

Welcome To Open Bible Hour

Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!

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 Nahum.

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

"The Battle in the Streets"

Nahum 2:3-6

November 9, 2014

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The warriors are dressed in scarlet,
The chariots are enveloped in flashing steel
When he is prepared to march,
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They rush wildly in the squares,
Their appearance is like torches,
They dash to and fro like lightning flashes.

5 He remembers his nobles;
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They hurry to her wall,
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6 The gates of the rivers are opened
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Gal 6:7

7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

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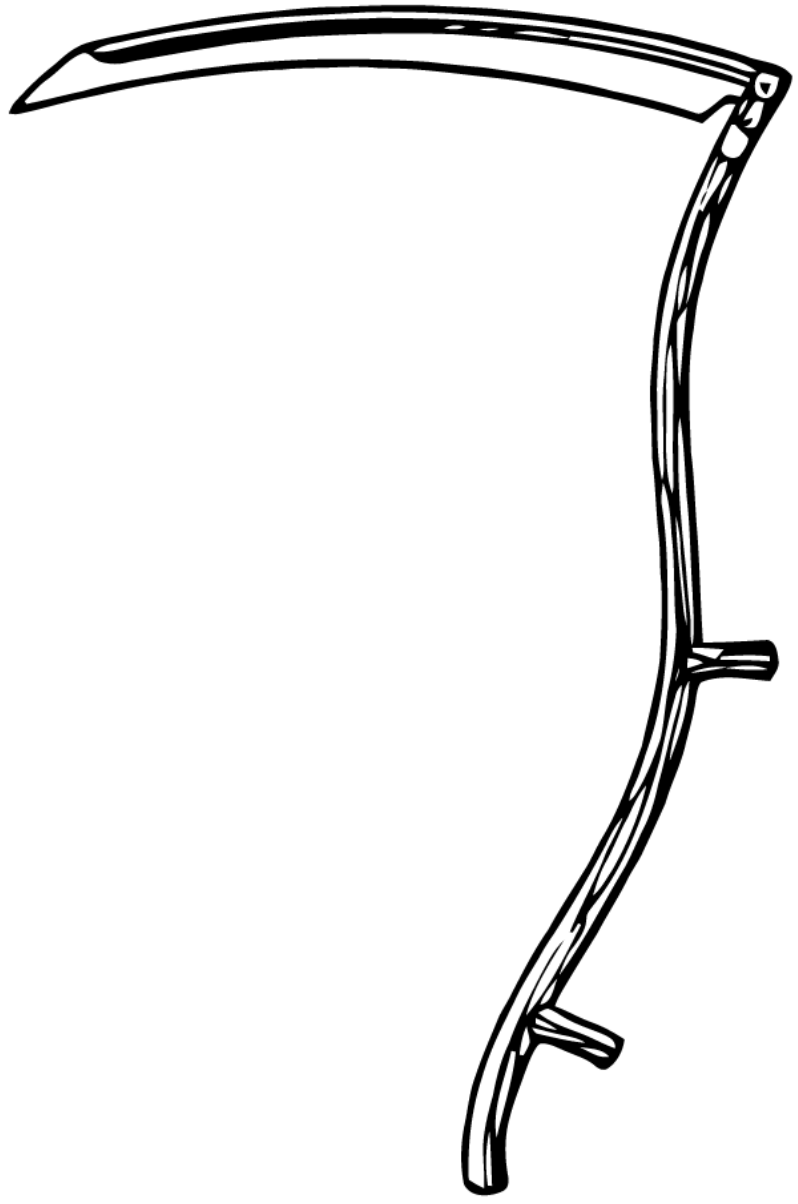


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"The chariots glare with shining things, made either of iron or steel, battle-axes, bows, arrows, and shields, and all kinds of weapons; the horses are also ornamented with crowns and red fringes, and even the poles of the carriages are made resplendent with shining suns and moons: add to these the soldiers in armour riding in the chariots; and it could not but be the case, that when illumined by the rays of the sun above them, they would have all the appearance of flames as they flew hither and thither with great celerity (swiftness)."

- Keil and Delitzsch

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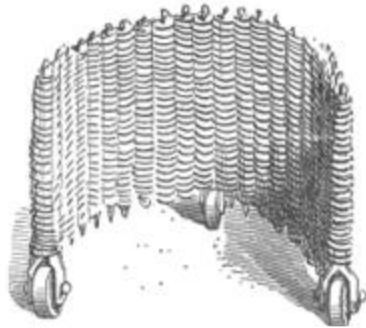


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“Hastening forward, they reach Nineveh’s massive city wall where they put in place the mantelet that will give them protection from Nineveh’s defenders during the siege operations (cf. Jer. 52:4; Ezek. 4:2). Thus protected from the flying arrows, falling stones, and lighted torches that came down from the city’s protectors atop the wall, the process of breaching the city could begin. Typically this would include the use of siege mounds and towers, scaling ladders and tunneling operations, battering rams and axes, and the torching of the city gate.”

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Rev 19:11-21

- 11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.
- 12 His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself.
- 13 He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.
- 14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.
- 15 From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.
- 16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

- 17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God,
- 18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great."
- 19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.
- 20 And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.
- 21 And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

Rev 20:15

15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the **lake of fire**.

Rev 14:11

11 "And the smoke of their **torment** goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.

Luke 13:28

28 "In that place there will be **weeping** and **gnashing of teeth**

Matt 25:30

30 "Throw out the worthless slave into the outer **darkness**; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Jude 13

13 wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam; wandering stars, for whom the **black darkness** has been reserved forever.

Rev 9:1-2

1 Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the **bottomless pit** was given to him.

2 He opened the **bottomless pit**, and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace;

Matt 25:46

46 "These will go away into **eternal punishment**, but the righteous into eternal life."

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Application

1. God's patience will come to an end. You can only shove your sin, and evil, and immorality in God's face for so long.
2. The invasion, and attack, and ruthless devastation by the Medes and Babylonians of Nineveh was ordained by God.

Isa 37:6-7

6 'Thus says the Lord, "Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me.

7 "Behold, I will put a spirit in him so that he will hear a rumor and return to his own land. And I will make him fall by the sword in his own land."'"

Isa 37:26

26 "Have you not heard?

Long ago I did it,

From ancient times I planned it.

Now I have brought it to pass,

That you should turn fortified cities into ruinous heaps.

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2. The invasion, and attack, and ruthless devastation by the Medes and Babylonians of Nineveh was ordained by God.
3. The warning from Nahun to any nation is that a collapse, a fall, can come quickly, can come suddenly. All of the human strength, material resources, military might, powerful weapons, are no match to do battle with an angry God.
4. No judgment comes without warning.

Coming Judgment

Heb 9:27

27 And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment,

Matt 12:36

36 "But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment.

Matt 25:46

46 "These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

John 3:36

36 "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

2 Thess 1:7-9

7 when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire,

8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

9 These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

2 Peter 2:4-10

- 4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;
- 5 and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;
- 6 and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly lives thereafter;
- 7 and if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men
- 8 (for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds),
- 9 then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment,
- 10 and especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and despise authority.

Rev 20:11-15

- 11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.
- 12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.
- 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.
- 14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.
- 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Rev 21:8

- 8 "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."