OLD TESTAMENT · MINOR PROPHETS · BOOK 34 OF 66

Nahum

The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble (1:7)

3	Nahum	c. 650 B.C.	612 B.C.
Chapters, 47 Verses	The Elkoshite	After No fell	Nineveh fell

STRUCTURE

The Book in Three Parts

Who the LORD is (1), what He will do to Nineveh (2), and why (3).



Each bar shows that part's share of the 47 verses.

I 1 · 15 verses

The LORD Judges

Slow to anger, great in power.

II 2 · 13 verses

Nineveh Falls

The gates of the rivers opened.

III 3 · 19 verses

Woe to Nineveh

No healing of thy bruise.

NAHUM 1

Who the LORD Is

Before Nahum speaks of Nineveh, he shows who God is.

1:2
Jealous
He revengeth His adversaries

1:3
Slow to Anger
And great in power

1:3
Just
Will not at all acquit the wicked

1:7
Good
A strong hold in trouble

> *"The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him."*
>
> Nahum 1:7 (KJV)

Nineveh and No

MAP

Nineveh and No

Assyria had reached as far as No (Thebes) in Egypt and destroyed it. Nahum warns Nineveh that it is no better, and the Babylonians and Medes took it in 612 B.C. The numbers match the cards below.

NAHUM 1–3

Nineveh and No

The city that sacked No would fall in its turn

c. 650 B.C. · Places approximate



Assyria's cities and victims
Nineveh, and No (Thebes) in Egypt

The attackers
Babylon, with the Medes (2:1)

Judah
Good tidings of peace (1:15)

"The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble."

NAHUM 1:7 (KJV)

No was about 1,600 km (1,000 mi) from Nineveh, yet Assyria reached it.

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1 1:1; 2:8

Nineveh

Assyria's capital. "The burden of Nineveh": Assyria's capital on the Tigris, fallen 612 B.C.

2 3:8–10

No (Thebes)

A lesson. "Art thou better than populous No?" Assyria had sacked it in 663 B.C.

3 1:15

Jerusalem

Good tidings. "O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts": good tidings of peace.

4 2:1

Babylon

The attackers. "He that dasheth in pieces": Babylon and the Medes took Nineveh.

Nineveh in Jonah and Nahum, and Its Fall

TWO PROPHETS, ONE CITY

Nineveh in Jonah and in Nahum

The same city met God’s mercy and then His judgment.

JONAH, c. 760 B.C.	NAHUM, c. 650 B.C.
“Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown”	**“He will make an utter end”**
Jonah 3:4	Nahum 1:9
JONAH, c. 760 B.C.	**NAHUM, c. 650 B.C.**
The people of Nineveh believed God	**“Woe to the bloody city! it is all full of lies”**
Jonah 3:5	Nahum 3:1
JONAH, c. 760 B.C.	**NAHUM, c. 650 B.C.**
God repented of the evil and spared it	**“There is no healing of thy bruise”**
Jonah 3:10	Nahum 3:19

NAHUM 2–3

The Fall of Nineveh

Nahum’s pictures of the city’s last days.

2:4
Chariots Rage
Like the lightnings

2:6
Gates Opened
The gates of the rivers

2:9
Spoiled
Silver and gold taken

3:19
Never Healed
No healing of thy bruise

“**Art thou better than populous No?**” (3:8). Assyria had destroyed that great city; now its own turn had come.

Christ in Nahum, Key Themes and Key Verse

LOOKING FORWARD

Christ in Nahum

Nahum's good tidings point to the gospel of peace.

1:15 · ROMANS 10:15

Good Tidings of Peace

Paul uses this picture for those who preach the gospel.

1:7 · JOHN 10:14

He Knoweth His Own

The Good Shepherd knows those who trust in Him.

1:13 · GALATIANS 5:1

The Yoke Broken

Christ sets His people free from bondage.

1:3 · ACTS 17:31

The Judge of All

God will judge the world by the Man He has ordained.

BIG IDEAS

Key Themes

God's Patience

Slow to anger.

1:3

God's Justice

Will not at all acquit the wicked.

1:3

God's Power

The mountains quake at Him.

1:5

God's Goodness

A strong hold in trouble.

1:7

Comfort

I will afflict thee no more.

1:12

Good Tidings

That publisheth peace.

1:15

Pride Falls

I am against thee.

2:13

Violence Judged

Woe to the bloody city.

3:1

Prophecy Fulfilled

He will make an utter end.

1:9

KEY VERSE

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