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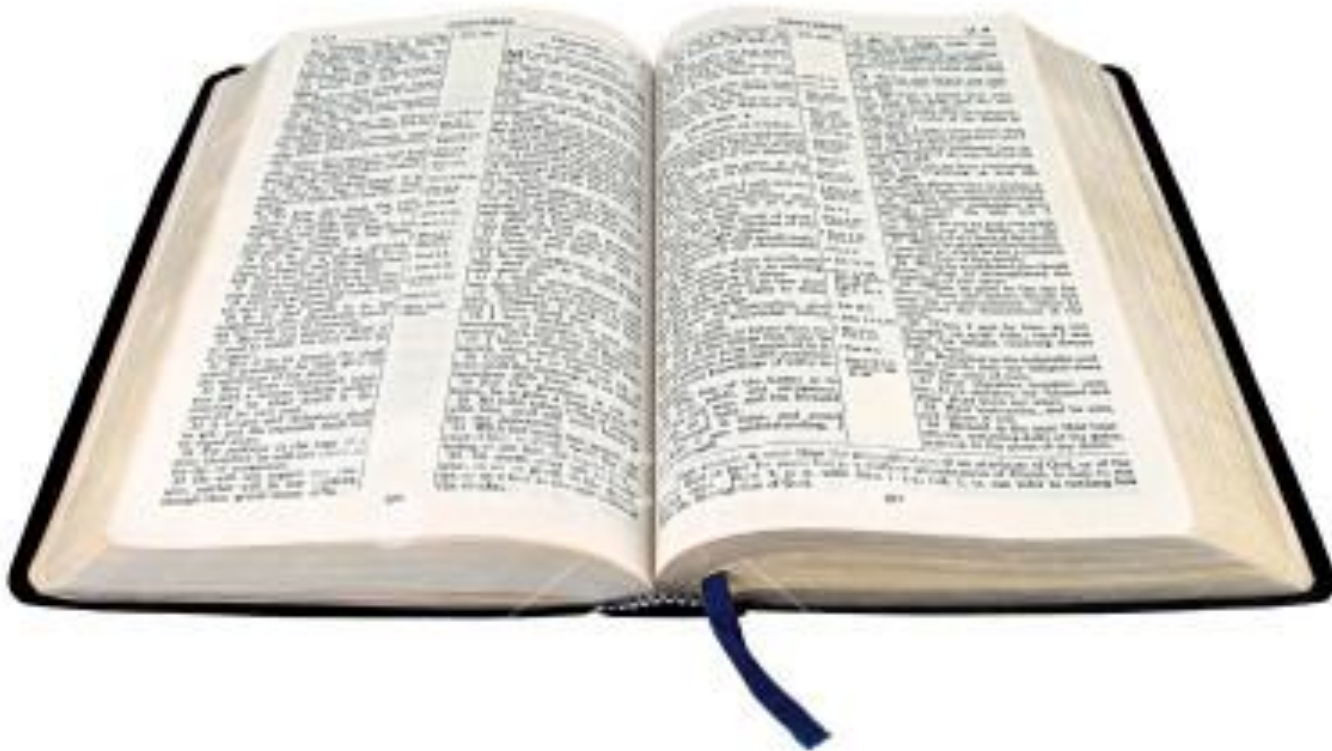
*Our desire is that you may grow in the  
grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus  
Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of  
the book of ??????.*

*If you have a prayer request, for  
which you would like us to pray,  
please fill out a prayer sheet at  
the back table and give to Lyle.*

