

Book of Nahum – Chapter 3

1. The first reason that Nahum gives for the destruction of the Assyrian Kingdom is because of her cruel atrocities.
2. The second reason Nineveh will fall is because of their greedy exploitation of others thru witchcraft, prostitution and idolatry.
3. People become like the god they worship, for what we believe determines how we behave.
4. The final reason that Nineveh was to be destroyed is because of her pride, her self-confidence and her arrogance in thinking that she was indestructible.
5. He begins with a historical note: Vs. 8-11 he talks about the defeat of the Egyptian city of Thebes by these same Assyrians in 663 BC.
6. In fact, Nahum argues in vs. 12, that the conquest would be so easy, it would be like ripe figs dropping into a person's mouth.
7. In verses 15 thru 17, he used the image of an insect.
8. Assyria had no allies to rescue them, for all the other nations would rejoice according to verse 19 when they heard that the Assyrian Empire was no more.
9. Whether it's practicing genocide, exploiting the poor, supporting slavery, failing to provide people with the necessities of life or the killing of the innocent, the sins of nations and their national leaders are known by God and eventually judged.
10. God loves people...He desires all people to be treated justly.
11. God is the ultimate judge.
12. We need to always call each other and ultimately our nation to repentance.