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”
   www.nineveh.com
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 – Assyria, the rod of My anger
   Isaiah 11:11-16 – restoration of Israel from Assyria
   Isaiah 14:25; 30:31; 31:8; – Assyria fails in Judah
   Isaiah 19:23-25 – future blessing for Assyria
   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
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The Destruction of Nineveh decreed
Nahum 1 (outline)

1. The LORD is a jealous and avenging God
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3. The LORD’S decree
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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