

Nahum

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Nineveh, a vision
which came to
Nahum from Elkosh.
God's wrath

The Lord w* tolerates
no rivals.

The Lord w* is
vengeful and fierce in
wrath.

The Lord w* does
not fail to
punish his foes;

the Lord w* is
vengeful against his
enemies.

The Lord w* is
slow to anger,

great in power.

The Lord guilty will
not escape

his punishment.

Storm tempest is
his path

and cloud is
the dust of
his feet.

4He|strong = "H3605" rebukes|strong = "H1605" the|strong = "H3605"
 sea|strong = "H3220" and|strong = "H3220" dries|strong = "H3001"
 it|strong = "H3001" up|strong = "H3001"

a nd|strong = "H3220" makes|strong = "H3001" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" streams|strong = "H5104" run|strong = "H3001"
 dry|strong = "H3001".

B ashan|strong = "H1316" and|strong = "H3220" Carmel|strong = "H3760"
 are|strong = "H5104" languishing|strong = "H0535"

a nd|strong = "H3220" the|strong = "H3605" bloom|strong = "H6524"
 of|strong = "H3605" Lebanon|strong = "H3844" is|strong = "H3605"
 withered|strong = "H3001".

5The|strong = "H3605" mountains|strong = "H2022"
 tremble|strong = "H7493" before|strong = "H6440" him|strong = "H6440"

a nd|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H3605" hills|strong = "H1389"
 dissolve|strong = "H4127".

T he|strong = "H3605" earth|strong = "H0776" heaves
 before|strong = "H6440" him|strong = "H6440",

t he|strong = "H3605" world|strong = "H8398" and|strong = "H6440"
 all|strong = "H3605" who|strong = "H3605" live|strong = "H3427"
 in|strong = "H3427" it|strong = "H5375".

6Who|strong = "H4310" can|strong = "H4310" stand|strong = "H5975"
 before|strong = "H6440" his|strong = "H6440" wrath|strong = "H2534"?

W ho|strong = "H4310" can|strong = "H4310" withstand|strong = "H5975"
 the|strong = "H6440" heat|strong = "H2534" of|strong = "H6440"
 his|strong = "H6440" anger|strong = "H2534"?

H is|strong = "H6440" fierce|strong = "H2740" fury|strong = "H2534"
 pours|strong = "H8210" forth|strong = "H5413" like|strong = "H2534"
 fire|strong = "H0784",

h e|strong = "H4480" shatters|strong = "H7665" rocks|strong = "H6697".

7The w Lord w* is
 good to those
 who hope in
 him,

a place of
 refuge in the
 day of trouble.

8With rushing flood
 an end he
 makes

o f those who
 rise against him,

h e drives his
 enemies into darkness.

9Why do you
 plot against the
 Lord w*?

H e will end
 you.

H e only takes
 vengeance once.

10Thorns, tangled
 and drenched,

t hey are consumed
 like dry stubble.

11Nineveh! From
 you has arisen

o ne who plots
 evil against the
 Lord w*,

a |strong = "H3318" counsellor|strong = "H3289" of|strong = "H3068" wickedness|strong = "H7451".
 Good|strong = "H2896" news|strong = "H1319" for|strong = "H5921" Judah|strong = "H3063"

12The|strong = "H3541" w Lord|strong = "H3068" w* says|strong = "H3541":

‘ Though|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H3651" are|strong = "H3068" many|strong = "H7227" and|strong = "H3068" strong|strong = "H2388",

t hey|strong = "H3651" will|strong = "H3068" pass|strong = "H5674" away|strong = "H5674" and|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3808" gone|strong = "H5674".

