

Nahum #1

Chapter 1

- 1) An, "oracle", is a statement or declaration about someone or something (usually prophetic). This oracle is written about which city that is the capital of Assyria?
- 2) The prophet's name, Nahum, means, "comfort". What would be comforting in verse 2?
- 3) Can God be slow about anything? What?
- 4) When you read verses 4-6, why is the fact that God is slow to anger so comforting?
- 5) "The LORD is good, a _____ in the day of trouble, and He knows those who _____ in Him."
- 6) According to historians, Nineveh was destroyed by the Scythians. They could not take the city for 2 years, but in the 3rd year the river flooded and carried away part of the wall. Which verse specifically predicts this?
- 7) Romans 8:31 says: "If God is for us, who is against us?" What happens, on the other hand, if you devise something against the Lord?
- 8) What kind of information can you get from verse 10 about drinking?
- 9) Nineveh was the capital of Assyria, which was a ferocious enemy of Israel over the years. How does verse 11 refer to attacking Israel?
- 10) What do verses 12 & 13 describe?
 - a) Israel's resurgence as a center of free expression
 - b) Israel's release from slavery and subjugation?
 - c) Nineveh's recovery?
- 11) "I will prepare your _____, for you are _____."
- 12) Isn't this a scary statement by God?
- 13) Does verse 15 make it sound like the people of Israel were pretty excited about the fact that Nineveh was finally judged?

Chapter 2:1-10

- 1) Whose "splendor" does the Lord promise to restore?
- 2) Who do you think were described as, "the devastators who devastated"?
 - a) Nineveh and the Assyrians
 - b) Various super heroes
 - c) The Israelites
- 3) Read verse 3. Describe the soldiers in the army of Nineveh.
- 4) What very affective machine was a powerful part of Nineveh's army?
- 5) A "mantelet" was a protective covering to soften the blow of siege machines against a city wall. Who had to rush out and man the walls of Nineveh during the siege?
- 6) Do verses 4 & 5 seem to describe panic in the city of Nineveh during the last hours of the battle?
- 7) Read verse 6. What finally brought about the destruction of the city?
- 8) Why would the women be so upset?
- 9) Can you picture the generals trying to rally the troops in verse 8?
- 10) What were the enemies interested in?
- 11) "There is _____ to the treasure-- wealth from _____ kind of desirable object."
- 12) This description sounds like what country today?
- 13) What line in verse 10 is a short and sweet description of what happened to that wealth?
- 14) Which of the following is not a description of the inhabitants reaction to this great defeat?
 - a) Hearts are melting!
 - b) Knees knocking!
 - c) Anguish is in the whole body!
 - d) All their faces are grown pale!
 - e) A good time was had by all!
- 15) Matt 6:19-20 says: "Do not lay up for yourselves _____ upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves _____ and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal!" Did the inhabitants of Nineveh clearly illustrate the enduring truth of this instruction in Matthew?

Nahum #2

Chapter 2:11-13

- 1) In his prophecy about the destruction of Nineveh, Nahum has a lot of references to lions. Did lions live in Israel in those days? (see Judges 14:5 and I Samuel 14:34 &35)
- 2) If the lions referred to represent Nineveh's soldiers, what do you think Nahum is trying to say about what they had been like, in verses 11&12?
- 3) What did he say would happen to these (young lions) soldiers in the end? (vs 13)
- 4) What phrase explains why this seemingly impregnable city would be destroyed?

Chapter 3

- 1) How is the city of Nineveh referred to in verse 1?
- 2) "The noise of the whip, the noise of the rattling of the wheel, Galloping _____, and bounding _____! Horsemen charging, _____ flashing, _____ gleaming, many slain, a mass of _____, and countless dead bodies-- they stumble over the dead bodies!"
- 3) Does it sound like a furious battle and a tremendous slaughter were going to take place in Nineveh?
- 4) There were going to be so many bodies that they would _____ over them!
- 5) The city of Nineveh was referred to as a, " _____" (another name for a prostitute)
- 6) This phrase is stated again, "'Behold, I am _____ you,' declares the _____ of hosts."
- 7) Do you think it is a good idea to get into a situation where God is against you?
- 8) What is one way to get into a position where you are against God, according to Luke 11:23?
- 9) "I will throw filth on you and make you _____, and set you up as a _____."
- 10) Was anyone going to feel sorry for Nineveh?
- 11) The city of No-amon was apparently located between what two bodies of water?
 - a)
 - b)
- 12) The city of No-amon was pillaged by the Assyrians from Nineveh in 663BC. What did the Assyrians do to the children that would be a "war crime" today?
- 12) What happened to her honorable and leading men?
- 13) Does it sound like Nineveh was getting their just desserts?
- 14) When they start losing the battle, Nahum said the soldiers of Nineveh would: (Circle correct answers)
 - a) Reach down and find the courage to fight
 - b) Get drunk
 - c) Try to hide
 - d) Counter attack
 - e) Become like women
- 15) How did the fortifications hold up?
- 16) What happened to the great gates of the city?
- 17) Look at verse 14 & 15. What do you need when the fortifications start burning?
- 18) What do you do when holes are punched in the wall?
- 19) Read verses 15-17. Did they have a lot of soldiers to man the walls?
- 20) What happens to locusts and grasshoppers sitting on a stone wall when the sun rises and the wall heats up?
- 21) What did Nahum say would happen to the soldiers, who were supposed to be manning the defenses, when the battle started to heat up?
- 22) Read verses 18 and 19. Was Nineveh going to be able to recover?
- 23) Why were people so happy to see the devastation of Nineveh?
- 24) Think about the people who are evil, the people who hurt others, the people who destroy lives. Will they ever have to answer for these things? Does God punish evil?
- 25) Will God right all the wrongs in His own time?