

Mid-Week Recharge Minor Prophets Study

Nahum

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Section #3: Chapter 2:3-10

Book Theme: **Praise God; The Heavenly Warrior**

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Class Agenda

Prayer

Review Nahum background

- Identity and location of the prophet
- Historical Nineveh and its fall
- Contemporary prophets of Nahum: Zephaniah, Jeremiah and possibly Habakkuk

Review 1:1-2:2

Sub-Section #1: The Image of God's Appointed Army

NIV Text:

3 The shields of His soldiers are red;

The warriors are clad in scarlet.

The metal on the chariots flashes on the day they are made ready;

The spears of pine are brandished.

4 The chariots storm through the streets,

Rushing back and forth through the squares.

They look like flaming torches;

They dart about like lightning.

5 He summons his picked troops,

Yet they stumble on their way.

They dash to the city wall;

The protective shield is put in place.

Content questions:

- Describe the warriors who are coming against Nineveh in verses 4 and 5.

Discussion questions:

- How terrified would you be if this were the force that you faced in a battle? How would you react?
- What will anyone's efforts look like in the face of God's Divine vengeance? What does surrender look like?

Sub Section #2: The Result Brought by God's Appointed Army

NIV Text:

6 The river gates are thrown open

And the palace collapses.

7 It is decreed that *the city* be exiled

And carried away.

Its slave girls moan like doves

And beat upon their breasts.

8 Nineveh is like a pool,

And its water is draining away.
"Stop! Stop!" they cry,
But no one turns back.
9 Plunder the silver!
Plunder the gold!
The supply is endless,
The wealth from all its treasures!
10 She is pillaged, plundered, stripped!
Hearts melt,
Knees give way,
Bodies tremble,
Every face grows pale.
11 Where now is the lions' den,
 The place where they fed their young,
 Where the lion and lioness went, and the cubs, with nothing to fear?
12 The lion killed enough for his cubs
And strangled the prey for his mate,
Filling his lairs with the kill
And his dens with the prey.
13 "I am against you," declares the LORD Almighty.
"I will burn up your chariots in smoke,
And the sword will devour your young lions.
I will leave you no prey on the earth.
The voices of your messengers will no longer be heard."

Content questions:

- Describe the scene in verses 6 through 8.
- What are the cries of the army about as they enter the city? What does it appear will be left after the invasion?
- Describe the look of the people of Nineveh in verse 10.

Discussion questions:

- What would it be like to be the Ninevites? What would it be like to be a conquered nation?
- What would it be like to know the cause of your nation's downfall, that it was a result of displeasing God?

Related passages: Isaiah 29:22, 32:12, 59:11, Jeremiah 4:13, 46:12, Ezekiel 23:14-15, Nahum 3:13.