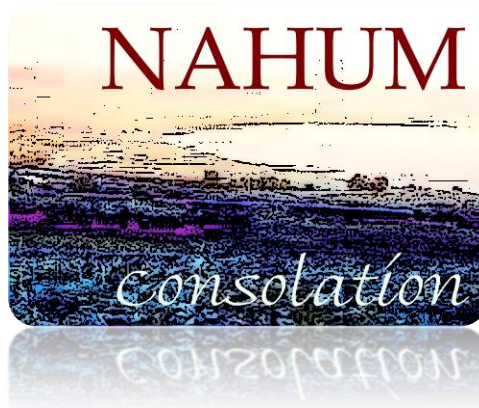


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Little is known about Nahum, whose name means: **consolation**; except that he possibly came from **Capernaum** which means: **the village of Nahum**... suggesting the prophet lived there though born in Elkosh, a village of Galilee. Jerome indicated the book of Nahum has a graphic description of the Assyrian: Sennacherib and his army and makes the case that he was in or near Jerusalem at the time, thus the number of corresponding phrases to those of prophet Isaiah (found in chapters 1, 2, & 3 during the early years of king Hezekiah). Nineveh was destroyed in 612 bc. Prophecy has a dual purpose; to tell us historic events in this case about 2700 years ago; but all scripture is written for



our benefit, to learn the ways of God, even in our generation: if God hated something long ago; be certain He doesn't love it today. In reading the minor prophets, it is apparent that as the Gentile nations come to a close, we are reading relevant truths still today. **God doesn't mind if after we read, we conclude how terrible it was for them so long ago; but He also wants us to ask: do we see similar things in the news today?**

¹ The burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

² a jealous and avenging God is the LORD; the LORD I the master of fury; the LORD avenges against His foes, and He reserves wrath for His enemies.

³ The LORD is slow to anger, but great in power, and will never leave the guilty as innocent: in the whirlwind and storm is the way of the LORD, and clouds are the dust beneath His feet / He can destroy in a minute; He picks the time and place.

⁴ He rebukes the sea and makes it dry, and He dries up all the rivers: Bashan and Carmel wither, even the blossoms of Lebanon wither / the three most luxurious places mentioned in the area can become a dust bowl whenever the Lord says: enough.

⁵ Mountains quake before Him, and hills dissolve; indeed the earth quakes at His presence, yes, the world, and all its residents.

⁶ Who can endure His fury? and who can endure His burning anger? His wrath is poured out like fire, and the boulders are shattered by Him.

⁷ The LORD is good, a Mighty fortress in the day of trouble; and He knows those who run for shelter in Him;

⁸ but with a devastating flood He will make a complete end of their place, and chase His enemies into darkness.

⁹ Why do you plot against the LORD? He will make a complete end of your place: distress will not rise up a second time / so complete would be God's judgment, never repeated.

¹⁰ For they will be consumed like tangled thorns, and like drunks soaked in their drinks, and like the stubble that is withered.

¹¹ From you, one has gone out who plots evil against the LORD, a wicked advisor / from Assyria would arise the very source of their ruin.

¹² Thus says the LORD; Though they are strong and numerous, yet they will be mowed down, and pass away. Though I afflicted you, I will afflict you no longer / so the Lord has sparred with these wrongdoers long enough. Their sentence was fatal and final; unlike Judah's sentence was temporary and corrective.

¹³ For now, I will break off his yoke that is on you, and tear off your handcuffs.

¹⁴ The LORD has issued a command concerning you: no offspring will continue your name / your dynasty would be extinct, which is what history tells us happened:

I will eliminate the idols and images from the house of your gods. I will prepare your grave; for you are disgusting.

¹⁵ Look, on the mountains, the feet of one who brings good news, who announces peace! Protect your solemn feasts O Judah, fulfill your vows: for the wrongdoer will no longer pass through you; he will be cut off completely.

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