

## Nahum 3:1-19 **Judgment coming upon Nineveh**

### Yahweh views Nineveh as an oppressive and bloody city

1 Woe to the bloody city! It is all full of lies and robbery. Its victim never departs.  
2 The noise of a whip And the noise of rattling wheels, Of galloping horses, Of clattering chariots!  
3 Horsemen charge with bright sword and glittering spear. There is a multitude of slain, A great number of bodies, Countless corpses — They stumble over the corpses —  
4 Because of the multitude of harlotries of the seductive harlot, The mistress of sorceries, Who sells nations through her harlotries, And families through her sorceries.

### Yahweh will make Nineveh a spectacle of shame exposed to the nations

5 "Behold, I am against you," says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts); "I will lift your skirts over your face, I will show the nations your nakedness, And the kingdoms your shame.  
6 I will cast abominable filth upon you, Make you vile, And make you a spectacle.  
7 It shall come to pass that all who look upon you Will flee from you, and say, 'Nineveh is laid waste! Who will bemoan her?' Where shall I seek comforters for you?"

### Nineveh compared to No Amon

8 Are you better than No Amon That was situated by the River, That had the waters around her, Whose rampart was the sea, Whose wall was the sea?  
9 Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength, And it was boundless; Put and Lubim were your helpers.  
10 Yet she was carried away, She went into captivity; Her young children also were dashed to pieces At the head of every street; They cast lots for her honorable men, And all her great men were bound in chains.

### Vulnerability of Nineveh

11 You also will be drunk; You will be hidden; You also will seek refuge from the enemy.  
12 All your strongholds are fig trees with ripened figs: If they are shaken, They fall into the mouth of the eater.  
13 Surely, your people in your midst are women! The gates of your land are wide open for your enemies; Fire shall devour the bars of your gates.

### Prepare to meet your God – Judgment of Nineveh

14 Draw your water for the siege! Fortify your strongholds! Go into the clay and tread the mortar! Make strong the brick kiln!  
15 There the fire will devour you, The sword will cut you off; It will eat you up like a locust. Make yourself many — like the locust! Make yourself many — like the swarming locusts!

16 You have multiplied your merchants more than the stars of heaven. The locust plunders and flies away.  
17 Your commanders are like swarming locusts, And your generals like great grasshoppers, Which camp in the hedges on a cold day; When the sun rises they flee away, And the place where they are is not known.  
18 Your shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria; Your nobles rest in the dust. Your people are scattered on the mountains, And no one gathers them.

19 Your injury has no healing, Your wound is severe. All who hear news of you Will clap their hands over you, For upon whom has not your wickedness passed continually?  
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Facts Revealed:

**Yahweh views Nineveh as an oppressive and bloody city**

- ✧ Woe to the bloody city! It is all full of lies and robbery. Its victim never departs. The noise of a whip And the noise of rattling wheels, Of galloping horses, Of clattering chariots! Horsemen charge with bright sword and glittering spear. There is a multitude of slain, A great number of bodies, Countless corpses — They stumble over the corpses — **Because of the multitude of harlotries of the seductive harlot, The mistress of sorceries, Who sells nations through her harlotries, And families through her sorceries.** [Nahum 3:1-4]
- ✧ These verses demonstrate the complete disregard for the masses in the selfish oppression of the powerful.
- ✧ Humanism quickly descends to sexual immorality and witchcraft to entice the gullible.
- ✧ Violence and bloodshed becomes the rule of the day as the strong oppress the weak.
- ✧ Armed forces are utilized to suppress the masses for the benefit of the ruling elite.

**Yahweh will make Nineveh a spectacle of shame exposed to the nations** [Nahum 3:5-7]

- ✧ When Yahweh steps in with Judgment against a people, all their wickedness is exposed to the world as an example to others and a warning not to follow their folly.
- ✧ Yahweh's punishment of Nineveh is a warning to others.

**Nineveh compared to No Amon** [Nahum 3:8-10]

- ✧ No Amon of Egypt is mentioned as an example of Yahweh's judgment against a great and wicked city thought to be impregnable before the time of Nineveh.
- ✧ Her fall and destruction are here described.

**Vulnerability of Nineveh** [Nahum 3:11-13]

- ✧ Nineveh is helpless in the face of the Judgment of Yahweh.

**Prepare to meet your God – Judgment of Nineveh** [Nahum 3:14-19]

- ✧ Yahweh called Nineveh to strengthen themselves with all their power and ability to face His wrath of Judgment.
- ✧ All the power and multitude of Nineveh will fail to help them.
- ✧ Nineveh is the capital city of Assyria, but her king and nobles will die and the people will be scattered.
- ✧ The sins and wickedness of Nineveh have influenced all nations and is incurable.
- ✧ The fall of Nineveh will be an astonishment to all who hear of it.