

August 4/Day 216

Nahum 1

Verse 1

- An “oracle” is a prophecy.
- This oracle is against which city?

Verse 2

- “Jealous” in the Bible means to desire to have back what at one time belonged to you. Based on what we have been reading over the past few weeks, is there anything or any people who belonged to the LORD that went away from the LORD?
- This is what Scripture means when it says the LORD is jealous. He is not jealous (the word here is actually envious, but we say jealous in our culture) of us, He is jealous (the definition I just told you) OVER us. It means He wants us back when we move away from Him and His will.
- “Avenging” means to take vengeance. If He is jealous over us, His vengeance is not toward us, His vengeance is toward whatever stole us away from Him. This doesn’t mean He won’t judge us, but even in His judgment He acts in love.
- In this passage, He is judging the nation He used to judge Israel for her sin.

Verse 3

- Is it easy to make God angry?

Verses 4-7

- A “stronghold” can be a place of safety or a place of bondage. Which definition do you think is used here?

Verses 8-9

- What does God do with plans devised against Him?

Verses 10-13

- Who did the LORD cause to be afflicted and why? (Based on our recent readings)

Verses 14-15

- With what is good news equated with in this verse?

Nahum 2

- This is still speaking of the overthrow of Ninevah, the Assyrian city.

Verses 1-4

- Can you imagine the chaos?

Verses 5-8

- Do you know who God called to go to Ninevah? Though God judged Ninevah, He made a way for the city to hear a message of redemption. How gracious is our God!

Verses 9-10

- What is the “she” here according to key words and context?

Verses 11-12

- What kind of animals are mentioned here? Do you think of them when you think of Bible times?

Verse 13

Nahum 3

Verse 1

- Which is the “bloody city”? Hint: though we are in a different chapter, remember, the chapters and verses were divided up later so it would be easier for us to find our place. We are still referring to the same city.

Verses 2-3

- Do you think this would be terrifying?

Verses 4-5

- “Lifting skirts” would be considered shameful.

Verses 6-7

- Does this help answer the previous question? You see, if you aren’t sure, just keep going.

Verse 8

- Where was No-amon based on the clues in this verse?

Verses 9-14

- We get our word “fort” from “fortification”. What is this?

Verses 15-19

See you tomorrow.