

Sunday – December 21

Q & A

- Please submit your Bible questions to Dick before or after class today and next week.
- Please write them out on a sheet of paper.
- You do not need to put your name on them.
- You can ask more than 1 question.

Looking Ahead . . .

Sun. - Dec. 14 - Finish Nahum

Tues. - Dec. 16 - OBH Christmas Banquet

Sun. - Dec. 21 - Q & A

Sun. - Dec. 28 - No class

Sun. - Jan. 4 - Class resumes

The City of Nineveh, the Judgment of God, And a Warning to the United States

"Are You Better Than No-Amon?"

Nahum 3:8-13

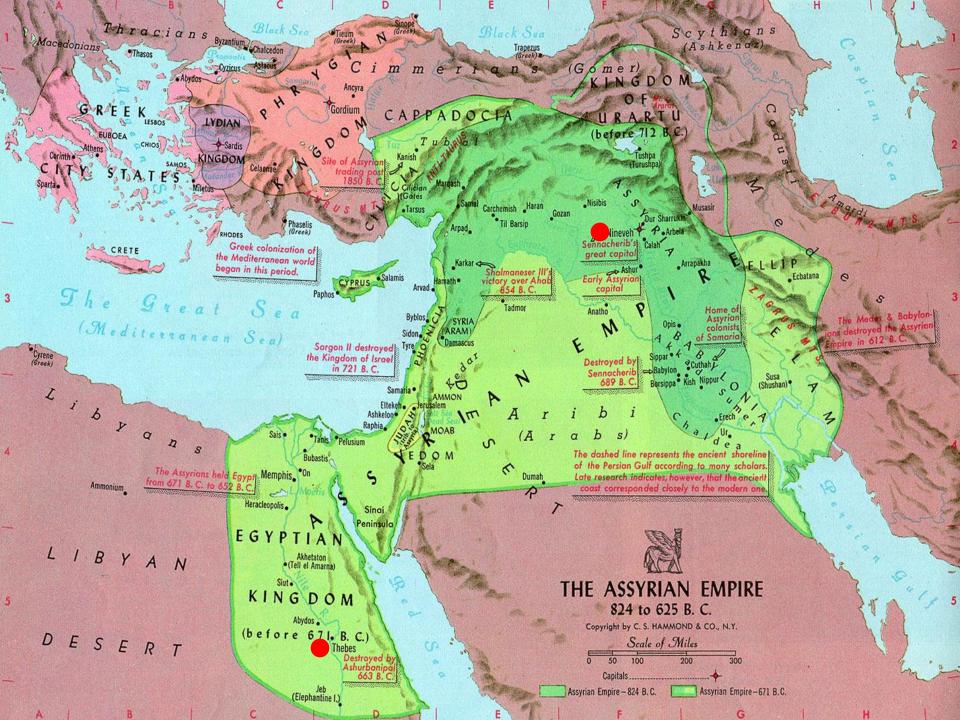
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No-Amon

- Nahum is asking Nineveh to think for 5 minutes about the comparison to No-Amon.
- 2. No was the Egyptian city. Amon was the top dog god of the city.
- 3. Amon rose to prominence after Israel left Egypt under Moses.
- 4. The plagues of Egypt were so devastating to the Egyptian economy, and their military was destroyed in the Red Sea, so it was easy for the Hyksos people to invade and conquer Egypt. Finally Egypt recovered and defeated the Hyksos and drove them out of Egypt.
- 5. The Egyptians who defeated the Hyksos people were from No-Amon and the god who was the patron diety was Amon and thus he became the hero and the god to be worshipped.

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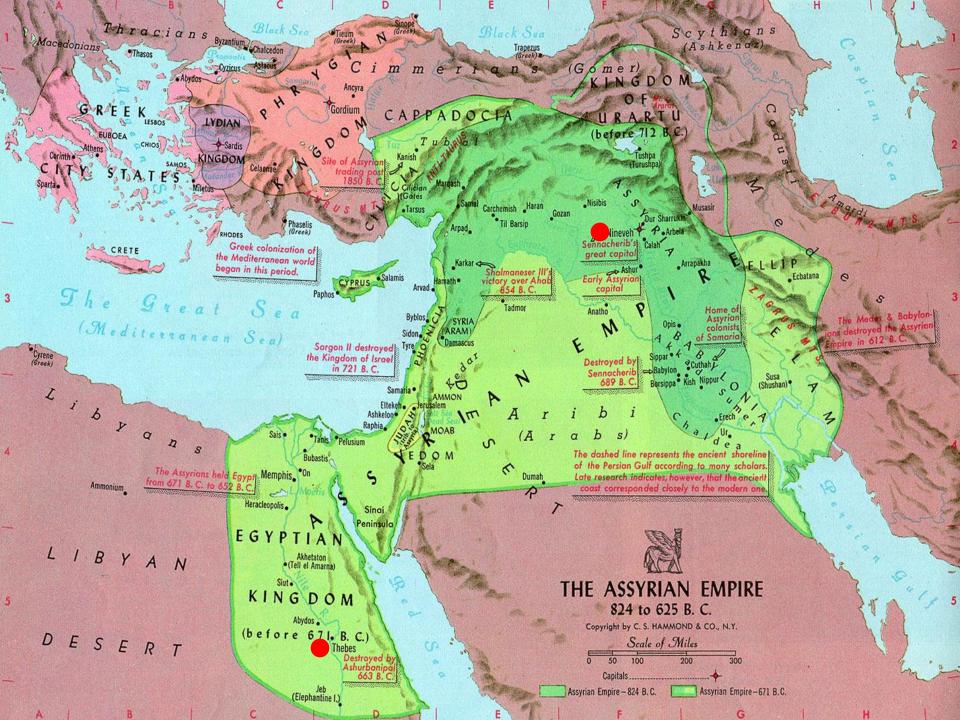






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Jer 46:25

25 The Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, says, "Behold, I am going to punish Amon of Thebes, and Pharaoh, and Egypt along with her gods and her kings, even Pharaoh and those who trust in him.

Ezek 30:14-16

- 14 "I will make Pathros desolate,
- Set a fire in Zoan
- And execute judgments on Thebes.
- 15 "I will pour out My wrath on Sin,
- The stronghold of Egypt;
- I will also cut off the hordes of Thebes.
- 16 "I will set a fire in Egypt;
- Sin will writhe in anguish,
- Thebes will be breached
- And Memphis will have distresses daily.

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No-Amon and Nineveh put their trust in:

- Kings and leaders
- Military
- Their borders and surroundings
- Their fortifications (towers, walls, gates)
- Their wealth
- Their human resources

The Arrogance of Humanism

Humanism says –

- I am secure because I am in control.
- I am secure because I am "master of my fate and captain of my soul".
- I am secure because of the assets with which I have surrounded myself.
- I am secure because of the relationships I have worked to establish.
- I am secure because of my job and my income.
- I am secure because I have the resources to solve all of my problems.
- I am great.

Application

 Right now God is storing up wrath for the unbelieving world that refuses to repent just as He was storing up wrath for the Assyrians and Egyptians.

Rom 2:5

- 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,
- 2. The gospel to the unbelieving world is not politically correct because it implies ultimate judgment.
- 3. The world doesn't like ultimate judgment because that makes them ultimately responsible.
- 4. The world therefore will go to great lengths to banish the idea of God, who makes man ultimately responsible and will bring ultimate judgment to them.
- 5. The only object worthy of our trust is God because He is the only one who is in control and can provide the shelter and security from His wrath and ultimate judgment.

Mark 8:36

36 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?