

Nahum

The Woe of Nineveh ([Nahum 3](#)) (2/2)

Read: The Woe of Nineveh (Nahum 3)

Explain: The Woe of Nineveh (Nahum 3) (2/2)

What do the words mean? (2/2)

8 Are you better [hiphil; imperfect; be accepted, amend, use aright, benefit, be (make) better, seem best, make cheerful, be comely, be content, diligent(-ly), dress, earnestly, find favor, give, be glad, do (be, make) good(-ness), be (make) merry, please (well), shew more (kindness), skillfully, surely, make sweet, thoroughly, tire, trim, very, be (can, deal, entreat, go, have) well (said, seen)] **than No** [the capital of Upper Egypt] **Amon** [a deity of Egypt; multitude, populous]

That was situated [qal; active participle; (make to) abide(-ing), continue, (cause to, make to) dwell(-ing), ease self, endure, establish, habitation, haunt, (make to) inhabit(-ant), make to keep (house), lurking, (bring again to) place, remain, return, seat, set(-tle), (down-) sit(-down, still, -ting down, -ting (place) -uate), take, tarry] **by the River** [specifically the Nile, as the one river of Egypt, including its collateral trenches; also the Tigris, as the main river of Assyria; brook, flood, river, stream], **That had the waters** [piss, wasting, water(-ing, (-course, -flood, -spring))] **around her** [(place, round) about, circuit, compass, on every side],

Whose rampart [army, bulwark, host, rampart, trench, wall] **was the sea** [sea(-shore), south, west (-ern, side, -ward)],

Whose wall [wall, walled] **was the sea?**

9 Ethiopia [Chush, Cush, Ethiopia] **and Egypt** [Egypt, Egyptians, Mizraim] **were her strength** [abundance, strength],

And it was boundless [(two Hebrew are translated in this one English word) (first word); else, except, fail, (father-) less, be gone, in(-curable), neither, never, no (where), none, nor, (any, thing), not, nothing, to naught, past, un(-searchable), well-nigh, without; (second word): border, brim, brink, edge, end, (in-) finite, frontier, outmost coast, quarter, shore, (out-) side, ut(-ter-) most (part)];

Put [Phut, Put] **and Lubim** [Lubim(-s), Libyans] **were your helpers** [help(-ed, -er)].

10 Yet she was carried away [(carried away), captive(-ity), removing],

She went [qal; perfect] **into captivity** [captive(-ity), prisoners, that was taken];

Her young children [babe, (young) child, infant, little one] **also were dashed to pieces** [pual; imperfect; dash (in pieces)]

At the head [band, beginning, captain, chapter, chief(-est place, man, things),

company, end, excellent, first, forefront, (be-)head, height, (on) high(-est part, (priest)), principal, ruler, sum, top] **of every street** [abroad, field, forth, highway, more, out(-side, -ward), street, without];

They cast [qal; perfect; cast] **lots** [lot] **for her honorable men** [niph'al; participle; abounding with, more grievously afflict, boast, be chargeable, glorify, be (make) glorious (things), glory, (very) great, be grievous, harden, be (make) heavy, be heavier, lay heavily, (bring to, come to, do, get, be had in) honor (self), (be) honorable (man), lade, make self many, nobles, prevail, promote (to honor), be rich, be (go) sore, stop],

And all her great men [aloud, elder(-est), exceeding(-ly), far, (man of) great (man, matter, thing,-er,-ness), high, long, loud, mighty, more, much, noble, proud thing] **were bound** [pual; perfect; bind] **in chains** [chain, fetter, firebrand, spark].

11 You also will be drunk [qal; imperfect; (be filled with) drink (abundantly), (be, make) drunk(-en), be merry];

You will be hidden [niph'al; participle; blind, dissembler, hide (self), secret (thing)];

You also will seek [piel; imperfect; ask, beg, beseech, desire, enquire, get, make inquisition, procure, (make) request, require, seek (for)] **refuge** [force, fort(-ress), rock, strength(-en), strong (hold)] **from the enemy** [qal; active participle; enemy, foe].

