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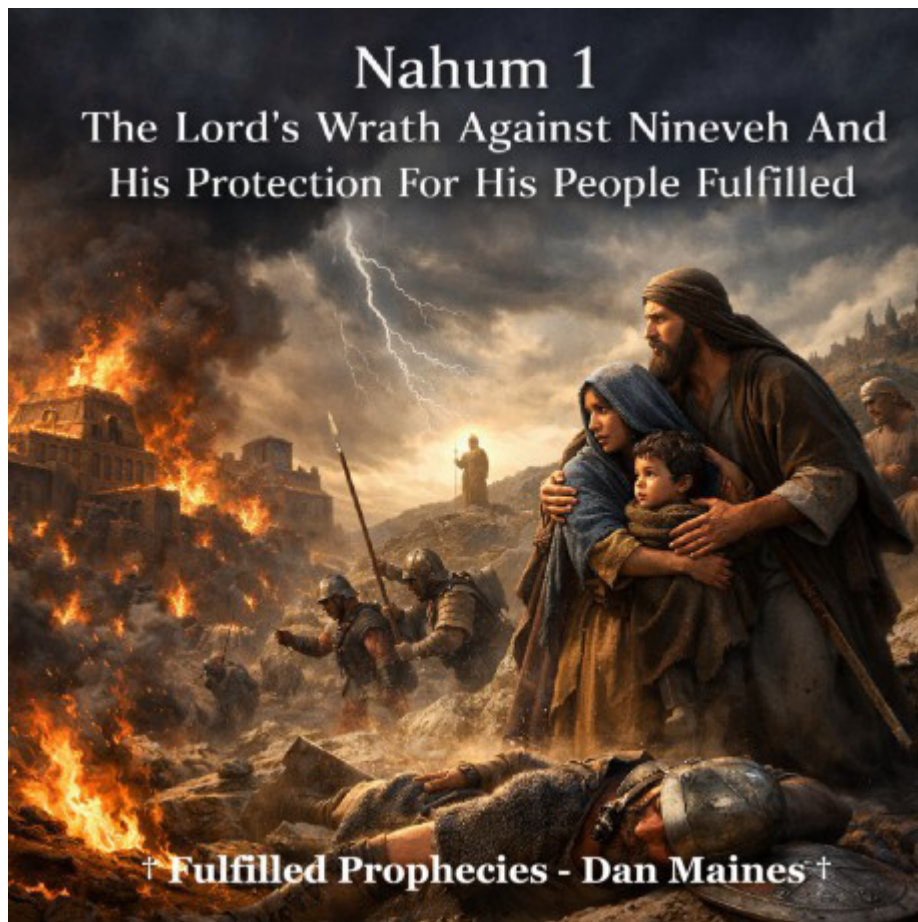
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## Nahum 1 The Lord's Wrath Against Nineveh And His Protection For His People Fulfilled



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### Introduction

† Nahum opens with a clear declaration, God is not passive toward evil, He judges it fully and righteously, and this is tied to real covenant history.

† From the fulfilled perspective, this judgment against Nineveh sets a pattern that reaches its ultimate expression in the

judgment of Jerusalem in that generation, God deals with covenant breakers in real time.

† This chapter shows both sides of God's character, His wrath against His enemies and His protection for His people, and both are fulfilled in Christ and the end of the old covenant system.

### **Nahum 1:1**

The pronouncement of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

† This is a real prophetic burden against a real nation, Nineveh, the capital of Assyria, known for violence and oppression.

† God had shown mercy to Nineveh in Jonah's time, but now judgment is coming because they returned to wickedness.

† This shows the pattern, God is patient, but persistent rebellion always leads to judgment.

### **Nahum 1:2**

A jealous and avenging God is the Lord; The Lord is avenging and wrathful. The Lord takes vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves wrath for His enemies.

† God being jealous means He defends His covenant, He doesn't share His glory with idols or rebellious nations.

† His vengeance is righteous justice, not uncontrolled anger.

† This same justice is seen in the first century when Christ brings judgment on Jerusalem in that generation.

### **Nahum 1:3**

The Lord is slow to anger and great in power, And the Lord will by no means leave the guilty unpunished. In whirlwind and

storm is His way, And clouds are the dust beneath His feet.

† God is patient, but His patience has an end when repentance is rejected.

† Justice is certain, He will not leave the guilty unpunished.

† The storm imagery is prophetic language used for divine judgment throughout scripture.

