

Lesson 11

Nahum: Nineveh's Destruction Foretold

Read Hosea 1-3. Complete the following:

1. Remember Jonah? To what city did God send him to preach? (Jonah 1:2) _____
Remember why God spared that city? (Jonah 3:5) _____

The book of Nahum takes place over 100 years after Jonah. Nineveh, the capital of Assyria, was the world's greatest city at this time in history. Remember: Assyria carried Israel captive.

2. Because of Israel's sin, God allowed them to be taken captive. But what can we learn in Nahum? Write Nahum 1:2: _____
_____ What comfort can be found in Nahum 1:7? _____
3. Read Nahum 2:3-6. What do these verses describe? _____

4. Why would Nineveh be destroyed? (Nahum 2:13a) _____
5. List some of the areas recorded of which Nineveh was guilty before God? (Nahum 3:1-4) _____

6. After reading some of the reasons God would destroy Nineveh, how are we to live? (see Ephesians 4:17-19) _____

7. Read Ephesians 4:22-32. List some of the ways Christians should live: _____

8. What kind of life is described in Titus 1:16? _____

9. What does Nahum 3:5-7 tell us? _____

cast abominable filth upon means "a tearing down and removal of idols and idolatrous practices"

make thee vile means "dishonor; disgrace; to be foolish or wicked"

gazingstock means “a spectacle”

10. Read Psalm 79:9. What should we pray? _____

(Answers: **1.** Nineveh; the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them; **2.** God *is* jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and *is* furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth *wrath* for his enemies; The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knows them that trust in him **3.** a very great army that will come in to destroy the city, and then the river that will come and take out the palace; **4.** because God was against them; **5.** they were full of lies and robbery, they preyed upon people killing a great many, no regard for life, propagating a multitude of adulteries and witchcrafts; **6.** not as the Gentiles (the world) because they don't understand the life God has for Christians because their hearts are blind and they have no ability to restrain themselves from sin; **7.** put off the old life of sin, be renewed in our mind, don't lie, don't be angry, don't give the devil a place in my life, don't steal but work, don't say bad things only good things, don't make God's Spirit in my life grieve, don't be bitter, angry, be kind to others, forgive them remembering that because of what Jesus did for me, God forgave me; **8.** a person who says they know God, but they don't live like it by being abominable (which means detestable; idolatrous), disobedient, and every good work is reprobate (means worthless; rejected); **9.** God is against them and God will show the world their shame, God will remove the idols, they will be disgraced and made a spectacle before the world, and all will flee from them recognizing, with no comforting, that God destroyed Nineveh; **10.** pray for God to help us, deliver us, and take away our sins)