

NAHUM

Judgement Day

MAJOR LESSONS

FROM THE MINOR

PROPHETS

NAHUM 1:1

¹ A prophecy concerning Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

THE CHARACTER OF GOD...

Exclusive

NAHUM 1:2

² The Lord is a jealous and avenging God;
the Lord takes vengeance and is filled with
wrath. The Lord takes vengeance on his foes
and vents his wrath against his enemies.

THE CHARACTER OF GOD...

Patient

After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD,
his going out is sure,
he will come to us as
the spring rains that water the earth.

What shall I do with you, O Judah?
What shall I do with you, O Jerusalem?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes early away.

Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have slain them by the words of my
mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as a light.
For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt
offerings.

But like Adam they transgressed the covenant,
there they dealt faithlessly with me.

Gilcad is a city of evildoers,
tracked with blood.

As robbers lie in wait for a man,
so the priests band together;
they murder on the way to Shechem,
they commit villainy.

but they will not find him,
he has withdrawn from them.
They have dealt faithlessly with the LORD
for they have borne alien children.
Now the new moon shall devour them with
their fields.

Blow the horn in Gibeon,
the trumpet in Ramah,
sound the alarm at Beth-aven,
we follow you, O Benjamin!
Ephraim shall become a desolation.

The gates of Judah have become
desolate who move the landmark.
I will pour out
my wrath like water.

Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment,
because he was determined to go after filth.
But I am like a moth to Ephraim,
and like dry rot to the house of Judah.

Ephraim has said,
I will not go to war,
for I will be like a lion to Ephraim,
and like a young lion to the house of Judah.
I, even I, will tear and go away;
I will carry off, and no one shall rescue.

Ephraim mixes himself with the peoples;
Ephraim is a cake not turned.
Strangers devour his strength,
and he knows it not;
gray hairs are sprinkled upon him,
and he knows it not.

The pride of Israel testifies to his face,
yet they do not return to the LORD their God,
nor seek him, for all this.

Ephraim is like a dove,
silly and without sense;
calling to Egypt, going to Assyria.
As they go, I will spread over them my net;
I will bring them down like birds of the
heavens;
I will discipline them according to the report
made to their congregation.

Woe to them, for they have strayed from me!
Destruction to them, for they have rebelled
against me!
I would redeem them,
but they speak lies against me.

They do not cry to me from the heart,
but they wall upon their beds;
for grain and wine they gash themselves,
they rebel against me.

Although I trained and strengthened their
arms,
yet they devise evil against me.

They return, but not upward;
they are like a treacherous bow;
their princes shall fall by the sword.

NAHUM 1:3A

³ The Lord is slow to anger but great in power;
the Lord will not leave the guilty unpunished.

THE CHARACTER OF GOD...

Sovereign

NAHUM 1:4,5

⁴ He rebukes the sea and dries it up; he makes all the rivers run dry. Bashan and Carmel wither and the blossoms of Lebanon fade. ⁵

The mountains quake before him and the hills melt away. The earth trembles at his presence, the world and all who live in it.

THE CHARACTER

OF GOD...

Good

NAHUM 1:7

⁷ The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble.
He cares for those who trust in him,

THE CHARACTER OF EVIL...

- After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
- Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;
his going out is sunrise;
he will come to us as the spring rains that water the earth.
- What shall I do with you, Judah?
What shall I do with you, Ephraim?
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like the dew that goes early away.
- Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
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- Blow the horn in Gibeon,
the trumpet in Ramah;
sound the alarm at Beth-aven,
we follow you, O Benjamin!
- Ephraim shall become a desolation;
because he has refused to be saved,
he has despised my word,
and has despised my voice,
therefore shall he become like Judah;
he will move the landmark,
he will break down the wall,
I will pour out
my wrath like water.
- Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment,
because he was determined to go after filth.
- But I am like a moth to Ephraim,
and like dry rot to the house of Judah.
- When Ephraim saw his sickness,
and Judah his wound,
then Ephraim went to Assyria,
and sent to the great king
But he is not able to cure you
or heal your wound.
- For I will be like a lion to Ephraim,
and like a young lion to the house of Judah;
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NAHUM 1:11

¹¹ From you, Nineveh, has one come forth
who plots evil against the Lord and devises
wicked plans.

NAHUM 3:1, 3B-4

¹ Woe to the city of blood, full of lies, full of plunder, never without victims!

³ ...Many casualties, piles of dead, bodies without number, people stumbling over the corpses—

⁴ all because of the wanton lust of a prostitute, alluring, the mistress of sorceries, who enslaved nations by her prostitution and peoples by her witchcraft.

IF THERE WAS

NO JUDGEMENT...

God would
not be just

ROMANS 11:22A

²² Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God

IF THERE WAS

NO JUDGEMENT...

Humanity would
not be free

Hell is the greatest
compliment God has
ever paid to the dignity
of human freedom.

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ROMANS 2:4

⁴ Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?

ROMANS 2:5

⁵ But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.

IF THERE WAS

NO JUDGEMENT...

Jesus would not
be needed

ROMANS 5:6–8

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

ROMANS 6:23

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



ROMANS 10:9

⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.