T hough|strong = "H3588" I|strong = "H3541" have|strong = "H3068" afflicted|strong = "H6031" you|strong = "H3808",

I |strong = "H3541" will|strong = "H3068" afflict|strong = "H6031" you|strong = "H3808" no|strong = "H3808" more|strong = "H5750",

13and|strong = "H7665" now|strong = "H6258" I|strong = "H5921" will|strong = "H3068" break|strong = "H7665" his|strong = "H5921" yoke|strong = "H4132" from|strong = "H5921" your|strong = "H5921" necks|strong = "H6677"

a nd|strong = "H7665" snap your|strong = "H5921" chains|strong = "H4147".’

14The|strong = "H5921" w Lord|strong = "H3068" w* has|strong = "H3068" given|strong = "H6680" this|strong = "H3588" command|strong = "H6680" concerning|strong = "H5921" you|strong = "H3588",
 Nineveh|strong = "H5210":

‘ Your|strong = "H3068" name|strong = "H8034" will|strong = "H3068" no|strong = "H3808" longer|strong = "H5750" be|strong = "H3808" remembered|strong = "H2142".

I |strong = "H3588" will|strong = "H3068" destroy|strong = "H3772" every|strong = "H7760" idol|strong = "H6459" and|strong = "H3068" image|strong = "H6459"

i n|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" house|strong="H1004"
of|strong="H1004" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H3068".

I |strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" destroy|strong="H3772"
even|strong="H3588" your|strong="H3068" tomb|strong="H6913",

f or|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" are|strong="H3068"
worthless|strong="H3808".'

15Look|strong="H7200"! On|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605"
mountains|strong="H2022" a|strong="H1961" messenger|strong="H4397"

b ringing|strong="H0935" good|strong="H2896" news|strong="H1319",

a nnouncing peace|strong="H7965"!

‘ Celebrate|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" feasts|strong="H4150",
Judah|strong="H3063",

f ulfil|strong="H4390" your|strong="H3068" vows|strong="H5088".

N ever|strong="H3808" again|strong="H7725" will|strong="H3068"
these|strong="H0428" enemies|strong="H0341" invade|strong="H0935"
your|strong="H3068" land|strong="H0776",

t hey|strong="H1992" are|strong="H3117" destroyed|strong="H4229"!
Destruction of the city

2Nineveh|strong="H5210"! The|strong="H3605"
destroyer|strong="H7703" has|strong="H3063" come|strong="H5674"
up|strong="H5921" against|strong="H5921" you|strong="H3588";

m ount|strong="H2022" guard|strong="H2876" upon|strong="H5921"
the|strong="H3605" rampart|strong="H2426";

w atch|strong="H2009" the|strong="H3605" road|strong="H1870";
brace yourselves|strong="H3605";

s trengthen|strong="H2388" your|strong="H3605"
might|strong="H2022" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605"
utmost|strong="H7097".

2For the w Lord w*
is restoring the
majesty of Jacob

and of Israel,

though the
devastators have
plundered them

and destroyed their
vines.

3The shields of
his warriors are
dyed red,

his soldiers are
clothed in scarlet,

his chariots gleam
like fire

on the day
he prepares for
battle

spear are shaken.

4Chariots rush across
the fields,

sword through the
squares;

they flame like
torches,

they dart like
lightning.

- 5A leader rallies his nobles,
- they hurl themselves forward.
- They speed on toward the wall;
- the storming-shield is set up.
- The water-gates are thrown open,
- and the palace dissolves in ruins.
- The queen is stripped,
- she is carried off.
- Her maids moan like doves,
- beating upon their breasts.
- Like a pool of water is Nineveh,
- her waters fast ebbing away.
- ‘Stand firm! Stand firm!’ someone cries,
- but no one turns back.

9'Loot|strong="H0961" the|strong="H3117" silver|strong="H3701",
loot|strong="H0961" the|strong="H3117" gold|strong="H2091",

f or|strong="H4325" there|strong="H1992" is|strong="H1931"
no|strong="H5975" end|strong="H7093" to|strong="H3117"
the|strong="H3117" treasure|strong="H0214",

t he|strong="H3117" wealth|strong="H2428" and|strong="H3117"
precious|strong="H3368" things|strong="H1992".'

