

# NAHUM

A 5 Day Bible Study

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1. In 722 BC, Assyria defeated the northern kingdom of Israel with its capital city, Samaria, and deported the people as captives. Record key elements from 2 Kings 17:1-23, including why it happened.

2. 2 Kings 18-19 chronicles the conflict between Assyria and the southern kingdom of Judah (capital city Jerusalem) which occurred two decades after the fall of Israel. Summarize main points in the following passages:

*2 Kings 18:1-16*

*2 Kings 18:28-37*

*2 Kings 19:1-8*

*2 Kings 19:9-13*

*2 Kings 19:14-19*

*2 Kings 19:20-34*

*2 Kings 19:35-37*

*What application for today can you make from this excerpt of history?*

**Read Nahum 1**

1. Assyria was well-known in the ancient world for ferocious strength and brutality. Briefly summarize Nahum's message to Nineveh, the capital city of Assyria.
2. Read verse 2 again. According to the verses below, what does it mean that God is jealous?

*Exodus 20:1-6*

*Deuteronomy 32:15-18*

*Psalms 78:56-58*

*2 Corinthians 11:2-4*
3. How does God's jealousy differ from human jealousy?
4. Find evidence of God's power in this chapter.
5. What indications of God's goodness and grace does Nahum provide?

*Do you tend to view God in a comprehensive light or do you tend to focus solely on certain elements of his character? What is the result when our perspective of God is too narrow?*

**Read Nahum 1**

1. The wrath of God is a repeated theme in this book. How is God's anger described?
2. What incites God's wrath according to the following verses?

*Exodus 32:7-10*

*Isaiah 13:9-13*

*Romans 1:18-21, 2:5-6*

*Hebrews 10:26-31*

3. Read Nahum 1:3 again. What would be the result if God was not slow to anger?
4. How is the wrath of God connected to God's justice? (see Dt 32:41, Ps 7:11, Ps 37:27-28, Prov 21:15, Isa 61:8-9)
5. How are God's goodness and vengeance compatible? (see Rom 11:22-23)
6. Compare Nahum 1:15 with Romans 10:13-15. How does this good news affect God's wrath upon humanity? (see Jn 3:36, Rom 5:9)

*How does the realization of your freedom from the wrath of God impact your view of salvation?*



**Read Nahum 2 & 3**

1. Nahum vividly described the fall of Nineveh. What could the people expect to see, hear, and experience?
2. How is God's role portrayed in these chapters?

How is the protective nature of God toward his oppressed people displayed in this text?

3. What sins of Nineveh earned them the wrath of God?
4. God's judgment rained down on the enemies of His chosen people. Read Revelation 20:11-15, what does it tell you about God's future judgment to come on all humanity?

How can you be sure your name is in the Book of Life? (see Jn 10:28-30, Rev 3:5)

*"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed."  
– Isaiah 53:5. Praise God for Jesus Christ who took the full wrath of God in our place.*

## Review Nahum 1-3

1. What major themes stand out to you in this book, and how do you apply them to our world today?
2. How does this book help you know God better?
3. What do you learn about yourself in light of God's character? What encouragement or comfort do you find in this book?
4. Nineveh's fall is an example of God's ultimate triumph over evil. What evil in this world do you most anticipate being eradicated by God's justice?

*Compose a prayer to God based on the main themes you found in Nahum.*

