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Nahum

1 ¹ The burden of Nineveh.
The book of the vision of Nahum,
the Elkoshite.

2 Yahweh **is** a jealous and
avenging God; Yahweh **is** an
avenger and master of wrath;
Yahweh takes vengeance on his
adversaries, and he maintains
against his enemies.

3 Yahweh **is** long of nostrils and
great in power; and to acquit he
will not acquit.
Yahweh—in whirlwind and
storm **is** his way, and cloud **is**
the dust of his feet.

4 He rebukes the sea and
makes it dry, and all the rivers
he dries up.
Bashan withers, also Carmel;
and the flowers of Lebanon
wither.

5 Mountains shake before him,
and the hills melt;
and the earth heaves before his
face; and the world and all the
dwellers in it.

6 To the face of his indignation,
who can stand? And who can
arise against the burning of his
nose?

His wrath is poured out like
fire, and the rocks are broken
apart before him.

7 Yahweh **is** good, for a
stronghold in a day of trouble,
and knowing those taking
refuge in him.

8 But he will make a complete
end to its place with an
overwhelming flood; darkness
will pursue his enemies.

9 What are you plotting against
Yahweh?

He will make a complete end **to**
it; trouble will not rise up a
second time.

10 For like tangled thorn-
bushes and like their drink
being drunk,
they are devoured—like dried
stubble—fully.

11 From you came out a plotter
of evil against Yahweh, an
advisor of wickedness.

12 Thus says Yahweh:

“**Even** if they are full and
likewise numerous, also
likewise they have been
sheared,

and he has passed away.
Though I have afflicted you, I
will afflict you no more.

13 And now I will break his
yoke from upon you, and your
shackles I will tear off.”

14 And Yahweh has
commanded concerning you:
“One will not be sown from
your name any more.

I will cut off the carved figures
and the cast metal figures from
the house of your gods.

I will prepare your graves, for
you are worthless.”

15 Behold, on the mountains,
the feet of a herald, announcing
peace!

Celebrate your celebrations, O
Judah, and keep your vows,
for the wicked will not repeat to
invade you again; he is
completely cut off.

2 ¹ A scatterer has come up
against your face.

Guard the city walls, watch the
road,

strengthen **your** loins, greatly
fortify **your** power!

2 For Yahweh has restored the
majesty of Jacob, indeed, the
majesty of Israel,

although the plunderers
plundered them and destroyed
their vine branches.

3 The shields of his mighty men
are red; the men of valor are
clothed in scarlet;

the chariot **flashes** with fire of
metal on the day of preparing
it, and the cypresses quiver.

4 The chariots race madly
through the streets; they rush
back and forth in the squares.
Their appearance **is** like
torches; they run like lightning.

5 He calls his officers; they
stumble in their advance;
they hurry to her city wall. The
siege-shelter is prepared.

6 The gates of the rivers have
been opened, and the palace
has melted away.

7 It is established: she is taken
into exile; she is led away,
and her female servants moan
like the sound of doves, beating
on their hearts.

8 Though Nineveh **was** like a
pool of water throughout her
days, now they are fleeing
away.

"Stop, stop!" But there is no
turning back.

9 Plunder silver, plunder gold,
for there is no end to the
supply;
a wealth of all things of delight.

10 Empty and desolate and
ruined! And the heart is melted,
and a shaking of knees,
and anguish **is** in all loins, and
all of their faces gather beauty.

11 Where **now is** the lions' den
and that feeding place for the
young lions,
where the lion walked, the
lioness there, the cubs of the
lion, and nothing made **them**
afraid?

12 The lion, tearing enough for
his cubs and strangling for his
lionesses,

he filled his caves with prey, his
dens with torn carcasses.

13 "Behold me, against you—
the declaration of Yahweh of
armies—

I will burn her chariot in the
smoke, and the sword will
devour your young lions.

I will cut off your prey from
your land, and the voices of
your messengers will be heard
no more."

3 **1** Woe to the city of
bloodshed!

All of it **is** lies, full of plunder;
the prey never departs.

2 The sound of a whip and the
sound of a rattling wheel
and a galloping horse and a
bounding chariot!

3 A charging horseman and a
flash of a sword and a gleam of
a spear and many slain and
heaps of corpses.

There is no end to the dead
bodies; they stumble over their
dead bodies.

4 From the many harlotries of
the prostitute, pleasing in
beauty, the mistress of
witchcraft,
the seller of nations through
her prostitution, and peoples
through her witchcraft.

5 "Behold me, against you—the
declaration of Yahweh of armies
—I will remove your skirt over
your face

and show the nations your
nakedness and the kingdoms
your shame.

6 I will throw filth on you and
regard you as vile; I will set you
up as a spectacle.

7 It will come about that everyone looking at you will flee from you and say, 'Nineveh is destroyed; who will sympathize with her?' From where can I find a comforter for you?"

8 Are you better than Thebes, situated on the Nile River, water all around her, whose defense **was** the sea, water her wall?

9 Cush and Egypt **were** her strength, and there was no end; Put and Libya were among your allies.

10 Yet she as an exile went into captivity; also her young children were dashed in pieces at the head of every street; and for her honored ones they cast lots, and all her great ones were bound in chains.

11 You also will become drunk; you will be hidden; you also will seek a refuge from your enemy.

12 All of your fortresses **are** fig trees with first fruits: if they are shaken, they fall into the mouth of the eater.

13 Behold, your people **are** women in your midst; the gates of your land opening have been opened to your enemies; fire has devoured your bars.

14 Draw siege water for yourself; strengthen your fortresses; go into the clay and tread in the mortar; pick up the brick mold.

15 Fire will devour you there, and the sword will cut you off. It will devour you as the creeping locust.

Multiply yourself as the creeping locust; multiply yourself as the swarming locust!

16 You have multiplied your merchants more than the stars of the heavens; a locust stripped and flew away.

17 Your guards **are** like the locust, and your generals, like a swarm of locusts, the ones settling on the walls on a cold day.

The sun shines and it flies away and its place is not known where they are.

18 King of Assyria, your shepherds are asleep; your nobles are lying down.

Your people are scattered on the mountains, and there is no one gathering **them**.

19 There is no relief for your destruction. Your wound is severe.

Everyone hearing the news of you will clap **their** hands over you.

For upon whom has not come your endless evil?