

INTRODUCTION TO Nahum

BOOK BASICS

READ ALONG

07/22 Nahum 1-3

WHERE IS IT IN THE BIBLE?

- 31. OBADIAH
- 32. JONAH
- 33. MICAH
- 34. **NAHUM**
- 35. HABAKKUK
- 36. ZEPHANIAH
- 37. HAGGAI

KEY VERSES

Nahum 1:2–3a

²The Lord is a jealous and avenging God; the Lord takes vengeance and is fierce in wrath. The Lord takes vengeance against His foes; He is furious with His enemies.

³The Lord is slow to anger but great in power; the Lord will never leave the guilty unpunished.

KEY THEMES

- The major theme of Nahum is judgment
- God’s sovereignty is God’s right to judge His enemies
- Judgment involves suffering, but justice must prevail
- Judgment is God’s faithfulness to His own holiness
- Judgment does allow for mercy, but withholding judgment is unjust
- The Gospel in Nahum
 - o The bad news: The wages of sin is death
 - o The good news: God provides a warning before judging
 - o The best news: God provides salvation from sin by faith in Christ



DATE
663-654 BC



TYPE
Oracle, a prophecy of suffering



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HELPFUL RESOURCES

- *The Zondervan Encyclopedia of the Bible*, ed. Tenney & Silva (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2010).
- *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: Old Testament*, ed. Walvoord & Zuck (Colorado Springs: David C. Cook, 1985).
- *The New American Commentary: Old Testament*, ed. Barker & Bailey (Nashville: Broadman Press, 1997).

BASIC STRUCTURE

AN “ORACLE” OR PROPHECY OF SUFFERING OVER 3 CHAPTERS:

