

Nahum 3

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3 Woe to the bloody city! it is all full of lies and robbery; the prey departeth not; (These are the people that took the 10 tribes captive)

²The noise of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the pransing horses, and of the jumping chariots. (Their mighty army took what they wanted)

³The horseman lifteth up both the bright sword and the glittering spear: and there is a multitude of slain, and a great number of carcasses; and there is none end of their corpses; they stumble upon their corpses: (They wreaked destruction on other nations, including Israel <the 10 northern tribes>)

⁴Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the well favoured harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts. (They were mired in perversions, false teachings, corruption. They forsook the teachings of God that Jonah had brought to them earlier)

⁵Behold, I am against thee, saith the LORD of hosts; and I will discover thy skirts upon thy face, and I will shew the nations thy nakedness, and the kingdoms thy shame. (God sent them to chastise the 10 tribes and take them captive, but they went too far. They abused and mistreated their captives, so God is chastising them in turn)

⁶And I will cast abominable filth upon thee, and make thee vile, and will set thee as a gazingstock. (Their shame was xposed to the whole world)

⁷And it shall come to pass, that all they that look upon thee shall flee from thee, and say, Nineveh is laid waste: who will bemoan her? whence shall I seek comforters for thee? (People will ridicule and abase them as foolish people. No one will feel sorry for them)

⁸Art thou better than populous No, that was situate among the rivers, that had the waters round about it, whose rampart was the sea, and her wall was from the sea? (In Egypt, this was Amun-Nu = god's city. It was well defended. Are you better than god's city?)

⁹ Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength, and it was infinite; Put and Lubim were thy helpers. (Put= Africa; Lubim= the dwellers of a thirsty land – desert dwellers) (These were all mercenaries for Tyre)

¹⁰ Yet was she carried away, she went into captivity: her young children also were dashed in pieces at the top of all the streets: and they cast lots for her honourable men, and all her great men were bound in chains.

¹¹ Thou also shalt be drunken: thou shalt be hid, thou also shalt seek strength because of the enemy. (The Heathen seek strength from other nations. God's people seek strength from God)

¹² All thy strong holds shall be like fig trees with the firstripe figs: if they be shaken, they shall even fall into the mouth of the eater. (They are easily shaken off of the tree; overripe and defeated without resistance)

¹³ Behold, thy people in the midst of thee are women: the gates of thy land shall be set wide open unto thine enemies: the fire shall devour thy bars. (They won't even be able to defend themselves adequately. No training, no discipline. They are being compared to women because women weren't trained to fight battles in those nations)

¹⁴ Draw thee waters for the siege, fortify thy strong holds: go into clay, and tread the mortar, make strong the brickkiln. (Be ready. Fortify your walls, but it won't help you because God has judged you to destruction)

¹⁵ There shall the fire devour thee; the sword shall cut thee off, it shall eat thee up like the cankerworm: make thyself many as the cankerworm, make thyself many as the locusts. Revelation-9, Joel – (The locust army with their false teaching, deception and spiritual death)

¹⁶ Thou hast multiplied thy merchants above the stars of heaven: the cankerworm spoileth, and fleeth away. (Corrupt and greedy commerce consumes the good people that are left)

¹⁷ Thy crowned are as the locusts, and thy captains as the great grasshoppers, which camp in the hedges in the cold day, but when the sun ariseth they flee away, and their place is not known where they are. (Their royals, their leaders and their army operate in deception, lies and manipulation behind the scenes)

¹⁸ Thy shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria: thy nobles shall dwell in the dust: thy people is scattered upon the mountains, and no man gathereth them. (Shepherds = preachers; they are asleep so their flocks scatter. Dwell in the dust is a saying of degradation. The king of Assyria is a type for antichrist, at the end of this Age)

¹⁹ There is no healing of thy bruise; thy wound is grievous: all that hear the bruit of thee shall clap the hands over thee: for upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed continually? (Judgment is pronounced on them. Others are freed from their wickedness, abuse and perversions)

(Babylon would later fall the same way that Assyria fell; in disgrace and shame before all the nations. In the end times, the Kenites will also fall the same way, along with antichrist)