10Nineveh|strong="H5210" is|strong="H3701" empty|strong="H7387",
desolate|strong="H8074", devastated|strong="H7703",

w ith|strong="H3627" faint|strong="H5889" heart|strong="H3820"
and|strong="H3701" knocking|strong="H6375" knee|strong="H1290".

T here|strong="H3605" is|strong="H3701" weakness|strong="H4816"
in|strong="H3701" every|strong="H3605" limb|strong="H1917",

a nd|strong="H3701" faces|strong="H6440" grow|strong="H6779"
pale|strong="H6289".

11Where|strong="H0834" now|strong="H6258" is|strong="H3820"
the|strong="H3605" den|strong="H1358" of|strong="H6440"
lions|strong="H3715"?

W here|strong="H0834" now|strong="H6258" the|strong="H3605"
lair|strong="H5520" of|strong="H6440" their|strong="H3605"
young|strong="H5288"?

W here|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" lion|strong="H0738"
used|strong="H3605" to|strong="H3820" withdraw|strong="H7725",

w ith|strong="H6440" his|strong="H3605" cubs|strong="H1482",
with|strong="H6440" none|strong="H3605" to|strong="H3820"
disturb|strong="H2729" them|strong="H6440"?

12The|strong="H8033" lion|strong="H3715" tore|strong="H7167"
enough|strong="H1767" for|strong="H8033" his|strong="H1980"
cubs|strong="H1482",

a nd|strong="H1980" strangled|strong="H2614" prey|strong="H2964"
for|strong="H8033" his|strong="H1980" lionesses|strong="H3833".

H e|strong="H1931" filled|strong="H4390" his|strong="H1980"
caves|strong="H4631" with|strong="H1980" the|strong="H8033"
kill|strong="H2026",

h e|strong="H1931" filled|strong="H4390" his|strong="H1980"
lair|strong="H2356" with|strong="H1980" fresh|strong="H3892"
meat|strong="H1320".

13'But|strong="H3588" see|strong="H7200", I|strong="H1767"
am|strong="H1961" against|strong="H5921" you|strong="H1767",'

t he|strong="H4390" w Lord|strong="H3068" w* of|strong="H4390"
hosts|strong="H6635" declares|strong="H5002",

' I|strong="H1767" will|strong="H3068" burn|strong="H8313"
your|strong="H4390" chariots|strong="H7393" in|strong="H2963"
smoke|strong="H6227" and|strong="H3833" fire|strong="H0784".

T he|strong="H4390" sword|strong="H2719" will|strong="H3068"
devour|strong="H0398" your|strong="H4390" young|strong="H3833"
lions|strong="H3833".

Y ou|strong="H1767" will|strong="H3068" never|strong="H3808"
again|strong="H7725" prey|strong="H2964" on|strong="H1767"
the|strong="H4390" land|strong="H0776".

N o|strong="H3808" more|strong="H3254" will|strong="H3068"
your|strong="H4390" messengers|strong="H4390" be|strong="H1961"
heard|strong="H8085".'

Ruin

3Woe|strong="H1945" to|strong="H5892" the|strong="H3605"
bloody|strong="H1818" city|strong="H5892"!

F ull|strong="H3605" of|strong="H5892" lies|strong="H3585"
and|strong="H5892" plunder|strong="H0962",

w ithout|strong="H3808" end|strong="H7093" is|strong="H3605"
the|strong="H3605" spoil|strong="H2964".

2Hear|strong="H6963" the|strong="H6963" crack of|strong="H6963"
the|strong="H6963" whip|strong="H7752",

h ear|strong="H6963" the|strong="H6963" rattle of|strong="H6963"
wheels|strong="H0212".

G alloping|strong="H1725" horses|strong="H5483",

j olting chariots|strong="H4818".

