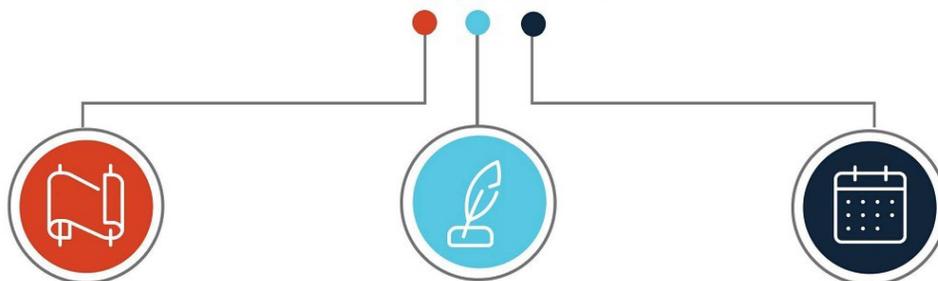


NAHUM

AT-A-GLANCE



O.T. BOOK #34

AUTHOR: THE PROPHET NAHUM

WRITTEN: 650 BC

Prophecies Come True in this Time Period: 658-615 BC

Old Testament: 39 Books

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New Testament: 27 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: **Focused most on the coming judgment of Nineveh**

FAMOUS STORIES INCLUDED:

- None; this book is a prophecy almost solely against Nineveh in Assyria.

MOST FAMOUS VERSES:

The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him. **Nahum 1:7**

But with an overwhelming flood he will make an end of Nineveh; he will pursue his foes into darkness. **Nahum 1:8**

Important Points about the Book:

- The book is only three chapters long and almost exclusively focuses on God's pending judgment against Nineveh. Nineveh was the capitol of Assyria, the nation that had invaded and destroyed the Northern Kingdom (Kingdom of Israel) nearly a hundred years earlier.
- The name Nineveh may be familiar. It is the city Jonah preached to around 780 BC after he had been swallowed by the great fish. Nineveh did repent at that time. But this is more than 200 years later, and they are up to their bad tricks of idolatry, violence, invading the Northern Kingdom, and tormenting the Southern Kingdom (Kingdom of Judah).
- Many of God's prophecies have come at what seem like strange times. Assyria was very strong at the time of Nahum's prophesy. And 40 some years after Nahum prophesied the complete destruction of the city of Nineveh, its Assyrian army took Jews from the Northern Kingdom into exile. It looked like a very victorious time for the Assyrians. The 10 tribes of Israel that made up the Northern Kingdom completely disappeared into these and other foreign peoples.
- However, God was good to his word brought through Nahum. The Median army took Nineveh in 612 BC and destroyed it forever. It was finally excavated, dug out of the sand, in the 1800s AD.