

In poetic form, Nahum chapter one describes the God of justice...

...while chapters two and three describe the outpouring of God’s justice against the city of Nineveh

The Arrogance of Assyria

Ashurbanipal, king of Assyria, from about 669-633 BC

Sennacherib, king of Assyria, from about 705-681 BC

The Plan and Purpose of God

Isaiah 36:1-37:38

Isaiah 14:24-27

Isaiah 10:5-19

Isaiah 7:17-20; 8:5-8

No. 4 – God’s Justice Against Nineveh, pt. 2

3:1-19

Nahum continues to describe in terse poetic verse, God’s justice against Nineveh...

What is God’s indictment against Nineveh?

Nineveh will be humiliated (vv. 1-7)

Nineveh is a bloody city (vv. 1-4)

“Woe to the bloody city...”

blood, lies, plunder, prey

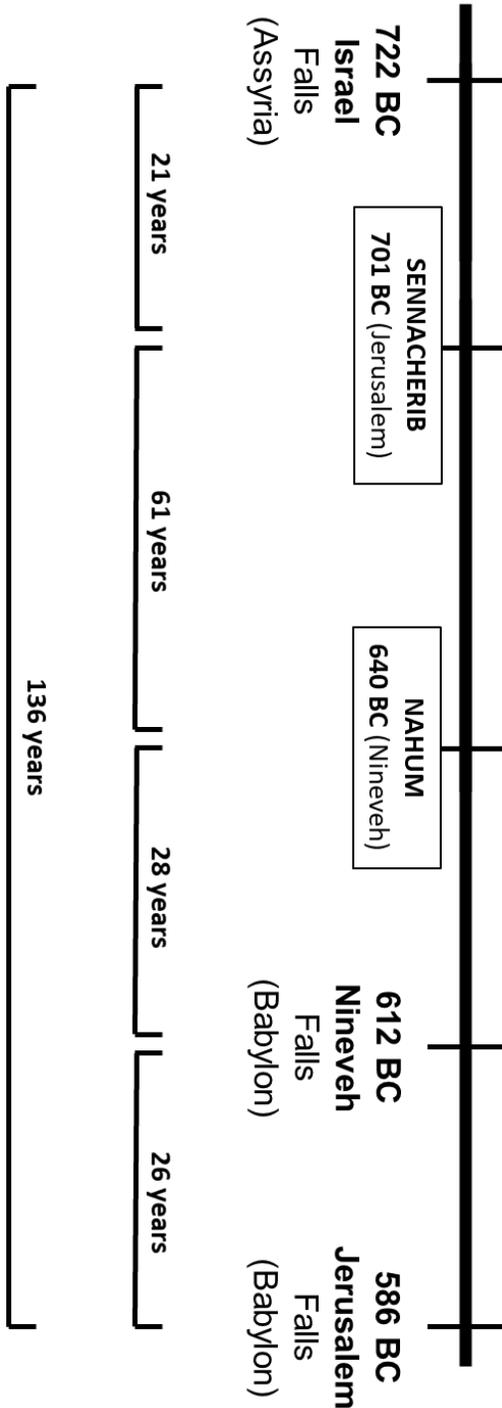
“And all for the countless whorings of the prostitute...”

alluring, whoring, exploiting, sorceries

e.g. Nineveh, like a Jezebel, like the forbidden woman...

See, Ezekiel 23

= *spiritual prostitution*, leading to idolatry



The LORD is against Nineveh (v. 5-7)

“Behold, I am against you, declares the LORD of hosts...”

“I will...

...life up your skirts over your face

...make nations look at your nakedness, your shame

...throw filth at you

...treat you with contempt

...make you a spectacle”

“And all who look at you will...

...shrink from you

...and say, wasted, who will grieve, where are comforters?”

Nineveh will fare no better than cities she overthrew (vv. 8-13)

“Are you better than Thebes...?” (vv. 8-10)

Where is *this* Thebes?

What was Thebes like?

What happened to Thebes?

exile, captivity, dashed, bound in chains...

Thebes was sacked in 663 BC

By...?!

What about God?

“You also will be...” (vv. 11-13)

drunken, hiding, seeking refuge

your fortresses, like ripe fig trees

your troops, like women

your gates, wide open

Nineveh will not be healed no matter what she does (vv. 14-19)

Try what you will, it won't work... (vv. 14-16)

Draw water, strengthen, tread the mortar...

The fire will devour, the sword will cut off

...it will devour you like the locust

Multiply like locusts, multiply like grasshoppers, your merchants...

They spread their wings, they fly away

All of your classes of people are ineffective... (vv. 17-19)

Your princes, scribes, shepherds, nobles, people

O king of Assyria

No easing your hurt, your wound is grievous

All who hear the news about you clap their hands over you

Why? For upon whom has not come your unceasing evil?

The God of Justice

God uses means to accomplish His purposes...

God measures with the measure that's been used...

God ensures that justice will always be served...