

Purpose

To pronounce God's judgment on Assyria and to comfort Judah with this truth

Meaning of Name

"Compassion"

Date Written

Sometime during Nahum's ministry (663-612 BC)

Setting

This particular prophecy took place after the fall of Thebes in 663 BC.

Key Verses

"The Lord is good. When trouble comes, He is a strong refuge; and He knows everyone who trusts in Him. But He sweeps away His enemies in an overwhelming flood. He pursues His foes into the darkness of night. Why are you scheming against the Lord? He will destroy you with one blow; He won't need to strike twice!"

Nahum 1:7-9

Key Place

Nineveh

Used Tyndale's "Life Application Bible" (NLT)

An Overview (3 Chapters)

- Nineveh's Judge (1:1-15)
- Nineveh's Judgment (2:1-3:19)

Major Themes

- *God Judges:* God would judge the city of Nineveh for its idolatry, arrogance, and oppression. Although Assyria was the leading military power in the world, God would completely destroy this "invincible" nation. God allows no person or power to usurp or scoff at His authority.
- *God Rules:* God rules over all the earth, even over those who don't acknowledge Him. God is all-powerful, and no one can thwart His plans. God will overcome any who attempt to defy Him. Human power is futile against God.