

Nahum

The Destruction of Nineveh ([Nahum 2](#))

Read: The Destruction of Nineveh (Nahum 2)

Explain: The Destruction of Nineveh (Nahum 2)

Are there any literary/structural observations?

Nahum is _____. The focus shifts from the LORD to _____.

Are there any repeated words?

You/your (8), lion/lioness/lionesses (___), chariots (3), emptied/emptiers, empty (3), man/men (3), cub/cubs (2), excellence (2), face/faces (2), fort/fortify (2), halt (2), lead/led (2), LORD (___), mightily/mighty (2), preparation/prepared (2), prey (2), road/roads (2), spoil (2), torches (2), voice (2), walk/walked (2), young (2)

What do the words mean?

1 He who scatters [break (dash, shake) in (to) pieces, cast (abroad), disperse (selves), drive, scatter (abroad), spread abroad] **has come up before your face.**

Man the fort!

Watch [**piel**; imperative] **the road!**

Strengthen [**piel**; imperative] **your flanks** [greyhound, loins, side]!

Fortify [**piel**; imperative; confirm, be courageous (of good courage, steadfastly minded, strong, stronger), establish, fortify, harden, increase, prevail, strengthen (self), make strong (obstinate, speed)] **your power mightily.**

2 For the LORD will restore the excellence of Jacob

Like the excellence of Israel,

For the emptiers have emptied them out

And ruined [**piel**; perfect; batter, cast off, corrupt(-er, thing), destroy(-er, -uction), lose, mar, perish, spill, spoiler, waste(-r)] **their vine branches.**

3 The shields of his mighty men [champion, chief, giant, man, mighty (man, one), strong (man), valiant man] **are made red** [**pual**],

The valiant men are in scarlet [**pual**].

The chariots come with flaming torches

In the day of his preparation,

And the spears [fir (tree)] **are brandished** [terribly shake].

4 The chariots rage [**hithpoel**; (make) boast (self), celebrate, commend, (deal,

make), fool(-ish, -ly), glory, give (light), be (make, feign self) mad (against), give in marriage, (sing, be worthy of) praise, rage, renowned, shine] **in the streets,**
They jostle one another [hithpalpel; have appetite, jostle one against another, long, range, fun (to and fro)] **in the broad roads;**

They seem like torches,

They run [polel] **like lightning.**

5 He remembers his nobles;

They stumble in their walk;

They make haste [piel] **to her walls,**

And the defense [cover, defense, defend, hedge in, join together, set, shut up] **is prepared.**

6 The gates of the rivers are opened,

And the palace [palace, temple] **is dissolved** [consume, dissolve, (be) faint(-hearted), melt (away), make soft; same word used in 1:5].

7 It is decreed:

She shall be led away captive [pual; advertise, appear, bewray, bring, (carry, lead, go) captive (into captivity), depart, disclose, discover, exile, be gone, open, publish, remove, reveal, shew, tell, uncover],

She shall be brought up;

And her maidservants shall lead [piel] **her as with the voice of doves,**

Beating [poel; taber, play with timbrels] **their breasts.**

8 Though Nineveh of old was like a pool of water,

Now they flee away [away, be displayed, (make to) flee (away, -ing), put to flight, lift up a standard].

"Halt [imperative]! **Halt** [imperative]!" **they cry;**

But no one turns back.

9 Take spoil [imperative] **of silver!**

Take spoil [imperative] **of gold** [gold(-en), fair weather]!

There is no end of treasure,

Or wealth of every desirable prize. [cf [Isaiah 2:7](#); [Haggai 2:7](#)]

10 She is empty, desolate, and waste [pual]!

The heart melts [discourage, faint, be loosed, melt (away), refuse], **and the knees shake** [smite together];

Much pain is in every side [greyhound, loins, side],

And all their faces are drained [piel] **of color.**

11 Where is the dwelling of the lions,

And the feeding place of the young lions,

Where the lion walked, the lioness and lion's cub,

And no one made *them* afraid? [cf [Isaiah 5:29](#)]

12 The lion tore in pieces [catch, feed, ravin, rend in pieces, tear (in pieces)]

enough for his cubs,

Killed [**piel**; hang self, strangle] **for his lionesses,**

Filled [**piel**] **his caves with prey,**

And his dens with flesh.

13 “Behold, I am against you,” says the LORD of hosts [appointed time, army, battle, company, host, service, soldiers, waiting upon, war(-fare)], **“I will burn** [be brutish, bring (put, take) away, burn, (cause to) eat (up), feed, heat, kindle, set (on fire), waste] **your chariots in smoke, and the sword shall devour** [burn up, consume, devour(-er, up), dine, eat(-er, up), feed (with), food, (lay) meat] **your young lions; I will cut off** [be chewed, be confederate, covenant, cut (down, off), destroy, fail, feller, be freed, hew (down), make a league (covenant), perish] **your prey from the earth, and the voice of your messengers** [ambassador, angel, king, messenger] **shall be heard no more** [cf. [2 Kings 18:17ff](#)].”

Apply (What is the point?)

1. God’s prophecies _____ come to pass
2. No enemy can _____ before God
3. God (at times) uses the _____ of His enemies to judge His enemies

Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. Believe _____ His prophecies and share the gospel accordingly
2. Examine our lives to ensure we are on the _____ side
3. Perform our vows and proclaim _____ tidings

Next week: The Destruction of Nineveh (Nahum 3)

Homework

1. Ask the Holy Spirit for help
2. Read next week’s text (multiple times in multiple ways) ([Nahum 3](#))
3. Talk to someone about the text ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://www.facebook.com/OurSundaySchool) or in person)
4. Share ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://www.facebook.com/OurSundaySchool)) insights and questions by Thursday
5. Invite a member or non-member

Extra Credit

Watch: The Bible Project Video on Nahum ([youtube.com/watch?v=Y30DanA5EhU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y30DanA5EhU))