

**“Woe to the Bloody City” (Nahum 3:16-19)**

**(3) The Denouncement of Nineveh’s Doom (ch. 3:16-19)**

*(Wednesday, Sept. 6)*

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**CHAPTER ONE: When God’s Wrath brings Comfort.**

***The Declaration of Nineveh’s Doom (ch. 1)***

***“For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.” (Psalm 100:5; NKJV)***

***“God is a just judge, and God is angry with the wicked every day.” (Psalm 7:11; NKJV)***

**CHAPTER TWO: The message of evil will end Soon.**

***The Description of Nineveh’s Doom (ch. 2)***

1. **Chapter 1 *- The Declaration of Nineveh’s Doom***
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3. **Chapter 3  *- The Denouncement of Nineveh’s Doom (3:1-19)***
4. ***Bloody History (vss. 1-7)***

Kingdoms and nations sometimes are like people. Nineveh is addressed almost as she WAS an individual.

**(vss. 1-4):**

***V.1 Woe to the bloody city! It is all full of lies and robbery. Its victim never departs.V.2 The noise of a whip and the noise of rattling wheels, of galloping horses, of clattering chariots! V.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; V.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.***

**(vss. 5-7):**

**V.5** ***“Behold, I am against you,” says the Lord of hosts; “I will lift your skirts over your face, I will show the nations your nakedness, and the kingdoms your shame. V.6 I will cast abominable filth upon you, make you vile,and make you a spectacle. V.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?”***

1. ***Blended Judgment*** ***(vss. 8-15)***

***V.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? V.9 Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength, and it was boundless; Put and Lubim were your helpers. V.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. V.11 You also will be drunk; You will be hidden; You also will seek refuge from the enemy. V.12 All your strongholds are fig trees with ripened figs: If they are shaken, they fall into the mouth of the eater. V.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. V.14Draw your water for the siege! Fortify your strongholds! Go into the clay and tread the mortar! Make strong the brick kiln! V.15There the fire will devour you; the sword will cut you off; it will eat you up like a locust.***

Both Jeremiah (46:25) and Ezekiel (30:14-16) prophesied the doom of Egypt, and particularly the city of No (*No-Amon, or Thebes*) because of its wickedness and idolatry.

***The Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, says: “Behold, I will bring punishment on Amon of No,*(No-Amon or Thebes) *and Pharaoh and Egypt, with their gods and their kings—Pharaoh and those who trust in him. (Jeremiah 43:25; NKJV)***

***“I will make Pathros desolate, set fire to Zoan, and execute judgments in No* (No-Amon or Thebes). *I will pour my fury on Sin, the strength of Egypt; I will cut off the multitude of No* (No-Amon) *and set a fire in Egypt; Sin shall have great pain, No* (Thebes) *shall be split open, and Noph shall be in distress daily.” (Ezekiel 30:14-16; NKJV)***

***While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage.For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. (II Peter 2:19-21; NKJV)***

1. ***Blatant Apathy (vss. 16-19)***

***V.16 You have multiplied your merchants more than the stars of heaven. The locust plunders and flies away. V.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. V.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.***

**V.*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.***

***CONCLUSION:***

1. ***God is always faithful*** ***to His own people***. He sovereignly moves against Nineveh to destroy it because of His covenant relationship to His people Israel; and

***“God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? (Numbers 23:19; KJV)***

***“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.” (James 1:17)***

1. ***God is sovereign over all the nations of the world***. He sets them up, and He puts them down. Through during the days of the prophet, He was dealing primarily with Israel. He did not overlook the Gentile world power; and they also are in the scope of His interests and direct plan; and

***“Our God is in the heavens; He does all that he pleases.” (Psalm 115:3)***

***“Whatever the Lord pleases, He does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps”. (Psalm 135:6)***

***Also, henceforth I am He; there is none who can deliver from my hand; I work, and who can turn it back?” (Isaiah 43:13)***

1. ***It is ever true that the nation that oppresses God’s people seals its own death warrant.*** God promised Abraham that He would bless the one who blessed him and would curse the one who cursed him. Nineveh was a great oppressor of Israel and , therefore, was judged. So, it has always been, and so it will always be.

***“Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.” (Psalm 121:4)***

***“Though He causes grief, yet He will show compassion according to the multitude of His mercies” (Lamentations 3:32).***