

BIB 241 Minor Prophets

Lesson 7 Nahum

Intro. Nahum is following up the message of Jonah upon the Assyrian empire and more specifically Ninevah the capital city. They are a complement to each other in that Jonah revealed the mercy of God in sparing a great city and the message of Nahum is the Judgment of God. This message is a comfort to His people. The theme of Nahum is obviously the destruction of Ninevah.

Much speculation as to where “Elkosh” is, whether in Israel or village north of Ninevah. Possibly he was from both. Meaning that after being removed to Assyria they named the city where they lived the same as the town they came from. Similar as is done in the US with Westphalia and other cities.

“When there was not a cloud on the horizon, Nahum was given the assignment to preach the downfall of Ninevah. A century earlier Jonah would gladly have given his life for the task.” Phillips

1. Judgment is Declared (1)

A. The Lord’s Patience - (1-3) reserveth, slow,

1. “He will not at all acquit the wicked” Michael Jackson O.J. Simpson

2. the same nation He uses to punish His people He punishes

3. The Lord’s Presence (4-6)

C. The Lord’s Protection (7)

1. Ps. 46

2. II Tim. 2:19

3. The Lord’s Promise (8-14)

4. Complete Destruction 8-10

5. Complete Deliverance 11-13

a. “wicked counselor” Rabshakeh - Antichrist False Prophet

6. “pass through” angel of the LORD

7. Complete Dethroning - of the Assyrian Is. 10

■ to be killed worshipping his gods by his own seed II Kings 19:37 Is. 37:38

4. Complete Delight - 15 - Rom. 10

2. Judgment is Described (2)

A. Their preparation for battle 1-5

- verse 2 - The Lord accomplished His purpose with them to judge Israel and now they would fall

B. Their plight 6-8

- gates of rivers opened and palace dissolved by walls being flooded

C. Their plunder 9-13

Note: God fulfilled his promised destruction so much that it took 2400 years to rediscover the city’s existence

3. Judgment is Deserved (3)

4. They were fierce 1-3 reference to carcasses they would pile the bodies of the men at the gate of the city they had destroyed.
5. They were filthy 4-7 whoredoms, harlotry, witchcraft
6. They were foolish 8-10 thought they were different from other cities who were unable to escape destruction and were ruined for the same sins. USA?
7. They were festering 11-13 a sinful nation is ripe for destruction
8. They were falling 14-19 regardless of the multitude of their attempt to defend themselves and the multitude of their soldiers and nobles, they were going to fall.

Note: Vs. 18 refers to shepherds slumbering when they should be aware of coming danger

Conclusion

The rest of the world views America the same way that it did Assyria - with hatred at their prosperity

The strength of Ninevah was also its demise - Protection of Israel our strength and our demise

Think of the cruelty of the Mohammedans and their beheadings etc. that is taking place in the exact same cities today.

II Thes. 1:3-10