

Nahum I-3 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. From Micah 1:15-2:2 what good news was announced (v15, 2:2)? What part was Israel to play in this (2:1)?

5. Using 2:3-7 describe Assyria's army (v3-4). What would happen to them (v5) and to their capital, Nineveh (v6-7)?

6. In 2:8-13 what would the conditions in Nineveh be when they fell (v8, 9, 10)? What is the "before and after" of Nineveh, "the lion" (v11-12, 13)?

7. Read 3:1-7. What was the reason for Nineveh's fall (v1, 4) and what would be the outcome (v2-3, 5-7)?

8. According to 3:8-11 who Nineveh compared to (v8) and what were they like (v8)? What happened to them (v10) and what will happen to Nineveh (v11)?

9. From 3:12-15a explain the pictures used to show how easy it would be to overthrow Nineveh (v12, 13, 15). What shows the certainty of their fall (v14)?

10. Looking at 3:15b-19 what would happen to Nineveh's traders, their strength (v15b-17), and to their leaders (v18)? What was certain for Nineveh and why (v19)?

11. Think about the message of Nahum. Why is it foolish to hurt others and oppose God as Assyria did? How can we keep this from happening in our own lives?

Scripture to Remember

"The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and He knows those who take refuge in Him.

Nahum 1:7 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Going the Distance—(2 Timothy 1:8-18)

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Think of a time when you suffered because of something or someone you believed in. Share that with the group.
2. Read 2 Tim 1:8-18. Why are Christians sometimes ashamed of their testimony about the Lord or of fellow believers? If we are this way what should we do about it?
3. Discuss from 1:9-10 all of the things that make suffering for Christ worthwhile. Which of these means the most to you?
4. Talk about why Paul was willing to suffer for Christ (v11-12). How should his example encourage us to suffer?
5. Define the "treasure" that has been entrusted to us by the Holy Spirit (v13-14). How do we "retain" this standard of sound words and "guard" this treasure? Be specific.
6. What are some of the ways that Onesiphorus (v15-18) showed he was not ashamed of his fellow believer, Paul? How can we do this for each other in our group?
7. If there is anything else from the message that impressed you, share it.



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The Harder They Fall Introduction to Nahum 1-3

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

The saying, “The bigger they are, the harder they fall” is true in many ways. First, the distance from their high position to the ground causes the fall to hurt more. Also, those who are bigger are more surprised when they are brought down, causing the impact to feel worse. This applies to Nahum’s prophecy given against the world power, Assyria. Although they thought they were great they would be brought down, and the fall would be devastating. Nahum began with a balanced description of God. God is not only a jealous God who takes vengeance on His adversaries; He is also slow to anger and great in power. He never flip-pantly exercises His wrath, but thoughtfully carries it out; when He does the entire earth will be affected. However, He is also good so He is

a refuge in times of distress to those who trust Him. With this backdrop Nineveh’s (Assyria’s capital) fall is declared. Their evil leader would be cast out, their yoke would be broken, their name would vanish, and they would go to a grave prepared by God. This would be good news to Israel so they were told to celebrate with feasts since the wicked would be gone. In Nahum two Nineveh’s fall is described. Their magnificent army, arrayed in red and led by steel chariots would stumble in the streets; the river that flowed through their city would flood, and the palace would be dissolved. Everyone would be on the run while their wealth was plundered and the young lions of Assyria would be left with melting hearts and knocking knees. Finally, the reasons that



It is good when God gets in our face and straightens us up through His Word.

Nineveh’s fall was demanded are given. They were violent liars who prostituted themselves to the occult, and even seduced other nations into the same actions. They were no better than No-amon, a great city in Egypt, that had been overthrown; but in their pride they thought themselves invincible. They, too, would become drunk as they went into hiding, and as easy to pick as ripe fruit. All upon whom they depended would desert them. Their outcome would prove that the bigger they are, the harder they fall.

Daily Study Questions for Nahum 1-3

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to www.celebrationnet.com, small groups, abf)

<p>1. Read Nahum 1:1-5. How does Nahum describe God (v2, 3a) and how is His power demonstrated (v3b, 4, 5)?</p>	
<p>2. Using 1:6-10 how does the Lord relate to those who oppose Him (v6, 8) and to their plans (v9-10)? How does He relate to those who trust Him (v7)?</p>	
<p>3. Looking at 1:11-14 what will happen to the one who had afflicted Israel (v11-12, 13, 14)? Who had they really opposed (v11) and how did He respond (v14)?</p>	

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