12 All your strongholds [(de-, most) fenced, fortress, (most) strong (hold)] **are fig trees** [fig (tree)] **with ripened figs** [first fruit (-ripe (figuratively)), hasty fruit]:

If they are shaken [niph'al; imperfect; continually, fugitive, to (go) up and down, be gone away, (be) move(-able, -d), be promoted, reel, remove, scatter, set, shake, sift, stagger, to and fro, be vagabond, wag, (make) wander (up and down)],

They fall [qal; perfect; be accepted, cast (down, self, (lots), out), cease, die, divide (by lot), (let) fail, (cause to, let, make, ready to) fall (away, down, -en, -ing), fell(-ing), fugitive, have (inheritance), inferior, be judged, lay (along), (cause to) lie down, light (down), be lost, lying, overthrow, overwhelm, perish, present(-ed, -ing), (make to) rot, slay, smite out, throw down] **into the mouth** [accord(-ing as, -ing to), after, appointment, assent, collar, command(-ment), edge, end, entry, file, hole, mind, mouth, part, portion, sentence, skirt, sound, speech, talk, tenor, two-edged, wish, word] **of the eater** [qal; active participle; burn up, consume, devour(-er, up), dine, eat(-er, up), feed (with), food, (lay) meat;; cf. [Revelation 6:13](#)].

13 Surely, your people [folk, men, nation, people] **in your midst** [eat (up), inward part, -s, thought), midst, out of, purtenance] **are women** [(adulter) ess, each, every, female, none, one, together, wife, woman]!

The gates [city, door, gate, port] **of your land** [country, earth, field, ground, land,

way, wilderness, world] **are wide** [qal; infinitive] **open** [niph'al; perfect; appear, break forth, draw (out), let go free, (en-) grave(-n), loose (self), (be, be set) open(-ing), put off, ungird, unstop, have vent] **for your enemies** [qal; active participle; enemy, foe];

Fire [burning, fiery, fire, flaming, hot] **shall devour** [qal; perfect; burn up, consume, devour(-er, up), dine, eat(-er, up), feed (with), food, (lay) meat] **the bars** [bar, fugitive] **of your gates**.

14 Draw [qal; imperative; (woman to) draw(-er, water)] **your water** [piss, wasting, water(-ing, (-course, -flood, -spring))] **for the siege** [besieged, bulwark, defense, fenced, fortress, siege, strong (hold), tower]!

Fortify [piel; imperative; aid, amend, catch, cleave, confirm, be constant, constrain, continue, be of good (take) courage(-ous, -ly), encourage (self), be established, fasten, force, fortify, make hard, harden, help, (lay) hold (fast), lean, maintain, play the man, mend, become (wax) mighty, prevail, be recovered, repair, retain, seize, be (wax) sore, strengthen (self), be stout, be (make, shew, wax) strong(-er), be sure, take (hold), be urgent, behave self valiantly, withstand] **your strongholds** [(de-, most) fenced, fortress, (most) strong (hold)]!

Go [qal; imperative] **into the clay** [clay, dirt, mire] **and tread** [qal; imperative; oppressor, stamp upon, trample (under feet), tread (down, upon)] **the mortar** [clay, heap, homer, mire, motion]!

Make strong [hiphil; imperative] **the brick kiln** [brickkiln]!

15 There the fire [burning, fiery, fire, flaming, hot] **will devour you** [burn up, consume, devour(-er, up), dine, eat(-er, up), feed (with), food, (lay) meat],

The sword [axe, dagger, knife, mattock, sword, tool] **will cut you off** [be chewed, be con-(feder-) ate, covenant, cut (down, off), destroy, fail, feller, be freed, hew (down), make a league (covenant), perish];

It will eat you up like a locust [cankerworm, caterpillar].

Make yourself many [abounding with, more grievously afflict, boast, be chargeable, glorify, be (make) glorious (things), glory, (very) great, be grievous, harden, be (make) heavy, be heavier, lay heavily, (bring to, come to, do, get, be had in) honor (self), (be) honorable (man), lade, make self many, nobles, prevail, promote (to honor), be rich, be (go) sore, stop]—**like the locust!**

Make yourself many—like the swarming locusts [grasshopper, locust]!

16 You have multiplied [hiphil; perfect; (bring in) abundance, archer, be in authority, bring up, enlarge, excel, exceeding(-ly), be full of, (be, make) great(-er, -ly), grow up, heap, increase, be long, (be, give, have, make, use) many (a time), (any, be,

give, give the, have) more (in number), (ask, be, be so, gather, over, take, yield) much (greater, more), (make to) multiply, nourish, plenty(-eous), sore, store, thoroughly, very] **your merchants** [qal; active participle; (spice) merchant] **more than the stars** [star(-gazer)] **of heaven** [air, heaven(-s)].

