

A STUDY THROUGH THE SCROLLS OF SCRIPTURE

Nahum

Micah

Micah: Power of the Lord

For behold, the LORD is coming out of His place, and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth. And the mountains will melt under Him, and the valleys will split open, like wax before the fire, like waters poured down a steep place.

Micah: The Result of the Lord's Judgement

Destruction (6:9-16)

The voice of the LORD cries to the city-- and it is sound wisdom to fear Your name: 'Hear of the **rod** and of Him who appointed it!'

Therefore I strike you with a grievous blow, making you desolate because of your sins.

Salvation (7:1-17)

But as for me, I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my **salvation**; my God will hear me.

Shepherd Your people with Your **staff**, the flock of Your inheritance,

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Jonah: Nineveh Repents

"but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands.

Who knows?

God may turn and relent and turn from His fierce anger, so that we may not perish."

Jonah: Nineveh Repents

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that He had said He would do to them, and He did not do it.

Jonah: God's heart on display

God explains His heart for these people.

 God is the one who has the right to be offended when one rejects His plans. If He is choosing to not be offended and seeking reconciliation we need to not get in the way.

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Nahum 1: 2-3

Who can stand before
His indignation?
Who can endure the heat of
His anger?
His wrath is poured out like fire,
and the rocks are broken
into pieces by Him.

The LORD is good,
a stronghold
in the day of trouble;
He knows those who take
refuge in Him.

Nahum 1: 6-7

What do you plot against the LORD?

He will make a complete end;

trouble will not rise up a second time.

The LORD has given commandment about you: "No more shall your name be perpetuated; from the house of your gods I will cut off the carved image and the metal image. I will make your grave, for you are vile."

Behold, upon the mountains, the feet of Him who brings good news, who publishes peace! Keep your feasts, O Judah; fulfill your vows, for never again shall the worthless pass through you; he is utterly cut off.

Nahum 1: 14-15

God's Method of Judgment

(Nahum Ch 2)

The scatterer has come up against you.

Man the ramparts;

watch the road;

dress for battle;

collect all your strength.

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The Battle Epic

Nahum 2:3-12

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God's Causation of Judgement

(Nahum Ch 3)

- Jonah's call of repentance (~760 BC)
 - People repented, God relented
- Assyrian Empire
 - Conquered Israel (722 BC)
 - Peaked around 669-633 BC
- Nahum's call of destruction (612 BC)
 - Defined by cruelty and corruption

And all for the countless whorings of the prostitute, graceful and of deadly charms, who betrays nations with her whorings, and peoples with her charms.

Behold, I am against you, declares the LORD of hosts, and will lift up your skirts over your face; and I will make nations look at your nakedness and kingdoms at your shame.

There is no easing your hurt;
your wound is grievous.
All who hear the news about you
clap their hands over you.
For upon whom has not come
your unceasing evil?

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