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The Book of Nahum

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4 Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the wellfavoured harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts.

5 Behold, 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.

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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

Isa. 5:18 Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity,
and sin as it were with a cart rope:

19 That say, Let him make speed, and hasten his work, that we
may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh
and come, that we may know it!

20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put
darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet,
and sweet for bitter!

21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in
their own sight!

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Amos 5:18 Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end is it for you? the day of the LORD is darkness, and not light.

19 As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.

20 Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

Mic. 2:1 Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand.

2 And they covet fields, and take them by violence; and houses, and take them away: so they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.

3 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, against this family do I devise an evil, from which ye shall not remove your necks; neither shall ye go haughtily: for this time is evil.

4 In that day shall one take up a parable against you, and lament with a doleful lamentation, and say, We be utterly spoiled: he hath changed the portion of my people: how hath he removed it from me! turning away he hath divided our fields. **...Major Message**

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

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

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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 **...Major Message**

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2 Kgs. 18:28 Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and spake, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria:

29 Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand:

30 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

31 Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria,

Make an agreement with me by a present, and come out to me, and then eat ye every man of his own vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his cistern:

32 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil olive and of honey, that ye may live, and not die: and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he persuadeth you, saying, The LORD will deliver us.

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- 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

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Isa. 47:1 Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.

2 Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers.

3 **Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen:** I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man.

Jer. 13:22 And if thou say in thine heart, Wherefore come these things upon me? **For the greatness of thine iniquity are thy skirts discovered**, and thy heels made bare.

23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.

24 Therefore will I scatter them as the stubble that passeth away by the wind of the wilderness.

25 This is thy lot, the portion of thy measures from me, saith the LORD; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood.

26 Therefore will I discover thy skirts upon thy face, that thy shame may appear.

27 I have seen thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, and thine abominations on the hills in the fields. Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! wilt thou not be made clean? when shall it once be?

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Ezek. 16:35 Wherefore, **O harlot, hear the word of the LORD:**

36 Thus saith the Lord GOD; **Because thy filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through thy whoredoms with thy lovers, and with all the idols of thy abominations, and by the blood of thy children, which thou didst give unto them;**

37 Behold, therefore I will gather all thy lovers, with whom thou hast taken pleasure, and all them that thou hast loved, with all them that thou hast hated; I will even gather them round about against thee, **and will discover thy nakedness unto them, that they may see all thy nakedness.**

Hos. 2:2 Plead with your mother, plead: for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband: let her therefore **put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries** from between her breasts;

3 Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst.

4 And I will not have mercy upon her children; for they be the children of whoredoms.

5 For their **mother hath played the harlot**: she that conceived them hath done shamefully: for **she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink.**

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Rev. 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

15 And he saith unto me, **The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.**

16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

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Conclusion

- God loves His people, Israel.
- God leads, protects and provides for His children.
- God gives “directions to live by.”

Deut. 10:12 And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

- Israel betrayed God by “loving” idols.

Deut. 13:3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for **the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.**

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Ezek. 16:36 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thy filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through **thy whoredoms with thy lovers**, and with all the idols of thy abominations, and by the blood of thy children, which thou didst give unto them;

Lu. 10:27 And he answering said, Thou shalt **love the Lord thy God with all thy heart**, and with **all** thy soul, and with **all** thy strength, and with **all** thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

Lu. 11:42 But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and **pass over judgment and the love of God**: these ought ye to have done, **and not to leave the other undone.**

•“Christians” can betray Christ just like Israel.

1 Jn. 2:15 **Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world.** If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
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Jas. 4:4 Ye **adulterers and adulteresses**, know ye not that **the friendship of the world is enmity with God?** whosoever therefore will be **a friend of the world is the enemy of God.**

Col. 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and **covetousness, which is idolatry:**

6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

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- Believers are given directions for successful spiritual living.

Eph. 3:14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,
16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, **to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;**
17 That **Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;** that ye, **being rooted and grounded in love,**
18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;
19 And **to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.**
20 Now unto him that is **able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think,** according to the power that worketh in us,
21 **Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages,** world without end. Amen.

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