The locust [cankerworm, caterpillar] **plunders** [qal; perfect; fall upon, flay, invade, make an invasion, pull off, put off, make a road, run upon, rush, set, spoil, spread selves (abroad), strip (off, self)] **and flies away** [qal; imperfect; brandish, be (wax) faint, flee away, fly (away), shine forth, weary].

17 Your commanders [crowned] **are like swarming locusts** [grasshopper, locust], **And your generals** [captain] **like great grasshoppers** [grasshopper], **Which camp** [qal; active participle; abide (in tents), camp, dwell, encamp, grow to an end, lie, pitch (tent), rest in tent] **in the hedges** [(sheep-) cote (fold) hedge, wall] **on a cold** [cold] **day**;

When the sun [east side(-ward), sun (rising), west(-ward), window] **rises** [qal; perfect; arise, rise (up), as soon as it is up] **they flee away** [poal; perfect; chase (away), depart, flee (away), (re-) move, thrust away, wander (abroad, -er, -ing)],

And the place [country, place, room, space] **where** [how, what, whence, where, whether, which (way)] **they are is not known** [niph'al; perfect].

18 Your shepherds [qal; active participle; companion, keep company with, devour, eat up, evil entreat, feed, use as a friend, make friendship with, herdman, keep (sheep) (-er), pastor, shearing house, shepherd, wander, waste] **slumber** [qal; perfect; sleep, slumber], **O king** [king, royal] **of Assyria** [Ashshur, the second son of Shem; also his descendants and the country occupied by them (i.e. Assyria), its region and its empire:—Asshur, Assur, Assyria, Assyrians];

Your nobles [excellent, famous, gallant, glorious, goodly, lordly, mighty(-ier one), noble, principal, worthy] **rest** [qal; imperfect; abide, continue, (cause to, make to) dwell(-er), have habitation, inhabit, lay, place, (cause to) remain, rest, set (up)] **in the dust**.

Your people [folk, men, nation, people] **are scattered** [niph'al; perfect; grow up, be grown fat, spread selves, be scattered] **on the mountains** [hill (country), mount(-ain)],

And no one gathers [piel; participle; assemble (selves), gather (bring) (together, selves together, up), heap, resort, take up] **them**.

19 Your injury [affliction, breach, breaking, broken(-footed, -handed), bruise, crashing, destruction, hurt, interpretation, vexation] **has no healing** [healing],

Your wound [beaten, blow, plague, slaughter, smote, stripe, stroke, wound(-ed)] **is severe** [niph'al; participle; beseech, (be) diseased, (put to) grief, be grieved, (be)

grievous, infirmity, intreat, lay to, put to pain, make prayer, be (fall, make) sick, sore, be sorry, make suit, woman in travail, be (become) weak, be wounded].

All who hear [qal; active participle; call (gather) together, consent, consider, be content, declare, discern, give ear, (cause to, let, make to) hear(-ken, tell), listen, make (a) noise, (be) obedient, obey, perceive, (make a) proclaim(-ation), publish, regard, report, shew (forth), (make a) sound, tell, understand, whosoever (heareth), witness] **news** [bruit, fame, hear(-ing), loud, report, speech, tidings] **of you**

Will clap [qal; perfect; blow (a trumpet), cast, clap, fasten, pitch (tent), smite, sound, strike, thrust] **their hands** [branch, foot, hand((-ful), -dle, (-led)), hollow, middle, palm, paw, power, sole, spoon] **over you,**

For upon whom has not your wickedness [adversity, affliction, bad, calamity, displease(-ure), distress, evil((-favoredness), man, thing), exceedingly, grief(-vous), harm, heavy, hurt(-ful), ill (favored), mark, mischief(-vous), misery, naught(-ty), noisome, not please, sad(-ly), sore, sorrow, trouble, vex, wicked(-ly, -ness, one), worse(-st), wretchedness, wrong] **passed** [qal; perfect] **continually** [alway(-s), continual (employment, -ly), daily, (n-)ever(-more), perpetual]?

Apply (What is the point?)

1. The judgment of the wicked and the protection of the righteous will occur
2. God is rightly and actively working toward justice
3. God uses individuals and nations for His purposes
4. God and God alone will righteously judge

Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. Praise God for His faithfulness to His word and to His _____
2. Praise God for His faithfulness to His _____ and universal justice
3. Praise God for His sovereignty and His _____ of redemption
4. Praise God for His _____ position of righteous judge