

Nahum Outline

Introduction: The central focus in the Book of Nahum is the fall of Nineveh, the great capital city of Assyria, who sacked and destroyed Israel, the Northern kingdom in 722 BCE. There is wide scholarly agreement given the historical content that Nahum was written between 633 and 612 BCE, the actual fall of Nineveh.

The pain of Nineveh's ravaging of Israel colors Nahum's exaltation of the destruction of the great capital city. Nahum offers a warning to any nation or power who sees itself as beyond the reach of justice. Nahum reminds us that though a hundred years or more may pass, God's desire for justice does not flag.

Chapter 1: Description of God as slow to anger but powerful; the end of Judah's enemies

Chapter 2: The destruction of Nineveh

Chapter 3: Further description and gloating over Nineveh's destruction

Stories to know: Description of God (1:1-3); God against Nineveh because of her crimes (Chapter 3:1-7)