### **Nahum 1:4**

He rebukes the sea and makes it dry; He dries up all the rivers. Bashan and Carmel wither; The blossoms of Lebanon wither.

† God has authority over creation, showing His power over all things.

† The drying up of fertile land represents the removal of blessing and prosperity.

† This same imagery is used when covenant blessings are taken away.

### **Nahum 1:5-6**

Mountains quake because of Him, And the hills come apart; Indeed the earth is upheaved by His presence, The world and all the inhabitants in it. Who can stand before His indignation? And who can endure the burning of His anger? His wrath is poured out like fire And the rocks are broken up by Him.

† This is prophetic language describing the fall of nations and systems, not literal mountains melting.

† No one can stand in judgment apart from God's mercy.

† This points to the shaking and removal of the old covenant world.

### **Nahum 1:7**

The Lord is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble, And He knows those who take refuge in Him.

† Even in judgment, God protects His people.

† He knows those who trust Him, this is relational, not external religion.

† This is fulfilled in Christ, where believers are kept safe in Him.

### **Nahum 1:8**

But with an overflowing flood He will make a complete end of its site, And will pursue His enemies into darkness.

† The flood imagery shows total destruction, nothing of the old order remains.

† Darkness represents judgment and removal.

† This parallels the complete end of the old covenant system.

### **Nahum 1:9**

Whatever you devise against the Lord, He will make a complete end of it. Distress will not rise up twice.

† No plan against God succeeds, His judgment is final.

† Distress not rising again means the judgment is complete and decisive.

† This connects to the final end of the old covenant age.

### **Nahum 1:10-11**

Like tangled thorns, And like those who are drunken with their drink, They are consumed As stubble completely withered.

From you has gone out One who plotted evil against the Lord, A wicked counselor.

† The wicked are easily consumed, like dry stubble in fire.

† Their pride blinds them to the coming judgment.

† This same blindness was seen in those who rejected Christ.

### **Nahum 1:12**

This is what the Lord says: Though they are at full strength and likewise many, Even so, they will be eliminated and pass away. Though I have afflicted you, I will afflict you no longer.

† Strength and numbers don't protect against God's judgment.

† God promises an end to affliction for His people.

† This points to the peace established in Christ.

### **Nahum 1:13**

So now, I will break his yoke bar from upon you, And I will tear off your shackles.

† God delivers His people from oppression.

† This points beyond political freedom to spiritual freedom.

† Fulfilled in Christ where the burden is removed.

### **Nahum 1:14**

The Lord has issued a command concerning you: Your name will no longer be perpetuated. I will eliminate the carved image and the cast metal image From the house of your gods. I will prepare your grave, Because you are contemptible.

† This is total removal of the enemy and their system.

† Idolatry is judged and destroyed completely.

† This reflects the complete removal of the old system in fulfillment.

### **Nahum 1:15**

Behold, on the mountains the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace! Celebrate your feasts, Judah; Pay your vows. For never again will the wicked one pass through you; He has been eliminated completely.

† Good news follows judgment, this is the pattern.

† Peace is proclaimed because the enemy is removed.

† This is fulfilled in Christ and the proclamation of the gospel.

### **Historical References**

† Josephus records the destruction of cities and nations under divine judgment, confirming the reality behind prophetic language.

† Eusebius connects prophetic judgment to the fall of Jerusalem, showing early Christian understanding of fulfillment.

† Tacitus describes the overwhelming destruction of nations, aligning with the language used in prophecy.

### **How It Applies To Us Today**

† God still judges sin, His character hasn't changed.

† He knows those who belong to Him and protects His people.

† The old covenant system is gone, we live in the fulfillment where peace has been established.

† There's no future wrath to fear, judgment has already come.

† We live in the reality of that finished work and walk in that peace.

## **Q & A Appendix**

**Q** How do we know this was fulfilled?

**A** Nineveh was historically destroyed, showing God's word came to pass, Luke 21:22

**Q** What does God's vengeance mean?

**A** It is righteous justice against evil, not uncontrolled anger, Romans 12:19

**Q** Why use storm and fire imagery?

**A** It is prophetic language for judgment and the fall of nations, Isaiah 13:10-13

**Q** What does distress not rising again mean?

**A** It shows final judgment, the system judged does not return, Hebrews 8:13

**Q** How is this fulfilled in Christ?

**A** Christ brings judgment and peace, ending the old covenant and establishing the new, Matthew 23:36

**† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

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