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Nahum

I am Nahum, from the village of Elkosh. This is a message about the city of¹ 1
 .Nineveh, a message that Yahweh gave me in a vision
 .Yahweh our God tolerates no rival gods to himself²
 ,He is very angry with those who worship other gods
 .and he continues to be angry with his enemies
 ;Yahweh does not quickly become angry³
 , but he is very powerful
 .and he will never say that his enemies are innocent
 ,Wherever he walks, there are whirlwinds and storms
 .and clouds are like the dust stirred up by his feet
 .When he commands oceans and rivers to become dry, they dry up⁴
 He causes the grass to wither
 ,in the fields in the region of Bashan and on the slopes of Mount Carmel
 .and he causes the flowers in Lebanon to fade
;When he appears, it is as though the mountains shake and the hills melt⁵
 .the earth quakes, and the people on the earth tremble
;There is no one who can resist him when he becomes extremely angry⁶
 .there is no one who can survive when his anger is very hot
 ,When he is very angry, it is as though his anger is like a blazing fire
 .and it is as though mountains are shattered into pieces
 ;But he is good⁷
 .he protects us, his people, when we experience troubles
 .He takes care of those who trust in him
 ;But he will get rid of his enemies⁸
 .he will be to them like a flood that destroys everything
 He will chase his enemies
 .into the darkness of the place where the dead are
 .So it is useless for you people of Nineveh to plot against Yahweh⁹
 ;He will not need to strike you two times to destroy you

.he will destroy you by striking you only once

It will be as though his enemies are tangled in thorns¹⁰

.and they will stagger like people who have drunk a lot of wine

.It will be as though they will be burned up like dry stubble

In Nineveh there was a man who advised people to do very wicked things against¹¹

:But this is what Yahweh says to you Israelites¹² .Yahweh

Although the people of Assyria have very many people“

,and their army is very powerful

.they will be destroyed and they will disappear

,I say to my people in Judah

,I have already punished you

.but I will not punish you again

Now I will cause the people of Assyria to no longer enslave you; it will be as though¹³

”.I will tear off the shackles on your hands and feet

:And this is what Yahweh also declares about you people of Nineveh¹⁴

.You will not have any descendants who will continue to have your family names“

And I will destroy all the statues of your gods

.that were carved or formed in molds

”!I will cause you to be killed and sent to your graves, because you are vile

,You people of Judah. Look! A messenger will come across the mountains¹⁵

.and he will bring good news to you

.He will declare that you will now have peace

So celebrate your festivals, and do what you solemnly promised

,to do when your enemies were threatening to attack you

,because your wicked enemies will not invade your country again

.because they will be completely destroyed

You people of Nineveh, your enemies are coming to attack you. So place guards¹ 2

on the tops of the walls around the city! Guard the roads into the city! Get ready to

Even though your soldiers have destroyed the² !fight! Gather your troops together
descendants of Jacob, Yahweh will cause other nations to honor them again. Invaders

from your country have ruined Israel as enemies would uproot a vineyard, but Israel

The shields of the enemy soldiers who are coming to attack you³ .will prosper again

,will shine red as the sun shines on them

.and they will wear bright red uniforms
 ,The metal of their chariot wheels will flash when they line up before the battle
 .and their soldiers will lift up their cypress spear and wave them
 Their chariots dash through the streets of Nineveh⁴
 .and rush furiously through the plazas
 ,Going as quickly as lightning
 .they look like flaming torches
 ,An officer gives a command to his officials⁵
 .and they come to him so quickly that they stumble
 ,They run up the city wall to attack it
 .and they set up a large wooden shield above the soldiers to protect them
 ;The enemy soldiers will force open the city gates on the rivers⁶
 .the palace will collapse
 ,The queen will have her clothes stripped off her by enemy soldiers⁷
 and her slave girls will moan like doves
 The people will rush from⁸ .and beat their breasts to show that they are very sad
 Nineveh
 .like water rushes from a broken dam
 ”!The officials will shout, “Stop! Stop
 .but the people will not even look back as they run away
 ,The enemy attackers say to each other⁹
 !Seize the silver“
 !Grab the gold
 ,There is a huge amount of very valuable things in the city
 ”!more valuable things than anyone can count
 Soon everything valuable in the city will be seized or ruined. People will be¹⁰
 trembling, with the result that they will not be able to fight. Their faces will all become
 .pale with fear
 ,After that happens, people will say¹¹
 ?What happened to that great city of Nineveh“
 ,It was like a den full of young lions
 where the male and female lions lived and fed the young ones, where they were
 .afraid of nothing

