

Jehovah will avenge his oppressors, Nineveh; Behold upon

the mountains the feet of him who announces good news

CHAPTER 1

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

2 God is jealous, and Jehovah avenges; Jehovah avenges, and is the Lord of heat; Jehovah will avenge his oppressors, and he watches those who hate him.

3 Jehovah waits long before his nostrils *burn*, and *he is* great in power, and not making clean, he will not make *the guilty* clean; Jehovah *has* his way in the hurricane and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

4 He rebukes the sea, and dries it up, and parches all the rivers; Bashan is sick, and Carmel and the flower of Lebanon are sick.

5 The mountains quake from him, and the hills melt, and the earth is lifted before his face, and the inhabited earth and all that dwell there.

6 Who can stand facing his rage? And who can rise up in the burning of his nostrils? His heat is poured out like fire, and the strong rocks are torn down by him.

7 Jehovah *is* good, a fortress in the day of distress, and he knows them who flee to him for refuge.

8 And he will make an end of its place with a flood crossing over, and darkness shall run after those who hate him.

9 What do you calculate toward Jehovah? He will make an end; distress shall not rise up the second time,

10 Because while they are entangled as thorns, and while they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as straw fully dry.

11 There is one come out of you, who calculates evil against Jehovah, a good for nothing counselor.

12 Thus says Jehovah, Although they are complete in safety, and so many, yet just so they shall be cut down when he shall cross through. Though I have looked down on you with harshness, I will not look down on you with harshness any more.

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

14 And Jehovah has commanded concerning you, Not *any* of your name shall be sown any more; I will cut off the carved idols, and the poured metal idols out of the house of your gods; I will put *the place of* your grave, because you are made light of.

15 Behold upon the mountains the feet of him who announces good news, who causes peace to be attentively heard! Oh Judah, observe your festivals; make your promises to God complete, because the good for nothing shall no more cross over through you; all are cut off.

¹ 1;1 Nahum, Comfortable.

CHAPTER 2

1 He who dashes in pieces has come up before your face; guard the siege mound; lean out and peer over the way; make your loins strong; make your power exceedingly powerfully alert,

2 Because Jehovah has turned back to the majesty of Jacob, as to the majesty of Israel, because the emptiers have emptied them out and ruined their branches.

3 The shield of his mighty men is flushed red; the men of resources are in crimson; the chariots *shall be* with flaming iron in the day of his setting up, and the cypress trees shall be terribly shaken.

4 The chariots shall boast in the outdoors; they shall race greedily in the broad ways; they shall be viewed as flames; they shall run like the lightnings.

5 He⁵ shall remember his great ones; they shall totter weak legged in their procession; they shall flow like liquid to its wall, and the entwining shall be set up.

6 The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall melt.

7 And Huzzab⁷ shall be led away as a stripped captive; she shall be brought up, and her maids shall lead her as with the voice of doves, drumming upon their hearts.

8 And Nineveh *is* like a reservoir of water *throughout her* days, yet they shall flee away. Stand, stand, *they cry*, and there exists none who shall face back.

Gen 10:11-12.

9 Plunder silver; plunder gold, and there exists no end to the measure of *their* heavy glory out of all *their* delightful furnishings.

10 She is empty, and void, and annihilated, and the heart melts, and the knees shake, and *there is* writhing in pain in all loins, and the faces of them all gather the flush of anxiety.

11 Where is the home of lions, and the feedingplace of the young lions, there where the lion, even the old lion, walked, and the lion's cub, and none caused them to tremble?

12 The lion tore enough in pieces for his cubs, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his holes with fresh food, and his homes with prey.

13 Behold, I *am* against you - An oracle of Jehovah of hosts - and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall devour your young lions, and I will cut off your fresh food from the earth, and the voice of your messengers shall no more be attentively heard.

⁵ 2:5 **He**, the king of Nineveh.

⁷ 2:7 **Huzzab**, a symbolical name for Nineveh, meaning its Station.

CHAPTER 3

1 Woe to the bloody city! *It is* all full of lies and violence; the fresh food *is* not withdraw;

2 The noise of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the prancing horses, and of the jumping chariots.

3 The horseman rises up, and the bright sword and the glittering spear, and there is an abundance of the polluted, and a great number of carcasses, and there exists no end of their bodies; they totter weak legged upon their bodies,

4 Because of the abundance of the whoredoms of the well favored harlot, the female lord of whispering spells to idols, who sells peoples through her whoredoms, and families through her whispering spells to idols.

5 Behold, I am against you - An oracle of Jehovah of hosts - and I will pull your skirts up over your face, and I will cause the peoples to see your nakedness, and the kingdoms your disgrace.

6 And I will throw disgusting filth upon you, and make you faint, and will put you as a gazingstock.

7 And it shall be, all they who see you shall be driven away from you, and say, Nineveh is ravaged. Who will nod his head in pity over her? From where shall I seek comforters for you?

8 Are you better than No Annon, that was situated among the rivers, the waters all around

it, whose entrenchment *was* the sea, the sea her wall?

9 Ethiopia and Egypt *were* her strength, and it was infinite; Put and Lubim were your helpers.

10 Yet she was carried away; she walked into captivity; also her nursing babies were dashed in pieces at the head of all the streets; and they cast lots for her heavily important *men*, and all her great ones were bound in chains.

11 Also you shall be drunken; you shall be hid; also you shall seek a fortress because of him who hates *you*.

12 All your fortified cities *shall be like* fig trees with the firstripe figs; if they are shaken, then they shall fall into the mouth of the eater.

13 Behold, your people in your midst *are* women; the gates of your land shall be open to those hating you; the fire shall devour your gate bolts.

14 Draw you waters for the siege; strengthen your fortified cities; go into the mud, and tread the mortar; make the brick kiln strong.

15 There the fire shall devour you; the sword shall cut you off; it shall eat you up like the licking locust; make yourself many as the licking locust; make yourself many as the multiplying locusts.

16 You have multiplied your merchants above the stars of the heavens; the licking locust strips *everything*, and flies away.

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17 Your princes *are* as the multiplying locusts, and your military governors as swarms of locusts, which camp in the enclosures in the cold day; when the sun rises then they are driven away, and their place is not known where they *are*.

18 Your shepherds slumber, Oh king of Assyria; your nobles shall stay back; your people are scattered upon the mountains, and there exists none to gather *them*.

19 There exists no healing of your break; your blow has worn you *out*; all who attentively hear the announcement about you shall clap the palms over you, because upon whom has your evil not crossed over continually?