

**Series:** Jealous Judge's Justice

**Title:** The Anger of the Lord

**Text:** Nahum 1

**Purpose:** Comfort the Afflicted, Afflict the Comfortable.

**I. The Anger (of the Lord): Nahum 1** God is Jealous

**II. The Announcement (of the fall): Nahu 2** God is Judge

**III. The Activities (caused the fall): Nahum 3** God is Just

You can imagine, how happy the people of Judah were  
**Nineveh has fallen-The Assyrian empire has been broken**

The Assyrian Army Came into N/Kingdom like a flood.  
They were God's hand of judgment against his people.

(Nahum 2:1-5) Assyria was a ruthless, Brutal enemy  
Assyria had been used of God to chasten Israel; 721 BC.

Assyria tried to conquer Judah: 701 BC  
God intervened & destroyed their army (II Ki 18-29).

Nineveh destroyed by Medes/Babylonians 612BC  
The ruins of the city remained undiscovered until 1842!

There was no hope for Nineveh;  
Not a message of warning to Nineveh;  
they had heard God's warning from Jonah 150 years before.  
God's patience had run out and His judgment would fall.

This was a message of hope for Judah:  
to encourage them to trust God at an hour of great danger.

## **I. THE ANGER of the Lord: Nahum 1** "God is Jealous"

Comfort from an Uncomfortable God.

### **A. God Speaks of Himself: The Revelation (Nah 1:1-8)**

1. The Lord doesn't overlook the evil that people do.
2. The Lord has promised to take care of His people.
3. Revenge will be expressed by the Lord.
4. This prophecy comforts God's people. (Nah 1:15)

### **B. God Speaks to Nineveh: (Nahum 1:8-11, 14)**

1. The fall of Nineveh in 2 pictures:
  - a. A great flood of waters (vs 8)
  - b. A fire of dry thorns that burns (Vs 10a)
2. The fall of Nineveh's Leaders: (Vs 11, 14)
  - a. (2 Kings 18:17-22; 25, 28-31)
  - b. (2 Kings 18:32-35) Pride makes us go too far.
  - c. (2 Kings 19:6-7) Isaiah assures the King.
  - d. (2 Kings 19: 10-13) Sennacherib won't let it go.
  - e. (2 Kings 19:14-19) King of Judah responds
  - f. (2 Kings 19: 20-23) The Lord comforts Judah
  - g. (2 Kings 19:35\*) God slays 185K in one night.
  - h. (2 Kings 19:36-7) God slays Sennacherib

### **C. God Encourages Judah: (Nahum 1:12-13, 15)**

1. God makes two wonderful promises.
  - a. God assures them of His goodness (Vs 7)
  - b. God assures them that He loves them: (Vs 12)
2. The prophecy was the fall of Nineveh:

### **D. The Application (Rom 12:19)**

1. Our trust is on God's Character & His promises.
2. Its a dangerous thing to hurt God's children.  
(1 Peter 2:19-20)(1 Peter 3:16-17)(Matthew 5:10-12)