

Outline of Nahum

Theme: An Oracle of Judgment Against Nineveh

I. A Psalm Presents God's Majesty (ch. 1)

A. God's Longsuffering Will Bring Vengeance on the Wicked (1:1-7)

1. God is jealous and revenges (2)
2. God is slow to anger but will not acquit the guilty (3a)
3. God is sovereign in nature (3b-5)
4. God is irresistible (6)
5. God is good and knows the believers (7)

B. Vengeance is declared against Nineveh (1:8-15)

1. Nineveh will be swept away by a flood (8)
2. Nineveh will not rise again (9)
3. Nineveh will be thoroughly destroyed (10)
4. Nineveh will produce the Wicked Counselor (11)
 - a. Literally "a counselor of Belial"
 - b. may be Sennacherib (see 2 Kings 19:37; Isa 37:38)
5. Israel will receive comfort and deliverance (12-13)
6. Nineveh will be buried (14)
7. Israel will receive comfort through Good News (the Gospel) (15)
(Isa 52:7; cf. Rom. 10:15)

II. Nineveh's Destruction Is Foretold (ch. 2)

A. The enemy attacks Nineveh (1-5)

B. The city falls (6)

C. The people are taken captive (7-8)

D. The enemy takes the spoil (9-10)

E. The city is completely destroyed (11-12)

F. The destruction is certain (13)

III. The Cause of Nineveh's Destruction Is Declared (ch. 3)

A. It is due to their bloody atrocities (1-3)

B. It is due to their adulterous witchcraft (4-6)

C. It is due to their ignorance of history (7-12)
No better than No-Amon (Thebes)

D. Their destruction is described (13-19)
(cf. Zeph 2:13-15)