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The Book of Nahum

Nah. 3:8-19

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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.

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.

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Rom. 15:4 For whatsoever things were **written aforetime** were written **for our learning**, that we through patience and **comfort of the scriptures** might have hope.

Rom. 11:22 **Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God**: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

I. NINEVEH'S DOOM DECLARED, 1:1-15

A. The Lord's Patience, 1:1-3a, Gen. 10:8-12, Deut. 32:35, 41, Rom. 12:19, Psa. 7:11, Jn. 3:36

B. The Lord's Power, 1:3b-5, Job 38:1, 40:6, Nah. 1:5, Ex. 19:18, Jud. 5:5, 2 Pet. 3:10, Rev. 6:16

C. The Lord's Presence, 1:6-8, Rom. 11:22, Psa. 27:1, 27:5, 37:39, 41:1, Isa. 33:2, Jer. 14:8, Dan. 12:1, Jer. 30:7

D. The Lord's Purpose, 1:9-14, Prov. 6:18, 12:20, 2 Kgs. 18:19, 26-31, 19:20-22, 19:35-37, Isa. 37:36-38

E. The Lord's Protection, 1:15, Isa. 52:7, Rom. 10:15

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II. NINEVEH'S DOOM DESCRIBED, 2:1-13

A. The Siege of Nineveh, 2:1-8

B. The Sack of Nineveh, 2:9-13, Ezek. 38:3 39:1, Nah. 3:5

III. NINEVEH'S DOOM DESERVED, 3:1-19

A. The Fierceness of Nineveh, 3:1-3

The charges, from God, against Nineveh are as follows:

- Bloodshed – “...the bloody city...” – death, destruction, horrible mutilation of bodies.
- Deception – “...full of lies...” – broken treaties – 2 Kgs. 18:28-32
- Plunder – “...and robbery...” – “***To the victor belong the spoils!***” – Andrew Jackson
- Greed – “...the prey departeth not;” – always in pursuit of “more”

B. The Filthiness of Nineveh, 3:4-7, Isa. 47:1-3, Jer. 13:22-27,
Ezek. 16:35-37, Hos. 2:2-5, Rev. 17:14-17

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C. The Folly of Nineveh, 3:8-10