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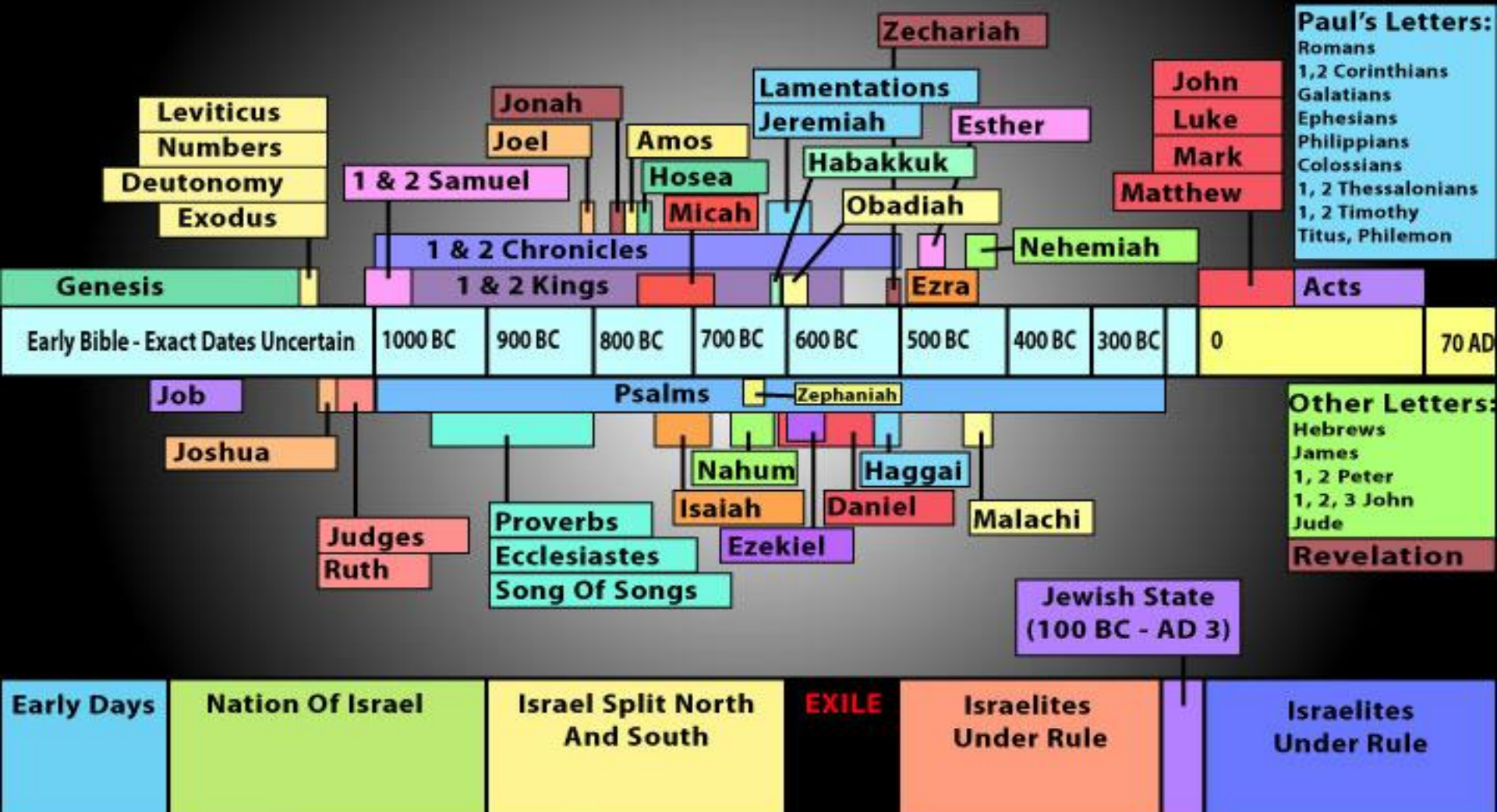
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**Place:** Jerusalem

**Readers:** Judah

**Purpose:** A Prophecy of God's judgment and destruction of the city of Nineveh and the kingdom of Assyria.

## **Literary style and uniqueness of Nahum:**

"Though the rhythm and metre of Nahum are not so smooth and regular as is the case with some Heb. prophets, yet in some respects the poetry of Nahum is unsurpassed in the OT. His excellence is not in sublimity of thought, depth of feeling, purity of motive, or insight into truth and life. It is rather in his descriptive powers. He has an unexcelled capacity to bring a situation vividly before the mind's eye."

J. M. P. Smith

Nahum uses metaphor, simile, synecdoche (a part is made to represent the whole) , woe (great sorrow or distress), satire, dirge (a mournful song), various parallel structures, partial acrostic, alliteration (the occurrence of the same letter or sound at the beginning of adjacent or closely connected words), assonance (repetition of the sound of a vowel to produce an echo effect), and prose.

“This prophecy of Nahum reveals something of God more clearly than any other book of the Bible. It is the job of the prophet to reveal to us the character of God. The prophets unfold for us the divine attributes and each sees God in a different light. As you read through the prophets, therefore, you are seeing one facet after another, flashing like a diamond in the sunlight, of the mighty character and attributes of an eternal God.”

- ***Ray Stedman***

Pastor, Peninsula Bible Church

Palo Alto, CA

- **History or Narrative:** These are stories and epics and include Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Jonah, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Acts.
- **Law:** These are the instructions and precepts of God given to us through Moses, such as Leviticus and Deuteronomy.
- **Wisdom:** These are the literature of maxims (general truths of how to conduct oneself) and sayings such as Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes.
- **Poetry:** These are the prose and rhymes such as Psalms, Song of Solomon, and Lamentations.



- **Prophecy:** These include both major and minor prophets such as Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.
- **Apocalyptic:** These are combinations of narrative and prose written in vivid imagery and poetic phrases such as Daniel and most of Revelation.
- **Parable:** These are the sayings of Jesus that are narrative and instructional, contained in the Gospels.
- **Epistle/Didactic:** These are the letters written to a specific audience that are doctrinal such as Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians, Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, Peter, John, and the first three chapters of Revelation.

