RELIGIOUS official can help
    - 2. Assyrian survivors will be as sheep SCATTERED on the MOUNTAINS
  - D. Their DESTRUCTION will be FATAL
  - E. The WORLD will REJOICE at Assyria's annihilation
- VI. Lessons
  - A. Not even the most NOTORIOUS sinners will be able to WITHSTAND God's judgment
  - B. Jesus took PITY on the SHEPHERDLESS SHEEP of ISRAEL (Matt. 9:36)
    - 1. Nineveh illustrates the CONDITION of the LOST
    - 2. Christ provides REDEMPTION for the LOST