

# Logos Class

## Nahum Ch 1

April 21, 2024  
Module 5, Room 1

*Nineveh's Judge*

# Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ ***Resurrection Sunday – Mar 31, 2024***
  - ✓ *Manor Lake – Apr 2, 2024*
- ✓ *April 7, 2024 – Minor Prophets – Micah Ch 6*
- ✓ *April 14, 2024 – Minor Prophets – Micah Ch 7 and wrap*
  - *Manor Lake - April 16, 2024*
- ✓ ***April 21, 2024 – Minor Prophets – Nahum Ch 1/ Intro***
  - *April 28, 2024 – Minor Prophets – Nahum Ch 2*
  - *May 5, 2024 – Minor Prophets – Nahum Ch 3 and wrap*

# Quick Update ...*ICYMI*

- Iran has attacked and Israel has responded in measured tones
- Israel penetrated deep into Iran and damaged two airbases where the attack against Israel was launched. Looks like serious damage. [map](#)
- One of the airfields was next to the Nuclear Facilities in Iran, which Israel did not attack, *but could have*.
- The initial Iranian reaction was that there was no attack, but now admitted the attack but disclaimed its effectiveness. Embarrassing to them.
- **Key info:** Israel attacked with missiles from the F35 Adar squad which refueled over Iraq and launched air-to-ground missiles that went undisturbed to the targets. Iran was blind to the attack. ***Message Sent***
- Reputed deal with America for limited Iran attack but approval for Rafah... to be seen after Passover?
- No new news on the hostage front in Gaza. Israel moving tanks and armored vehicles into place against Rafah in Gaza.

# Minor Prophet Series - Nahum

- This book contains the vision of Nahum relating to the city of **Nineveh**.
- Most of us have never studied this book or perhaps ever heard a sermon from its contents
- It was written sometime between the fall of Thebes in 663 BC and before the fall of Judah to the Babylonians.
- Nahum was a contemporary of Zephaniah and a young Jeremiah
- His oracle or vision was directed at Judah and foretold the fall of Nineveh in 612 BC
- The writing style is one of judgment from the Lord for Nineveh and future joy for Judah

# Nineveh and Assyria was feared by all

- Extreme Violence and brutality of people and leaders (think ISIS)
- Beheading / Skinning alive and hanging skins on the wall/gate
- Stacking heads in a column at the entrance to cities they conquered
- Cutting off limbs, removing organs, staking out people in desert to be eaten by ants and animals while still alive
- Today the mention of Nineveh generally invokes thoughts of the Prophet Jonah going to get them to repent.
- The notorious land and its destruction were not lost on early Western civilization.

# Recessional by Rudyard Kipling - 1897

God of our fathers, known of old,  
Lord of our far-flung battle line,  
Beneath whose awful hand we hold  
Dominion over palm and pine —  
**Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!**

The tumult and the shouting dies;  
The Captains and the Kings depart:  
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,  
An humble and a contrite heart.  
**Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!**

Far-called, our navies melt away;  
On dune and headland sinks the fire:  
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday  
**Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!**  
**Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!**

*If, drunk with sight of power, we loose  
Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe,  
Such boastings as the Gentiles use,  
Or lesser breeds without the Law—  
**Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!***

*For heathen heart that puts her trust  
In reeking tube and iron shard,  
All valiant dust that builds on dust,  
And, guarding, calls not Thee to guard;  
**For frantic boast and foolish word—  
Thy Mercy on Thy People, Lord!***

