**\*Nahum is one of the three prophets to the Gentiles.**

*\*Characteristics of God most Churches don't teach.*

*\*Nahum 1:1 The burden against Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.*

*2 God is jealous, and the LORD avenges; The LORD avenges and is furious. The LORD will take vengeance on His adversaries, and He reserves wrath for His enemies; 3 The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked.*

*The LORD has His way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet.*

V:1 **What is a vision?**

**The vision for Nahum was a burden—the** biblical commitmentof a heavy word from God to a people.

**Nahum saw this vision** as John the apostle's vision on the island of Patmos, where he wrote Revelation.

**When the Pharisees said no prophet** had ever come from Galilee, they were wrong. Nahum was from Galilee.

V:2-3  **Why does God have Jealous, vengeful wrath toward wickedness?**

**The focus of God is against wickedness.** Nineveh was a city founded by Nimrod. He was the ancient prototype of the Lawless One or Anti-Christ.

**A jealous God:** The Creator won't share the human heart with any rival. God's jealousy knows what others will do to destroy your heart and life.

**A vengeful God:** Anyone who sets themselves up against God or His creation will reap God's vengeance.

**A God of wrath:** God is slow to anger, but He will not be an unjust judge. God always punishes wickedness.

**Historically, God has used other Nations** to bring punishment and wind, water, and fire when dealing with iniquity.

**We must not assume** all such things are from God, but only when wrath has been used on those who hate God and are evil.

*\*One Will Come Forth to Plot Wickedness Against God.*

*\*Nahum 1:4 He rebukes the sea and makes it dry, and dries up all the rivers. Bashan and Carmel wither, and the flower of Lebanon wilts. 5 The mountains quake before Him, the hills melt, and the earth heaves at His presence, Yes, the world and all who dwell in it. 6 Who can stand before His indignation? And who can endure the fierceness of His anger? His fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by Him. 7 The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; And He knows those who trust in Him.*

*8 But with an overflowing flood He will make an utter end of its place, and darkness will pursue His enemies. 9 What do you conspire against the LORD? He will make an utter end of it. Affliction will not rise up a second time. 10 For while tangled like thorns, and while drunken like drunkards, they shall be devoured like stubble fully dried.*

*11 From you comes forth one who plots evil against the LORD, a wicked counselor.*

V:4-5 **God's great power** is known by nature. The earth heaves at His presence.

**Every knee** will bow, and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord. **Philippians 2:10-11**

V:6-7 **The Lord is Good, and His Might.**

**Who can stand before his indignation?** No one, not even the devil.

* **God is good** in his very being – it is His very nature to be good.
* **God is good** independently – no one must help Him be good.
* **God is eternal** and unchangeably good.
* **God is good** in each aspect of His Trinity.
* **God is good** in all His plans and purposes of life.

V:8-10 **Those who conspire against God in the past or the future will not succeed.**

**God's promises are one of our sources of comfort.**

V:11 **The Assyrian who comes forth will be the Lawless one.** (Anti-Christ)

**Suddenly,** what happened over 2,600 years ago became relevant to us in 2023.

**The lawless one** is both a person and a system in today's world. Micah 5:5-6 & Isaiah 10:5-11

*\*The Judgment of the Gentile and the End of the Wicked.*

*\*Nahum 1:12 Thus says the LORD: "Though they are safe, and likewise many, yet in this manner they will be cut down*

*When he passes through. Though I have afflicted you, I will afflict you no more; 13 For now I will break off his yoke from you,*

*and burst your bonds apart." 14 The LORD has given a command concerning you: "Your name shall be perpetuated no longer. Out of the house of your gods I will cut off the carved image and the molded image. I will dig your grave, for you are vile." 15 Behold, on the mountains the feet of him who brings good tidings, Who proclaims peace! O Judah, keep your appointed feasts, perform your vows. For the wicked one shall no more pass through you; He is utterly cut off.*

V:12-13 **When wickedness seems to succeed.**

**Remembering God's promise is a comfort** that the wicked will be destroyed.

**The burden** that wickedness brings will be broken off of us. But when?

V:14 **The names of the wicked will cease.**

**Wicked names** in the here and now have been made notorious.

**Wickedness, their deeds,** and their identities will not be eternal. They will be buried and remembered no more.

V:15 **Why is the wicked being destroyed? Good News?**

**Comfort:** If the wicked prevail, we lose hope. Hope is a trustworthy source of spiritual comfort.