3Horsemen|strong="H6571" charging|strong="H5927",

s words|strong="H2719" flashing|strong="H3851",

s pears|strong="H2595" glittering|strong="H1300",

a |strong="H5927" multitude|strong="H7230" of|strong="H7230"
slain|strong="H2491",

a |strong="H5927" heap|strong="H1530" of|strong="H7230"
bodies|strong="H6297",

n o|strong="H5927" end|strong="H7097" to|strong="H5927"
the|strong="H5927" corpses|strong="H6297"

o ver|strong="H3782" which|strong="H2719" people|strong="H5971"
stumble|strong="H3782"!

4'Because|strong="H7230" you|strong="H1471" acted|strong="H6213"
like|strong="H2896" a|strong="H4376" whore|strong="H2181",

b ewitching the|strong="H2181" nations|strong="H1471",

e nticing the|strong="H2181" peoples|strong="H5971",

5I|strong="H2005" am|strong="H3068" against|strong="H5921"
you|strong="H6440", Nineveh'

t he|strong="H6440" w Lord|strong="H3068" w* of|strong="H3068"
hosts|strong="H6635" declares|strong="H5002".

- ‘ I|strong = "H2005" will|strong = "H3068" strip|strong = "H1540"
your|strong = "H3068" clothes|strong = "H0899"
- a nd|strong = "H3068" show|strong = "H7200" the|strong = "H6440"
nations|strong = "H1471" your|strong = "H3068"
nakedness|strong = "H4626",
- a nd|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H6440" kingdoms|strong = "H4467"
your|strong = "H3068" shame|strong = "H7036".
- 6‘I|strong = "H7760" will|strong = "H3068" fling|strong = "H7993"
loathsome|strong = "H8441" filth|strong = "H8251" at|strong = "H5921"
you|strong = "H5921",
- a nd|strong = "H5921" make|strong = "H7760" you|strong = "H5921"
an|strong = "H7760" object|strong = "H8047" of|strong = "H5921"
contempt|strong = "H0937",
- a |strong = "H7760" spectacle|strong = "H7210",
- 7so|strong = "H4480" that|strong = "H7200" everyone|strong = "H3605"
who|strong = "H4310" sees|strong = "H7200" you|strong = "H3605"
- w ill|strong = "H4310" flee|strong = "H5074" from|strong = "H4480"
you|strong = "H3605" and|strong = "H7200" say|strong = "H0559":
- “ Nineveh|strong = "H5210" is|strong = "H4310" laid|strong = "H7760"
waste|strong = "H7703",
- w ho|strong = "H4310" will|strong = "H4310" mourn|strong = "H5110"
for|strong = "H1245" her|strong = "H3605"?”
- 8‘Are|strong = "H4325" you|strong = "H3190" any|strong = "H3605"
better|strong = "H3190" than|strong = "H3190" Thebes|strong = "H4996",
- w hich|strong = "H4325" stood|strong = "H5975" on|strong = "H3427"
the|strong = "H5439" banks|strong = "H1415" of|strong = "H3427"
the|strong = "H5439" Nile|strong = "H2975",
- w ith|strong = "H3427" waters|strong = "H4325" around|strong = "H5439"
as|strong = "H3427" a|strong = "H3427" rampart|strong = "H2426",

w hose|strong = "H0834" wall|strong = "H2346" was|strong = "H4325"
the|strong = "H5439" sea|strong = "H3220" of|strong = "H3427"
waters|strong = "H4325"?

9Her|strong = "H1961" strength|strong = "H6109" was|strong = "H1961"
Ethiopia|strong = "H3568" and|strong = "H4714" Egypt|strong = "H4714".

T he|strong = "H1961" Libyans|strong = "H3864" were|strong = "H1961"
her|strong = "H1961" helpers|strong = "H5833",

a nd|strong = "H4714" Put|strong = "H6316" with|strong = "H4714"
its|strong = "H1961" countless|strong = "H0369" people|strong = "H5971".