*Written to commemorate the Diamond  
Jubilee of Queen Victoria in England*

# What we know...

## NAHUM

**Who:** Nahum

**What:** Prophecy and Judgment

**Where:** Judah and Nineveh

**When:** c. 663 BC–612 BC

**Why:** To pronounce judgment on Nineveh and the Assyrian empire.

### Outline (Chapter)

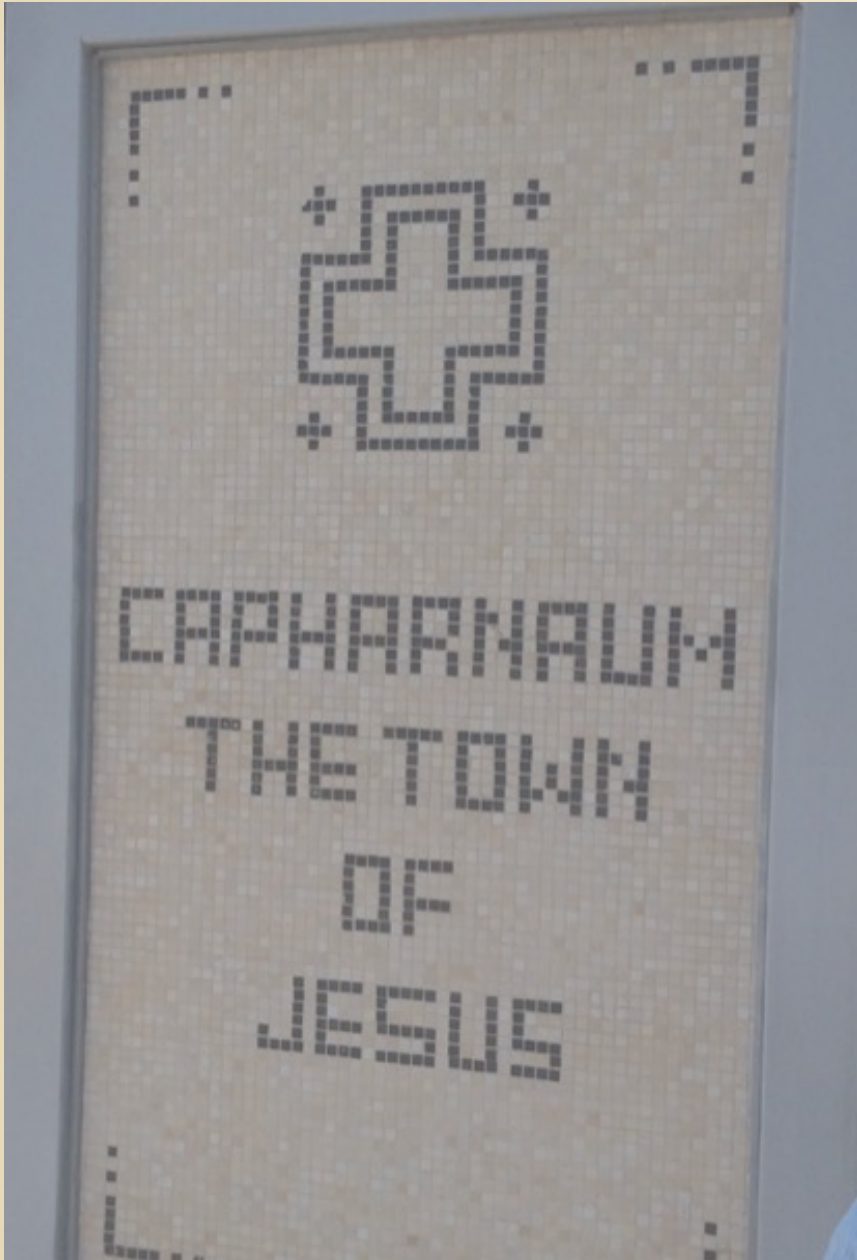
- Judgment and Mercy (1)
- Nineveh's Destruction (2–3)

**Key Verse:** The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him. (Nahum 1:7)

## *What we don't know*

- *Exactly where Elkosh was*
- *Lineage of Nahum*
- *The probable site of Elkosh*
  - *Capernaum*
  - *Below Jerusalem*
  - *Somewhere else in Galilee*

# Capernaum - Some interesting insights...



Much is known about Jesus' ministry in this town and area.

- One interesting thought is the early Hebrew and Arabic word **Kfar**
- Pronounced **Kay far, or Kuh far and it means town or village.** Many small towns on modern Israeli maps have this as a prefix to the name.
- The early name of Capernaum was **Kfar Nahum** which means the **village of Nahum.** You can see it in the spelling of the sign that fronts the entrance to the town today.