# Map of Ancient Near East



TILE CRESCENT

Tarsus • Adana

**HURRIANS**

**RUS**

• Nicosia

Sea Tripoli

Byblos

Beirut

Sidon

Tyre

**AN**

ho

Yafo

em

Gaza

Golan Heights

West Bank

• Amman

Bethlehem

**JORDAN**

**SYRIA**

• Damascus

• Ugarit

• Hamath

• Aleppo

• Haran

**MESOPOTAMIA**

• Mari

Mosul

**ASSYR**

• Nineveh

• Nimrud

Tigris River

• Kirk

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Euphrates River

**BABYLO**

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Babylon

Tower of Babel?

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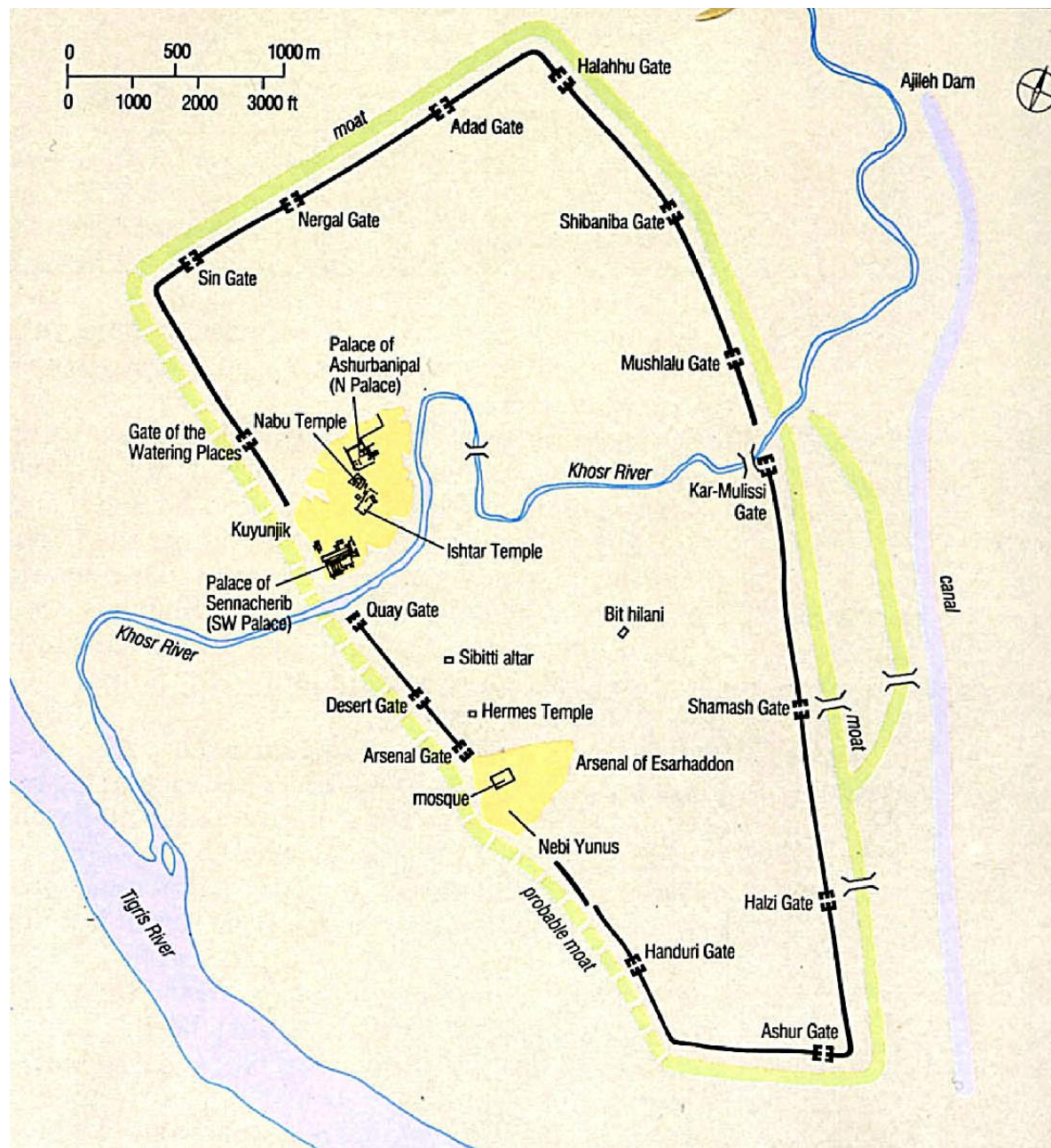
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ASSYRIAN EMPIRE

1800 - 1600 BC	1244 - 1208 BC	699 - 627 BC
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# **600,000 population (city limits only no suburbs)**

Detroit

Memphis

Seattle

Denver

Washington DC

Boston

Nashville

Baltimore

Oklahoma City

Louisville

Portland

Milwaukee

THE CITY OF NINEVEH,  
THE JUDGMENT OF GOD,  
AND A WARNING TO THE UNITED STATES

PART I  
*"The Character of God"*

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Sept. 7, 2014

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# ***What is God Like?***

**ASEITY** - He is self-existent.

**IMMUTABILITY** - He is not subject to change in His person.

**INFINITY** - He is free from all limitations other than self-limitation.

\****Perfect*** - in Being (complete, finished, lacking in nothing; no defect).

