

FINDING GOD'S COMFORT IN SURPRISING PLACES

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Nahum 2: The Fall of Nineveh

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Your enemy is coming to crush you, Nineveh. Man the ramparts! Watch the roads! Prepare your defences! Call out your forces!



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Shields flash red in the sunlight! See the scarlet uniforms of the valiant troops! Watch as their glittering chariots move into position, with a forest of spears waving above them. Nahum 2:3



The chariots race recklessly along the streets and rush wildly through the squares. They flash like firelight and move as swiftly as lightning.



The king shouts to his officers; they stumble in their haste, rushing to the walls to set up their defences.

The river gates have been torn open! The palace is about to collapse!

Nahum 2:5-6



Nineveh's exile has been decreed, and all the servant girls mourn its capture. They moan like doves and beat their breasts in sorrow.



Nineveh is like a leaking water reservoir! The people are slipping away. "Stop, stop!" someone shouts, but no one even looks back.



Loot the silver! Plunder the gold! There's no end to Nineveh's treasures its vast, uncounted wealth.



Soon the city is plundered, empty, and ruined. Hearts melt and knees shake. The people stand aghast, their faces pale and trembling.



plundered empty ruined



God fulfils his promises of judgement



"To believe in His love is to be sure of His wrath"



Even though the destroyer has destroyed Judah, the Lord will restore its honour. Israel's vine has been stripped of branches, but he will restore its splendour.



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"I am your enemy!" says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. "Your chariots will soon go up in smoke. Your young men will be killed in battle. Never again will you plunder conquered nations. The voices of your proud messengers will be heard no more." Nahum 2:13



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→ Warning for the oppressors



Seek God's wisdom to find justice

