



Nahum

Background

- Nahum was a prophet from the unknown town of Elkosh.
- Nahum is unique among the prophets because his message was written, not spoken.
- The book was written between 663BC - 612 BC.
- At the time of Nahum's writing, Assyria was at the height of her power. She was the world's first superpower, known among the ancients as the cruelest of conquerors. Judah's kings were vassals of Assyria.
- This book is a pronouncement of judgment against Nineveh.

Roadmap

1. Judgment Announced (1)
 - a. The Character of the Judge (1-8)
 - b. The Commitment of the Judge (9-15)
2. Judgment Executed (2)
3. Judgment Defended (3)

Landmark

Nahum pronounces woe to the bloody city (3:1). God deals with evil patiently, furiously, and decisively. This is good news for God's people and bad news for His enemies.

Must See

- Just like God's judgment and mercy converged on the city of Nineveh, it would once again converge on the cross.

Takeaway

1. We can find refuge in the awesome character of God (1:7).
2. We can also find ruin in the awesome character of God (1:8)