\****Eternal*** - in time.

\****Omnipresent*** - everywhere in space.

**SPIRITUALITY** - He is spirit.

\****Life*** - He is the source of all personal energy.

\****Personality*** - He is the source of personal spontaneity of will.

**MENTALITY** - He is the ultimate in intellect.

\****Omniscience*** - all knowing.

\****Wisdom*** - all-wise.

\****Veracity*** - all-truth.

\****Faithful*** - all-trustworthy.

**MORALITY** - He is the ultimate in purity.  
\***Goodness** - He is the source of all that is good in the universe.  
**Love**  
**Grace**  
**Mercy**  
**Patience**

\***Holiness** - His character is free from all impurity.  
\***Righteousness** - His conduct is free from all impurity.  
\***Justice** - His judgment is free from all impurity and able to determine reward or punishment based on His holiness and righteousness contained in the Law.  
**Anger**  
**Wrath**  
**Vengeance**  
**Judgment**

**SOVEREIGNTY** - He is the highest ruler in the universe and is the source, the means, and the goal (Rom. 11:36) of all events, actions, decisions, and all else that affects man in his existence.  
\***Will** - He prosecutes His plan designed from eternity past, throughout all of time and eternity future.  
\***Omnipotent** - He is all-powerful.

# **Everything in your Christian life is built on who you believe God is.**

*For instance:*

What do I know about God when I go through trials?

He will be with me(**omnipresent**) in my trial.

He is more powerful (**omnipotent**) than my trial.

He knows (**omniscient**) what I am going through.

He will be **faithful** to see me through the trial.

The trial is part of His wise (**wisdom**) plan for my life.

He will be **patient, loving, gracious, and merciful** with me as I go through the trial.

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# The Jealousy of God

## **Ex 34:14**

14 for you shall not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God

## **Deut 4:24**

24 "For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

## **Gal 5:19-21**

19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,  
20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,

21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these,

## **2 Cor 11:2**

2 For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy;

*Jealousy is a sin when it is a desire for something that does not belong to you.*

*Godly jealousy is when worship, praise, honor, or adoration is given to someone else other than God. God is jealous when someone gives to another something that rightly belongs to Him.*

*For what is He jealous -*

**1. Jealous for His name.**

**Ezek 39:25**

25 Therefore thus says the Lord God, "Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob and have mercy on the whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for My holy name.

**2. Jealous for Israel.**

**Zech 8:1-2**

2 "Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'I am exceedingly jealous for Zion, yes, with great wrath I am jealous for her.'

**Zech 1:14-15**

'Thus says the Lord of hosts, "I am exceedingly jealous for Jerusalem and Zion.

**3. Jealous for the Church.**

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**Avenge** – to punish someone who has harmed you or someone or something that you care about.

**Vengeance** – to repay, to punish, to seek revenge for an offence committed.

**Rom 12:19**

19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY,

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# The Wrath of God

## 1. Why is God angry?

*Because man has sinned and gone his own independent way.*

### **Rom 5:18**

18 So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men,

### **Eph 2:3**

3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

### **Rom 1:18**

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

### **Rom 2:5-6**

5 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

6 who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS:

### **Eph 5:6**

6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.



## **Col 3:5-6**

5 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

6 For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience,

## **Rev 6:15-17**

15 Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains;

16 and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb;

17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

## **Rev 14:9-10**

- 9 Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand,  
10 he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger;

## **Rev 14:19-20**

- 19 So the angel swung his sickle to the earth and gathered the clusters from the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God.  
20 And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles.

## **Rev 15:7**

- 7 Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever.

## **Rev 16:19-21**

- 19 Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath.  
20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.  
21 And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.

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## **Ezek 26:10**

10 "Because of the multitude of his horses, the dust raised by them will cover you; your walls will shake at the noise of cavalry and wagons and chariots when he enters your gates as men enter a city that is breached.

# **WHY IS THERE SUCH A LACK IN THE PULPITS TODAY IN THE TEACHING AND PREACHING OF THE ANGER AND WRATH OF GOD?**

## **3 REASONS:**

- 1. Because the world wants a God of love.***
- 2. Because it is not politically correct, it is negative, it will offend people.***
- 3. Because we do not understand how much sin offends God.***