The soldiers in Nineveh were like lions that killed or strangled other animals and¹²
Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says to¹³ ”.brought the meat to their dens
the people of Nineveh
;I am your enemy“

.I will cause your chariots to burn in fire and go up in smoke
.Your young men will be killed with swords
.I will make all the valuable things you stole from other nations disappear
Your messengers will never again take messages to other nations, demanding that
”.their armies surrender to them

Terrible things will happen to Nineveh, that city that is full of people who¹ 3
murder, steal and lie. The city is full of people who the soldiers carried away from other

But now listen to the enemy soldiers coming to attack Nineveh; listen to² .countries
them cracking their whips, and listen to the rattle of their chariot wheels! Listen to their

Look at their flashing³ !galloping horses and their chariots as they bounce along
swords and glittering spears as the horsemen race forward! Many people of Nineveh
will be killed; there will be piles of corpses, so many that the attackers will stumble

All that will happen because Nineveh is like a beautiful prostitute⁴ .over them
;who lures men to where they will be ruined

Nineveh is a beautiful city
.that has attracted people of other nations to come there
The people of Nineveh taught those people of other nations rituals of magic
.and caused them to become their slaves

:So Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says to the people of Nineveh⁵

I am your enemy, and I will cause the people“
;in other nations to see you completely humiliated
like women who have committed adultery are humiliated
by having their skirts lifted high
with the result that people can see their naked bodies

;I will cause others to throw garbage at you⁶
I will show others that I despise you very much
and I will cause everyone to ridicule you in public

All those who see you will turn their backs to you and say⁷
Nineveh is ruined‘

’but absolutely no one will mourn for it

”.Nineveh, no one will want to comfort you
 .Your city is certainly no safer than the city of Thebes was⁸
 ;Thebes was an important city beside the Nile River
 .the river was like a wall around her
 .The rulers of Ethiopia and Egypt helped Thebes; there was no limit to their power⁹
 The governments of the nearby countries of Put and Libya
 .were also allies of Thebes
 ,Nevertheless, Thebes was captured¹⁰
 .and its people were exiled
 .Their babies were dashed to pieces in the streets of the city
 Enemy soldiers cast lots to decide who would get
 .each official in Thebes to become his slave
 .All the leaders of Thebes were fastened by chains
 ,You people of Nineveh will similarly become dazed and drunk¹¹
 and you will search for places to hide
 .to escape from your enemies
 Your enemies will cause the walls around your city to fall down¹²
 .like the first figs that fall right into your mouths when you shake the tree
 .This is how easily your city will be captured
 !Look at your soldiers¹³
 !They will be like weak women
 The gates of your city will be opened wide
 ,to allow your enemies to enter them
 .and then the bars of those gates will be burned
 !Store up water now to use when your enemies surround the city¹⁴
 !Repair the forts
 ,Dig up clay and trample it to make it soft
 !and put it into molds to make bricks to repair the walls
 ;Nevertheless, your enemies will burn your city¹⁵
 ;they will kill you with their swords
 .they will kill you as locusts destroy crops
 In¹⁶ .Go ahead and increase your population like swarms of locusts and grasshoppers
 ;your city there are now very many merchants
 .more than stars

But when your city is being destroyed
those merchants will take the valuable things and disappear
like locusts that strip the leaves from plants and then fly away
Your leaders are also like a swarm of locusts¹⁷
that crowd together on the fences on a cold day
and then fly away when the sun comes up
and no one knows where they have gone
;King of Assyria, your officials will all die¹⁸
your important people will lie down and rest forever
Your people will be scattered over the mountains
You are like someone who has¹⁹ and there will be no one to gather them together
;a wound that cannot be healed
it will be a wound that causes him to die
And all those who hear about what has happened to you will clap their hands
joyfully
They will say, “Everyone has suffered because he continually acted very cruelly
”toward us