

# NAHUM

## CHAPTER 1

The burden of Nineveh: the book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite. <sup>2</sup>God is jealous, and the Lord is a revenger, the Lord revengeth with wrath; the Lord taketh vengeance on His adversaries, and He cutteth off His enemies. <sup>3</sup>The Lord is longsuffering, and His power is great, and the Lord will not hold any guiltless: His way is in destruction and in the whirlwind, and the clouds are the dust of His feet. <sup>4</sup>He threateneth the sea, and drieth it up, and maketh all the rivers desolate: the land of Bashan and Carmel are brought low, and the flowerings of Lebanon are come to nought. <sup>5</sup>The mountains quake by Him, and the hills are shaken, and the earth is removed from His presence; even the world, and all that dwell therein. <sup>6</sup>Who shall stand before His anger? and who shall withstand the anger of His wrath? His wrath bringeth kingdoms to nought, and the rocks are burst asunder by Him. <sup>7</sup>The Lord is good to them that wait upon Him in the day of affliction; and He knoweth them that reverence Him. <sup>8</sup>But with an overrunning flood He will make an utter end of them that rise up against Him: darkness shall pursue His enemies. <sup>9</sup>What do ye imagine against the Lord? He will make an utter end: He will not take vengeance twice at the same time by affliction. <sup>10</sup>For *the enemy* shall be made barren even unto the foundation, and shall be devoured as a twisted yew, and as stubble fully dry. <sup>11</sup>There shall a device come out of thee against the Lord, counseling evil things, contrary things. <sup>12</sup>Thus saith the Lord that ruleth over many waters, Even thus shall they be sent away, and the report of thee shall be heard no more. <sup>13</sup>And now will I break his rod from off thee, and will burst thy bonds. <sup>14</sup>And the Lord shall give a commandment concerning thee; There shall no more of thy name be scattered: out of the house of thy god will cut off the graven images and the molten images: I will make thy grave; for they are fleeting.

## CHAPTER 2

Behold upon the mountains the feet of Him that bringeth glad tidings, and publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy feasts, pay thy vows: for they shall no more pass through thee to *thy* decay. <sup>2</sup>It is all over with him, he hath been removed; one who hath been delivered from affliction is come up breathing into thy presence: watch the way, strengthen thy loins, be very valiant in thy strength. <sup>3</sup>For the Lord hath turned aside the pride of Jacob, as the pride of Israel: for shaking they have shaken them off, and destroyed their vine branches. <sup>4</sup>They destroyed the weapons their power from men, their mighty men sporting with fire: the reins of their chariots in the day of His preparation, and the horsemen shall be thrown into confusion <sup>5</sup>in the ways, and the chariots shall clash together, and shall be entangled in each other in

the broad ways: their appearance is as lamps of fire, and as gleaming lightnings. <sup>6</sup>And their mighty men shall remember and flee by day; and they shall be weak as they go; and they shall make haste to their walls, and prepare their defences. <sup>7</sup>The gates of the rivers are opened, and the palaces have fallen into ruin, <sup>8</sup>and the foundation hath been exposed; and she hath gone up, and her maidservants were led away as doves mourning in their hearts. <sup>9</sup>And *as for* Nineveh, her waters are as a pool of water: and they fled away, and satid not, and there was none to look back. <sup>10</sup>They plundered the silver, they plundered the gold, and there was no end of their adorning; they have been laden upon all their pleasant vessels. <sup>11</sup>There is thrusting forth, and shaking, and tumult, and heart breaking, and loosing of knees, and pangs in all loins; and the faces of all are as the blackening of a pot. <sup>12</sup>Where is the dwelling of the lions, and the feeding place that was the whelps'? where did the lion go, that the lion's whelp should enter in there, and there was none to scare him away? <sup>13</sup>The lion did seize prey enough for his whelps, and strangled for his young lions, and filled his lair with prey, and his dwelling place with ravin. <sup>14</sup>Behold, I am against thee, saith the Lord, and I will burn up thy multitude in the smoke, and the sword shall devour thy lions; and I will utterly destroy thy prey from off the land, and thy deeds shall no more be heard.

### CHAPTER 3

O city of blood! wholly false, full of unrighteousness; the prey shall not be handled. <sup>2</sup>The noise of whips, and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the pursuing horse, and of the bounding chariot, and of the rider on horseback, and of the glittering sword, and of the gleaming weapons, and of a multitude of slain, and of heavy falling: and there was no end to her nations, but they shall be weak in their bodies <sup>4</sup>because of the abundance of whoredom: she is a fair harlot, and well favoured, skilled in witchcraft, that selleth the nations for her whoredom, and peoples through her witchcrafts. <sup>5</sup>Behold, I am against thee, said the Lord God Almighty; and I will uncover thy hinder parts before thy face, and I will shew the nations thy shame, and the kingdoms thy disgrace. <sup>6</sup>And I will cast abominable filth upon thee according to thine unclean ways, and will make thee as an example. <sup>7</sup>And it shall come to pass, that every one that seeth thee shall go down from thee, and say, Wretched Nineveh! Who will bemoan her? whence shall I seek comfort for her? <sup>8</sup>Prepare thee a portion, tune a chord, prepare a portion for Amon: she that dwelleth among the rivers, water is round about her, whose dominion is the sea, and whose walls are water. <sup>9</sup>And Ethiopia is her strength, and Egypt; and there was no limit to flight. Even the Libyans are become her helpers. <sup>10</sup>Yet shall she go as a prisoner into captivity, and they shall dash her infants against the ground at the top of all her ways: and they shall cast lots upon all her glorious things, and all her great men shall be bound in chains. <sup>11</sup>Thou also shall be drunken, and shall be despised; thou also shall

seek them strength because of thine enemies. <sup>12</sup>All thy strong holds are like fig trees having watchers: if they be shaken, they shall even fall into the mouth of the eater. Behold, thy people in the midst of thee are as women: the gates of thy land shall surely be opened to thine enemies: the fire shall devour thy bars. <sup>14</sup>Draw thee water for a siege, and fortify thy strong holds: go into the clay, and let it be trodden in the chaff, make it stronger than brick. <sup>15</sup>There shall the fire devour thee; the sword shall cut thee off, it shall devour thee as the locust, and thou shalt be pressed down like the palmerworm. <sup>16</sup>Thou hast multiplied thy merchandise beyond the stars of heaven: the palmerworm hath attacked, and flown away. <sup>17</sup>Thy commingled *multitude* is suddenly departed as the grasshopper, as the locust that hath perched on the ledge in a frosty day: the sun ariseth, and it flieth away, and knoweth not its place: woe unto them! <sup>18</sup>Thy shepherds have slumbered, the Assyrian king hath laid low thy mighty men: thy people departed unto the mountains, and there was none to receive them. <sup>19</sup>There is no healing of thy bruise; thy wound hath rankled: all that hear the bruit of thee shall clap their hands against thee: for upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed continually?