# Outline for Nahum

- ***Opening and purpose (Ch 1:1)***
- ***Nineveh's Judge (1:2-15)***
  - *The Lord's Kindness and Sternness (1:2-8)*
  - *Nineveh's Overthrow and Judah's Joy (1:9-15)*
- ***Nineveh's Judgment (Ch 2)***
  - *Nineveh besieged (2:1-10)*
  - *Nineveh's Desolation vs Former Glory (2:11-13)*
- ***Nineveh's Total Destruction (Ch 3)***
  - *Nineveh's Sins (3:1-4)*
  - *Nineveh's Doom (3:5-19)*

# Nahum Ch 1:1 *Opening and Purpose*

1. A **prophecy**/Oracle concerning Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

*Prophecy is both a **Forthtelling** of the Lord's words, and a **Foretelling** of God's words to the people.*

# Map of the Area in OT Times



# Modern Map of the Middle East



# Nahum Ch 1:1-2 *The Lord's Anger Against Nineveh*

*1 A prophecy concerning **Nineveh**. The book of the **vision of Nahum the Elkoshite**.*

*2 The Lord is a jealous and avenging God;  
the Lord takes vengeance and is filled with wrath.  
The Lord takes vengeance on his foes  
and vents his wrath against his enemies.*

*Two words need clarity: Jealousy and Vengeance*

*Human Jealousy, and Godly Jealously*

See this article: <https://www.gotquestions.org/godly-jealousy.html>

*The next verses explain more the idea of God's Vengeance and wrath*

# Nahum Ch 1:3-5 *The Power of God*

<sup>3</sup> *The Lord is **slow to anger** but **great in power**;  
the Lord will **not leave the guilty unpunished**.*

*His way is in the **whirlwind and the storm**,  
and **clouds are the dust of his feet**.*

<sup>4</sup> *He **rebukes the sea and dries it up**;  
he **makes all the rivers run dry**.*

*Bashan and Carmel wither  
and the blossoms of Lebanon fade.*

<sup>5</sup> *The mountains quake before him  
and the hills melt away.*

*The earth trembles at his presence,  
the world and all who live in it.*

***God controls the physical world and its elements***

# Nahum Ch 1:6 Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God

*6 Who can withstand his indignation?  
Who can endure his fierce anger?  
His wrath is poured out like fire;  
the rocks are shattered before him.*

*When God judges, who can stand against his anger?*

*Jonathan Edwards' sermon in 1741 called*

***"Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God"** was the catalyst  
for the first Great Awakening in the US*

*Preached in Mass, and Ct. and studied by theologians*

# Nahum Ch 1:7-10 The Lord is good

*<sup>7</sup> The Lord is good,*

*a refuge in times of trouble.*

*He cares for those who trust in him,*

*<sup>8</sup> but with an **overwhelming flood***

***he will make an end of Nineveh;***

*he will pursue his foes into the realm of darkness.*

*<sup>9</sup> **Whatever they plot against the Lord***

***he will bring to an end;***

*trouble will not come a second time.*

*<sup>10</sup> They will be entangled among thorns*

*and drunk from their wine;*

*they will be consumed like dry stubble.*



# Nahum Ch 1:11-13

***11 From you, Nineveh, has one come forth  
who plots evil against the Lord  
and devises wicked plans.***

***12 This is what the Lord says:***

***“Although they have allies and are numerous,  
they will be destroyed and pass away.  
Although I have afflicted you, Judah,  
I will afflict you no more.***

***13 Now I will break their yoke from your neck  
and tear your shackles away.”***

# Nahum Ch 1:14 Judgment to come for Nineveh

*14 The Lord has given a command concerning you,  
Nineveh:*

*“You will have no descendants to bear your name.  
I will destroy the images and idols  
that are in the temple of your gods.  
I will prepare your grave,  
for you are vile.”*

# Nahum Ch 1:15\* Peace and a return to life

***15 Look, there on the mountains,  
the feet of one who brings good news,  
who proclaims peace!  
Celebrate your festivals, Judah,  
and fulfill your vows.  
No more will the wicked invade you;  
they will be completely destroyed.***

*\*In the Hebrew Bible, this verse begins Ch 2*

# Next Week

- *Read Nahum Ch 2, try and read “**Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God**”*
- *Pray for our world, country, state, and all the leaders*
- *Pray for your church, and its leadership and Pastors..*
- *Pray for your family and your friends both inside and outside of the church. Pray for Israel and His will to be done...*
- *Pray for families to be strengthened not divided as the world spins toward judgment*
- *Pray for those who don't know the Lord to come to Him*