

Nahum 1

What Could Have Been

Visiting iniquity ...

I. Dear Nineveh

- A. Woe Bloody City
- B. What Went Wrong?
- C. Obliteration is Near

II. God is Righteous

- A. Destroys the Wicked
- B. Defends His People
- C. Now & Forever

III. Dear Church

- A. Seek His Kingdom
- B. Stand Firm in the Faith
- C. Invest in Your Children

... showing love.

Children, Listen ...

1. What did the people of Nineveh do when Jonah preached to them?
2. What had happened to them by the time this book was written over 100 years later?
3. God is merciful and patient, but does He also punish wickedness?
4. Is it important for Christian adults to teach the youth the ways of the Lord?
5. Do you ask God to help you love Him and live for Him?

A Tragically Short Memory

Nahum may not be the first book you turn to for cozy devotional reading, but it is filled with important information about the character God and the way He works. This prophesy also has a fascinatingly disturbing connection with the book of Jonah. From the King down the people of the capital of Assyria repented in sackcloth and ashes at the preaching of God's Word through Jonah. Tragically that same city became so vile over the next decades that, by the time Nahum preached, God decreed their utter destruction. The Assyrian dog had returned to its vomit and they were about to fall into the same pit of violence which they had so brazenly cast others. What a chilling real-life illustration of how people, and even an entire nation, can quickly forget God's mercies, turn their back on Him and plunge themselves right back into the depravity they once grieved over. We learn an important lesson here about how vital it is to instill the truth of God into the generations that follow us and to strive to impact our culture with biblical morality. May God help this nation and the church of this generation in the U.S., to truly appreciate the kindness He has shown to us so much that we would humble ourselves, repent, praise Him, and serve Him. And may this generation of saints faithfully serve the next by passing on the glorious truths of Christ's Kingdom to the next.