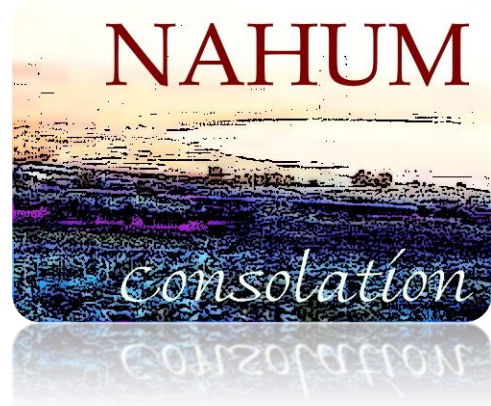


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Little is known about Nahum, whose name means: **consolation**; except that he possibly came from **Capernaum** which means: **the village of Nahum**... suggesting the prophet once lived there. Jerome indicated the book of Nahum has a graphic description 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. Nahum lived 150 years after Jonah, when Nineveh was destroyed in 612 bc. Prophecy has a dual purpose; to tell historic events years ago; but all scripture is written for our benefit. If God hated something long ago; be certain He doesn't love it 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?



How terrible it will be (as the reader is transported to the center of the fray),

¹ Woe to the bloody city! full of lies and thievery; never without prey / so they were no different than those leaders and their people in the 21st century.

² The crack of the whip, the rumble of the wheel, galloping horses, and leaping chariots.

³ Charging horseman; flashing swords; gleaming spears: and many slain, and mounds of carcasses; and countless corpses; they stumble over the dead:

⁴ all because of the many whorings of the charming whore, the mistress of sorceries, who sells nations through her whoring, and families through her deceits / this charming whore is stealing those who are free; selling off nations and peoples like slaves; is she the last global govt?

⁵ Behold, I am against you, declares the LORD of hosts; and I will uncover your skirts over your face, and I will display your nakedness to the nations, and your shame to the kingdoms / this whore will be stripped of all her perceived glory; which really isn't talking about the local prostitute, but is most likely talking about some male-dominated freak of a govt show.

⁶ And I will fling dung on you / the Lord would really do that? What city is He talking about? and make you vile, and will set you as a spectacle.

⁷ And it will happen, that all who see you will recoil from you, and say, Nineveh is wasted: who will grieve for her? Where will I find anyone to comfort you?

⁸ Are you better than No-amon, that was situated by the rivers, with waters surrounding her, whose rampart was the sea, and the river was her wall?

⁹ Cush and Egypt were her endless source of strength; Put and Libya were her allies.

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10 Yet she was carried away into captivity: her small children also were dashed in pieces at the head of every street: and they cast lots for her dignitaries, and all her nobles were bound in chains.

11 You too will become drunk: you will be hidden; you too will seek shelter from the enemy / and it makes you wonder: who is He talking about now?

12 All your fortresses will be like fig trees with figs that ripen first: if shaken, they will fall into the mouth of the eater.

13 Behold, your troops are like women among you: the gates of your land are wide open to your enemies: fire will consume the bars of your gates.

14 Draw water for the siege, fortify your strongholds: step into the clay, and tread the mortar, take hold of the brick mold.

15 The fire will consume you there; the sword will cut you down, it will devour you like the locust. Multiply yourself like the creeping locust, multiply yourself like the swarming locust.

16 You increased, and your merchants are more numerous than the stars of heaven: the creeping locust strips and flies away.

17 Your officials are like the locust, and your captains like the swarms of grasshoppers, which settle on the walls on a cold day, but when the sun rises, they flee, and no one knows where they are.

18 You shepherds are sleeping, O king of Assyria: your nobles sleep in the dust: your people are scattered across the high places, and no one gathers them.

19 There is no remedy for your injury; your wound is severe: all who hear the news about you will clap their hands *with joy* because of you: for on whom has not your cruelty passed continually?

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