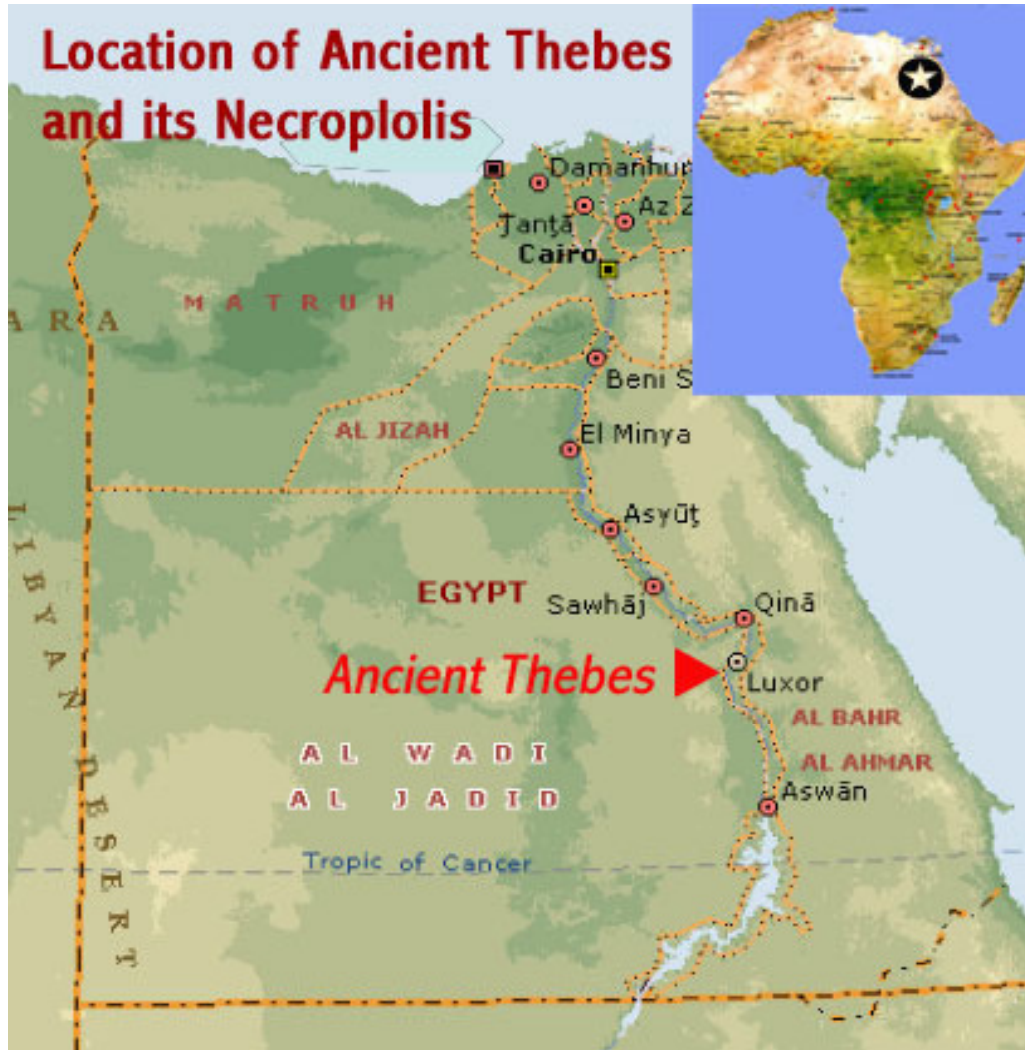
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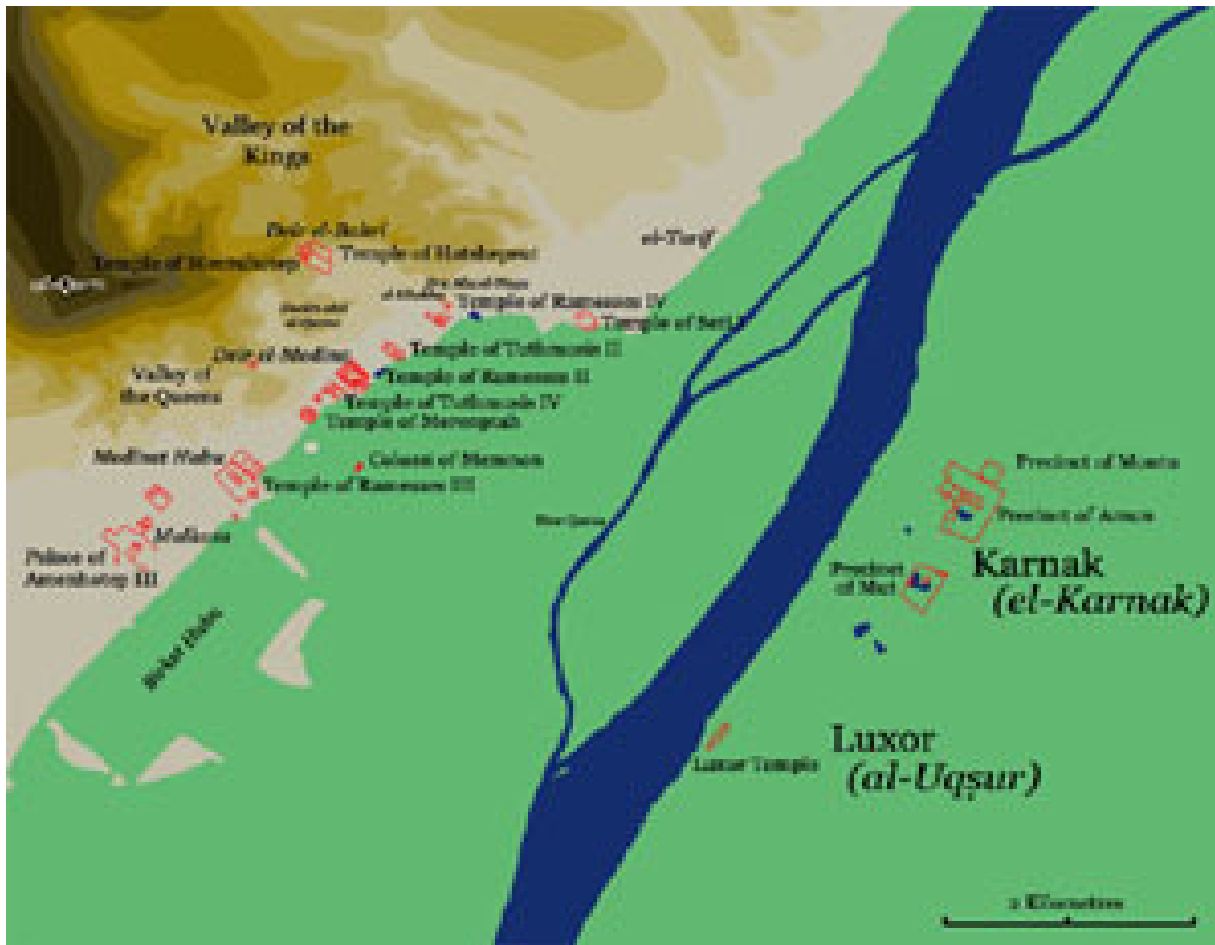
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Location of Ancient Thebes and its Necropolis