10Yet|strong = "H1571" she|strong = "H1931" was|strong = "H1931"
exiled|strong = "H1540"

a nd|strong = "H1980" made|strong = "H3513" captive|strong = "H7628".

O n|strong = "H5921" all|strong = "H3605" corners|strong = "H6285"
of|strong = "H7218" the|strong = "H3605" streets|strong = "H2351"

h er|strong = "H3605" infants|strong = "H5768" were|strong = "H1419"
dashed|strong = "H7376" to|strong = "H1980" pieces|strong = "H7376".

L ots|strong = "H1486" were|strong = "H1419" cast|strong = "H3032"
for|strong = "H5921" her|strong = "H3605" nobles|strong = "H3513",

a ll|strong = "H3605" her|strong = "H3605" great|strong = "H1419"
ones|strong = "H5768" were|strong = "H1419" bound|strong = "H7576"
in|strong = "H5921" chains|strong = "H2131".

11'You|strong = "H1571" too|strong = "H1571", Nineveh|strong = "H5210",
will|strong = "H1961" be|strong = "H1961" drunk|strong = "H7937"
with|strong = "H1571" fear|strong = "H3372";

y ou|strong = "H1571" too|strong = "H1571" will|strong = "H1961"
seek|strong = "H1245" a|strong = "H1961" place|strong = "H1961"
of|strong = "H4581" escape|strong = "H4422" from|strong = "H1961"
the|strong = "H1245" foe|strong = "H6862".

12 All your fortresses are
 with the first ripe
 are fig trees
 with the first ripe

i f shaken, they
 fall into the
 mouth of the
 eater!

13 Your troops are
 weak as women
 before your foes

t he gates of
 your land are
 wide open

y our defenses
 burned down.

14 Draw water for
 the siege,

s trengthen your
 forts.

G o to the
 clay pits and
 tread the clay

t ake up the
 brick moulds.

15 There the fire
 will consume you,

t he sword will
 cut you down.

M ultiplied like
 locust

o r|strong="H2719" a|strong="H3772" swarm|strong="H8317"
of|strong="H2719" grasshoppers|strong="H3218".

16Increase|strong="H7235" the|strong="H6584"
numbers|strong="H7230" of|strong="H3556" your|strong="H7235"
merchants|strong="H7402"

u ntil|strong="H5704" they|strong="H1992" are|strong="H8064"
more|strong="H7235" than|strong="H7235" the|strong="H6584"
stars|strong="H3556" of|strong="H3556" heaven|strong="H8064",

17until|strong="H3117" your|strong="H3045"
watchmen|strong="H8104" are|strong="H3117" locusts|strong="H1462",

a nd|strong="H3117" your|strong="H3045" scribes|strong="H5608"
like|strong="H3808" grasshoppers|strong="H1462",

w hich|strong="H4725" swarm|strong="H8317" in|strong="H2583"
the|strong="H3117" hedges|strong="H1448" on|strong="H3117"
a|strong="H3117" cold|strong="H7135" day|strong="H3117";

b ut|strong="H3808" when|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3117"
sun|strong="H8121" rises|strong="H2224"

t hey|strong="H3117" fly|strong="H5774" away|strong="H5074",

n o|strong="H3808" one|strong="H3808" knows|strong="H3045"
where|strong="H4725".

18'King|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Assyria|strong="H0804":

y our|strong="H5921" princes|strong="H8269"
slumber|strong="H5123",

y our|strong="H5921" nobles|strong="H2715" sleep|strong="H5123"!

Y our|strong="H5921" people|strong="H5971" are|strong="H5971"
scattered|strong="H6335" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921"
mountains|strong="H2022"

w ith|strong="H5921" no|strong="H3808" one|strong="H4428"
to|strong="H5921" gather|strong="H6908" them|strong="H5921"!

19 There is no healing for your hurt,

your wound is incurable.

All who hear of your fate clap their hands in joy,

for who has escaped your limitless cruelty?