# Nahum The burden of Nineveh

Prophets to Gentiles Obadiah Jonah Nahum

Nineveh

Capital of Assyria Jonah's prophecy Fall of Samaria, 722 B.C. Nahum's prophecy Fall of Nineveh, 612 B.C.

## The History of Assyria (extra Biblical)

Geography: SE Turkey and northern Iraq

Assyria dominated the middle east for 1800 years Tiglath-pileser I – the days of Samuel. Captivity of Israel – 722 B.C. Invasion of Judah Fall of Nineveh – 612 B.C

600 silent years

Assyrian dominance (33-1300 AD) Christian witness

600 silent years

Contemporary Assyria (1900-?) Nationhood denied Great persecution. "3,000 years of history, yet the Internet is our only home" <u>www.nineveh.com</u>

## The History of Assyria (Biblical)

Origin: Genesis 10:6-14

Jonah's mission: Jonah

Captivity of Israel: 2 Kings 15-17

Invasion of Judah: 2 Kings 18-20; Isaiah 36-38

Death of Sennacherib: Isaiah 37:37-38

## The Prophets speak of Assyria

#### Isaiah

Isaiah 7:17-20; 8:4-7 – the coming invasion Isaiah 10:5-24 – <u>Assyria, the rod of My anger</u> Isaiah 11:11-16 – restoration of Israel from Assyria Isaiah 14:25; 30:31; 31:8; – Assyria fails in Judah Isaiah 19:23-25 – <u>future blessing for Assyria</u> Isaiah 20:1-6 – Assyrian victory over Egypt Isaiah 27:13 – restoration of Israel from Assyria

Jeremiah 50:17-18 – Babylon judged like Assyria

Ezekiel 16:28; 23 – lusted after Assyria

Hosea 11:5 – Ephraim lusted after Assyria; captivity

Jonah – Preaching and repentance in Nineveh

#### Micah

Micah 5:5-6 – deliverance from Assyria Micah 7:12 – restoration from Assyria "in that day"

Nahum – oracle concerning Nineveh

Zephaniah 2:13 – destruction of Assyria and Nineveh

Zechariah 10:10-11 – restoration from Egypt and Assyria

## Nahum at a Glance

The	The	The
destruction	destruction	destruction
of	of	of
Nineveh	Nineveh	Nineveh
<u>decreed</u>	<u>described</u>	<u>deserved</u>
1:1	2:1	3:1

## The Destruction of Nineveh decreed Nahum 1 (outline)

 The LORD is a jealous and avenging God 1:1-6
The LORD is good 1:7
The LORD'S decree 1:8-15

## The Destruction of Nineveh decreed Nahum 1

- 1. The LORD is a jealous and avenging God Nahum 1:1-6
  - The LORD is a jealous God
  - The LORD is avenging and wrathful
  - The LORD is slow to anger and great in power
  - The tokens of His power
  - Who can stand before His wrath?
- 2. The LORD is good Nahum 1:7
  - An exclusive attribute
  - Fundamental to salvation

# The Destruction of Nineveh decreed Nahum 1

- 3. The decree against Nineveh Nahum 1:8-15
  - A complete end
  - A wicked plot
  - No more affliction
  - A grave for the vile
  - Good news of peace