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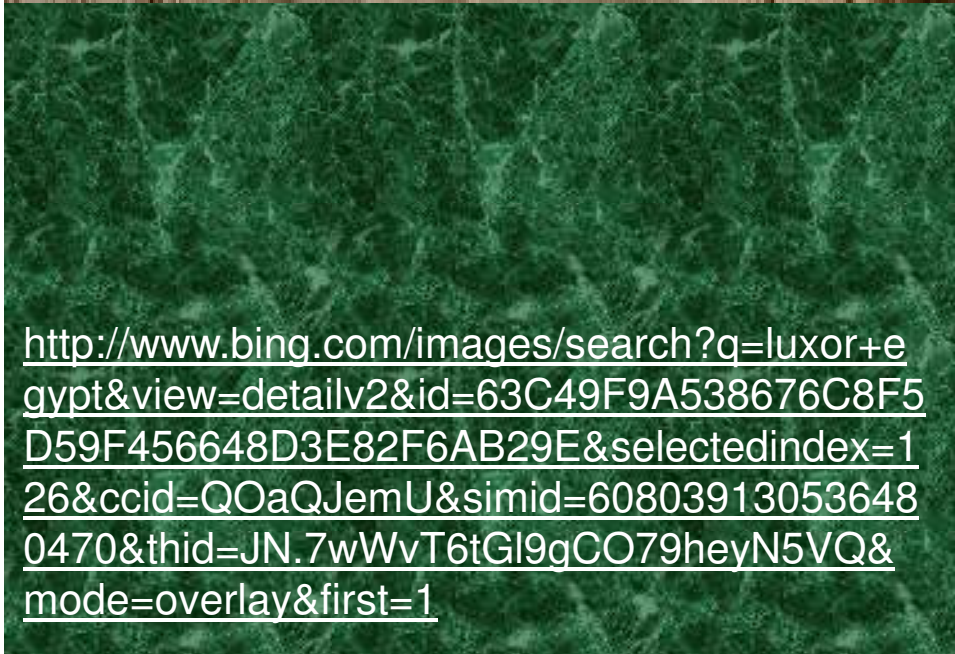


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Jer. 46:25 The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saith; **Behold, I will punish the multitude of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with their gods, and their kings**; even Pharaoh, and all them that trust in him:

Ezek. 30:14 And I will make Pathros desolate, and will set fire in Zoan, and **will execute judgments in No.**

15 And I will pour my fury upon Sin, the strength of Egypt; and **I will cut off the multitude of No.**

16 And I will set fire in Egypt: Sin shall have great pain, and **No shall be rent asunder**, and Noph shall have distresses daily.

Hos. 13:16 Samaria shall become desolate; for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword: their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up.

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D. The Fear of Nineveh, 3:11-13

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Isa. 19:16 In that day **shall Egypt be like unto women**: and it shall be afraid and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which he shaketh over it.

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Jer. 50:37 A sword is upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mingled people that are in the midst of her; and **they shall become as women**: a sword is upon her treasures; and they shall be robbed.

Jer. 51:30 The mighty men of Babylon have forborn to fight, they have remained in their holds: their might hath failed; **they became as women**: they have burned her dwellingplaces; her bars are broken.

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The traditional American man was one who believed wholeheartedly that the honor and protection of his wife (and indeed, women in general) was something worth dying for—and indeed, some of the wealthiest and most powerful men of their generation did indeed lay down their lives. These men may have been greedy in their lust for power, but their code of honor defined how they lived, and ultimately, how they died. Consider, for example, this powerful account of what happened aboard the *Titanic* among the first and second class passengers as the boat was going down:

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Of the many differences between the blockbuster movie *Titanic* and history, one in particular is telling. In the movie, as the ship is sinking, the first-class passengers scramble to climb into the small number of lifeboats. Only the determination of the hardy seamen, who use guns to keep the grasping plutocrats at bay, gets the women and children into the boats. In fact, according to survivors' accounts, the "women and children first" convention was observed with almost no exceptions among the upper classes. The statistics make this plain. In first class, every child was saved, as were all but 5 (of 144) women, 3 of whom chose to die with their husbands. By contrast, 70 percent of the men in first class perished. In second class, which was also inhabited by rich professional types, 80 percent of the women were saved but 90 percent of the men drowned. The men on the first-class list of the *Titanic* virtually made up the Forbes 400 of the time. John Jacob Astor, reputedly the richest man in America at the time, is said to have fought his way to a boat, put his wife in it, and then, refusing to take a seat, stepped back and waved her goodbye. Benjamin Guggenheim similarly declined a seat, yielding his place to a woman, asking only that she convey a message home: "Tell my wife...I played the game out straight and to the end. No woman shall be left aboard this ship because Ben Guggenheim was a coward." In other words, some of the most powerful men in the world adhered to an unwritten code of honor—even though it meant certain death.⁵

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1 Cor. 16:13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, **quit you like men**, be strong.

“Character is, in the long run, the decisive factor in the life of individuals and of nations alike.” – **Theodore Roosevelt**

“Weakness of attitude becomes weakness of character.” **Albert Einstein**

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“Most people say that it is the intellect which makes a great scientist. They are wrong: it is character.” **Albert Einstein**

<http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/keywords/character.html#F4mJ0fs1jbmT37eq.99>

Prov. 16:32 He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

Prov. 25:28 He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

Eccl. 10:10 If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct.

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Conclusion

Prov. 14:34 **Righteousness exalteth a nation**: but sin is a reproach to any people.

Prov. 29:2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but **when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.**

Psa. 9:17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and **all the nations that forget God.**

2 Chron. 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall **humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then** will I hear from heaven, and will **forgive their sin,** and will **heal their land.**

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