

The Book Of Nahum

DATE & AUTHOR

Date: 663 - 654 B.C.

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from Elkosh (location not known)

Theme

God's judgement against the Assyrian Empire and its capital Nineveh

KEY VERSES

1:3 (God will judge the guilty)

1:15 (the feet that bring the good news)

Nahum 1

God's character and judgment

1:1-5 - The greatness of God

1:6-11 - God's wrath and goodness

1:12-15 - God's faithfulness to his people

Nahum 2

Judgement of Nineveh

2:1-9 - Destruction of Nineveh

2:10-13 - God is against Nineveh

Nahum 3

Destruction of Assyria

3:1-7 - Nature and scope of destruction

3:8-13 - Assyrians will be taken captive

3:14-17 - Futility of Assyrian defense

3:18-19 - Delight over the destruction of Assyria

Assyrian Empire is notoriously violent and brutal towards its enemies.

Historical Notes

Israel (Northern Kingdom) is taken captive by the Assyrians in 722 B.C. (2 Kings 17).

Assyrian empire is destroyed by the Babylonians, Meds, and Persians in 612 B.C. at the Battle of Nineveh.

Personal Notes