

Nahum

¹ Burden of Nineveh. The Scroll of the Vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

² A God zealous and avenging [is] YHWH, || An avenger [is] YHWH, and possessing fury. An avenger [is] YHWH on His adversaries, || And He is watching for His enemies.

³ YHWH [is] slow to anger, and great in power, || And YHWH does not entirely acquit, || In a windstorm and in a storm [is] His way, || And a cloud [is] the dust of His feet.

⁴ He is pushing against a sea, and dries it up, || Indeed, He has made all the floods dry, || Bashan and Carmel [are] languishing, || Indeed, the flower of Lebanon [is] languishing.

⁵ Mountains have shaken because of Him, || And the hills have been melted; And the earth [is] lifted up at His presence, || And the world and all dwelling in it.

⁶ Who stands before His indignation? And who rises up in the heat of His anger? His fury has been poured out like fire, || And the rocks have been broken by Him.

⁷ Good [is] YHWH for a strong place in a day of distress. And He knows those trusting in Him.

⁸ And with a flood passing over, || An end He makes of its place, || And darkness pursues His enemies.

⁹ What do we devise against YHWH? He is making an end, distress does not arise twice.

¹⁰ For while princes [are] perplexed, || And with their drink are drunken, || They have been consumed as stubble fully dried.

¹¹ From you has come forth a deviser of evil || Against YHWH—a worthless counselor.

¹² Thus said YHWH: “Though complete, and thus many, || Yet thus they have been cut off, || And he has passed away. Though I afflicted you, I afflict you no longer.

¹³ And now I break his rod from off you, || And your bands I draw away.”

¹⁴ And YHWH has commanded concerning you, || “No more of your name spreads abroad, || I cut off carved and molten image from the house of your gods, || I appoint your grave, for you have been vile.”

¹⁵ Behold, on the mountains the feet of one proclaiming tidings, sounding peace! Celebrate, O Judah, your festivals, complete your vows, || For the worthless no longer pass over into you, || He has been completely cut off!

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¹ A scatterer has come up to your face, || Keep the bulwark, watch the way, || Strengthen the loins, strengthen power mightily.

² For YHWH has turned back to the excellence of Jacob, || As [to] the excellence of Israel, || For emptiers have emptied them out, || And they have marred their branches.

³ The shield of his mighty ones has become red, || Men of might [are in] scarlet, || With fiery torches [is] the chariot in a day of his

preparation, || And the firs have been caused to tremble.

⁴ In out-places the chariots shine, || They go to and fro in broad places, || Their appearances [are] like torches, || As lightnings they run.

⁵ He remembers his majestic ones, || They stumble in their goings, || They hurry [to] its wall, || And the covering is prepared.

⁶ Gates of the rivers have been opened, || And the palace is dissolved.

⁷ And it is established—she has removed, || She has been brought up, || And her handmaids are leading as the voice of doves, || Tabering on their hearts.

⁸ And Nineveh [is] as a pool of waters, || From of old it [is]—and they are fleeing! “Stand, stand”; and none is turning!

⁹ Seize silver, seize gold, || And there is no end to the prepared things, || [To] the abundance of all desirable vessels.

¹⁰ She is empty, indeed, emptiness and waste, || And the heart has melted, || And the knees have struck together, || And great pain [is] in all loins, || And the faces of all of them have gathered paleness.

¹¹ Where [is] the habitation of lionesses? And a feeding-place it [is] for young lions || Where a lion has walked, an old lion, || A lion’s whelp, and there is none troubling.

¹² The lion is tearing parts [for] his whelps, || And is strangling for his lionesses, || And he fills his holes [with] prey, || And his habitations [with] torn flesh.

13 “Behold, I [am] against you,” || A declaration of YHWH of Hosts, || “And I have burned its chariot in smoke, || And a sword consumes your young lions, || And I have cut off your prey from the land, || And the voice of your messengers is not heard anymore!”

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1 Woe [to] the city of blood, || She is all full with lies [and] burglary, || Prey does not depart.

2 The sound of a whip, || And the sound of the rattling of a wheel, || And of a prancing horse, and of a bounding chariot, || Of a horseman mounting.

3 And the flame of a sword, and the lightning of a spear, || And the abundance of the wounded, || And the weight of carcasses, || Indeed, there is no end to the bodies, || They stumble over their bodies.

4 Because of the abundance of the fornications of a harlot, || The goodness of the grace of the lady of witchcrafts, || Who is selling nations by her fornications, || And families by her witchcrafts.

5 “Behold, I [am] against you,” || A declaration of YHWH of Hosts, || “And have removed your skirts before your face, || And have showed nations your nakedness, || And kingdoms your shame,

6 And I have cast on you abominations, || And dishonored you, and made you as a sight.

7 And it has come to pass, || Each of your beholders flees from you, || And has said:

Nineveh is spoiled, || Who bemoans for her?
From where do I seek comforters for you?"

⁸ Are you better than No-Ammon, || That is
dwelling among brooks? Waters she has around
her, || Whose bulwark [is] the sea, waters her
wall.

⁹ Cush her might, and Egypt, and there is no
end. Put and Lubim have been for your help.

¹⁰ Even she becomes an exile, || She has gone
into captivity, || Even her sucklings are dashed
to pieces || At the top of all out-places, || And
for her honored ones they cast a lot, || And all
her great ones have been bound in chains.

¹¹ Even you are drunken, you are hidden, ||
Even you seek a strong place, because of an
enemy.

¹² All your fortresses [are] fig trees with first-
fruits, || If they are shaken, || They have fallen
into the mouth of the eater.

¹³ Behold, your people [are] women in your
midst, || To your enemies thoroughly opened ||
Have been the gates of your land, || Fire has
consumed your bars.

¹⁴ Waters of a siege draw for yourself, ||
Strengthen your fortresses, || Enter into mire,
and tread on clay, || Make strong a brick-kiln.

¹⁵ There a fire consumes you, || A sword cuts
you off, || It consumes you as a cankerworm!
Make yourself heavy as the cankerworm, ||
Make yourself heavy as the locust.

¹⁶ Multiply your merchants above the stars of
the heavens, || The cankerworm has stripped
off, and flees away.

¹⁷ Your crowned ones [are] as a locust, ||
And your princes as great grasshoppers, || That
encamp in hedges in a day of cold, || The sun has
risen, and it flees away, || And its place where
they are is not known.

¹⁸ Your friends have slumbered, king of Asshur,
|| Your majestic ones rest, || Your people have
been scattered on the mountains, || And there
is none gathering.

¹⁹ There is no weakening of your destruction,
|| Your striking [is] grievous, || All hearing your
fame have clapped the hand at you, || For over
whom did your wickedness not pass continually?

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