

# NAHUM

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**1. TITLES:**

- A. Nahum = comforter, or penitent
- B. The Book of Vengeance

**2. AUTHOR:**

Written by Nahum, the prophet of Comfort and Vengeance, who ministered to the House of Judah and to the city of Nineveh.

**3. DATE:**

- A. Nahum's ministry covered a period of about 30 years (650-620 B.C.), during the reigns of Manasseh, Amon, and Josiah of Judah.
- B. Written between 650 and 620 B.C.

**4. KEY WORDS:**

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| A. Against – 5       | D. Away – 4                 |
| B. Wicked (ness) – 4 | E. Vengeance, Revengeth – 3 |
| C. Flee (th) – 4     | F. Afflict - 3              |

**5. KEY VERSES: 1:2, 3**

**6. PURPOSE:**

- A. To pronounce the judgment of God's vengeance upon Nineveh.
- B. To comfort Judah by declaring the destruction of her enemies.

**7. MESSAGE:**

- A. God is against those who are against Him.
- B. Divine vengeance comes upon those who reject God's mercy.
- C. God's only recourse with a hardened apostate nation is to destroy it.

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## 8. OUTLINE:

- I. Judgment Declared ----- God Avenges ..... Ch. 1
- II. Judgment Described ----- How God Avenges ..... Ch. 2
- III. Judgment Deserved ----- Why God Avenges ..... Ch. 3

## 9. SUMMARY:

Nineveh, the capital of Assyria, had the ministry of two prophets, Jonah and Nahum. Jonah was a prophet of mercy, calling the city to repentance. At that time Nineveh repented and was spared from the destruction prophesied by Jonah. In the 150 years following its repentance, the city lapsed back into idolatry worse than before. Thus Nahum was sent to Nineveh to announce the vengeance of God in the soon-coming destruction of the city. Assyria, after being shown God's mercy, showed no mercy to Israel in the Assyrian Captivity and thus God rendered to them judgment without mercy (Jas. 2:13). Nahum's declaration of Divine vengeance upon Nineveh was a comfort to Judah.

## 10. CHRIST SEEN:

Christ is seen as The Prophet of Comfort and Vengeance, comforting His own (Jn. 14:16) and "executing vengeance on all them that know not God and obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thessalonians 1:8).