

Nahum 2

v1

"Keep the fortress and ramparts manned, watch the road, gird your loins, collect and fortify all your strength and power mightily."

- Though the message pronounced seems to be one of impending judgement a ruin we ought to remember the message that Jonah brought and the effect that it had on the people. The message was not brought merely as a forewarning of damnation but as a judgement to flee from!
- Nahum hasn't been given this word merely for The Lord to prove His prophetic skills. It is a loving message of warning with a longing for the Ninevites to wake up and recognise the error of their ways! It is a stark rebuke in order to produce a sorrow for sin. A Godly sorrow with fruits of repentance.
- *2 Corinthians 7:9 Yet I am glad now, not because you were pained, but because you were pained into repentance [and so turned back to God]; for you felt a grief such as God meant you to feel, so that in nothing you might suffer loss through us or harm for what we did.*
- *Matthew 3:7-8 ...O generation of vipers, who has warned you to flee from the wrath to come? [8] Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:*
- It is understood that this is written sarcastically or ironically to Ninevah to emphasise their hopelessness. They have no might of themselves that will save them. Do all that you can Ninevah (for what difference will it make). So we can see this sentence here as the warning to stay alert and watch for the judgement that is coming, for it is indeed coming.

v2

"For the Lord restores the excellency of Jacob as the excellency of [ancient] Israel"

- For The Lord restores! Hallelujah! What a precious and wonderful shepherd we have! What a tender, compassionate, patient Heavenly Father.
- The Lord will restore His testimony and glory in His people. This is their excellency! He will restore His name!!
- The Lord had allowed this time of plundering. The Lord had allowed the Israelites to live the consequences of their actions. They had rebelled against His word and were living without His blessing, without His power and without His victory. God's testimony/reputation in their land was weak and mocked. God was not feared or revered.
- It is easy to see the comparison with the world today and the "church" today. So called, self-labelled "Christians" today are not walking before The God of The Bible. They are not walking with God and abiding in His presence. They are a people plundered by the world and it's Gods. They are marked by entertainment, business, selfishness and pride.
- But The Lord WILL restore His testimony in Israel! He WILL have His glory in His people!! Hallelujah!

v9

"Take the spoil of silver; take the spoil of gold! For there is no end of the treasure, the glory and wealth of all the precious furnishings."

- The people fled leaving everything in order to save their lives. Consider this... They could have freely chosen to forsake everything in order to commune with God and save their lives, but now they are fleeing, forced to leave everything with no hope of life.
- *Matthew 16:25 For whoever will save his life shall lose it: and whoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.*
- The people lived in comfort with much treasure and wealth. They were rich, comfortable, provided for, with no end of distractions and entertainment. They lived consumed by the consumption of the riches and pleasures of this world.
- Their riches were no safety or defence!

v10

"She is empty, and void, and waste! Hearts faint and knees smite together, and anguish is in all loins, and the faces of all grow pale!"

- GILL: The city of Nineveh, empty of inhabitants, being killed, or having fled; and stripped of all its treasures and riches by the enemies; its walls and houses demolished and pulled down, and laid in ruins, and become a heap of rubbish
- Being a type/image of the world, Ninevah has nothing to offer. No substance, no assurance, no safety, nothing lasting...
- Ninevah is lives consumed by distractions... Are we consumed by distractions? Having everything but no peace, no assurance, no safety, no life.

v13

"Behold, I am against you [Nineveh], says the Lord of hosts"

- There is no greater judgement. There is no greater terror.
- The Lord, God Himself has declared His opposition and there is none who can stand before Him.
- *Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*
- If God be against you who can be for you?