

## Nahum 2

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(The destruction of Nineveh; God destroyed the government and the nation, not the people) (The city of Capernaum got its name from the name Nahum. Nahum means compassionate counselor)

**2** He that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face: keep the munition, watch the way, make thy loins strong, fortify thy power mightily. (Go ahead and arm yourselves. Make yourselves strong, if you believe that will save you. God is coming up against you)

<sup>2</sup>For the LORD hath turned away the excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel: for the emptiers have emptied them out, and marred their vine branches. (Because the Assyrians have robbed and abused the 12 tribes; God wants to turn them back toward salvation)

<sup>3</sup>The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men are in scarlet: the chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation, and the fir trees shall be terribly shaken. (Their armies cannot stand against God. Those who fight against God will die)

<sup>4</sup>The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall justle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings. (They will lose in their confusion)

<sup>5</sup>He shall recount his worthies: they shall stumble in their walk; they shall make haste to the wall thereof, and the defence shall be prepared. (The Assyrian king and his army will assemble to fight against God)

<sup>6</sup>The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall be dissolved. (Nineveh was on the banks of the Tigris River. They would disappear as though they were washed away by the flooding of a river)

<sup>7</sup>And Huzzab shall be led away captive, she shall be brought up, and her maids shall lead her as with the voice of doves, tabering upon their breasts. (Huzzab was the queen goddess of Ninevah – a wicked idol)

<sup>8</sup>But Nineveh is of old like a pool of water: yet they shall flee away. Stand, stand, shall they cry; but none shall look back. (They'll stand for nothing. Although Nineveh was a very ancient city, they will disappear as a people forever)

<sup>9</sup>Take ye the spoil of silver, take the spoil of gold: for there is none end of the store and glory out of all the pleasant furniture. (Pick up your loot and run for it. Vessels of desire, but no faith in God; Earthly pleasures but nothing of any real value)

<sup>10</sup>She is empty, and void, and waste: and the heart melteth, and the knees smite together, and much pain is in all loins, and the faces of them all gather blackness. (There's nothing worth saving in the entire city. It's all idolatry and low morals; void or empty of any real values)

<sup>11</sup>Where is the dwelling of the lions, and the feedingplace of the young lions, where the lion, even the old lion, walked, and the lion's whelp, and none made them afraid? (Taken from 2Kings-18 as a comparison)

<sup>12</sup>The lion did tear in pieces enough for his whelps, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his holes with prey, and his dens with ravin. (The lion took what he needed)

<sup>13</sup>Behold, I am against thee, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall devour thy young lions: and I will cut off thy prey from the earth, and the voice of thy messengers shall no more be heard. (God ended Assyria for ever for their trespasses against Him and against other nations. They are a type for the antichrist of the end times)