

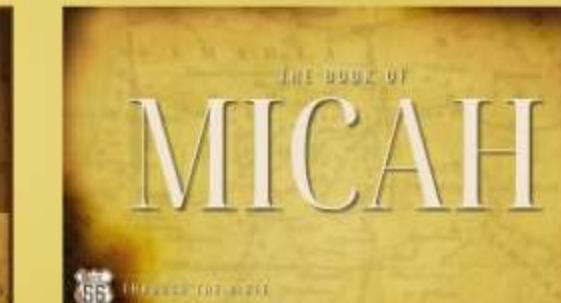
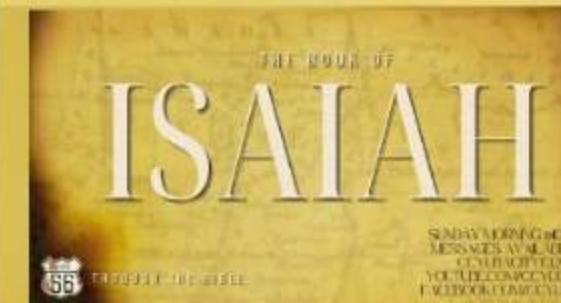
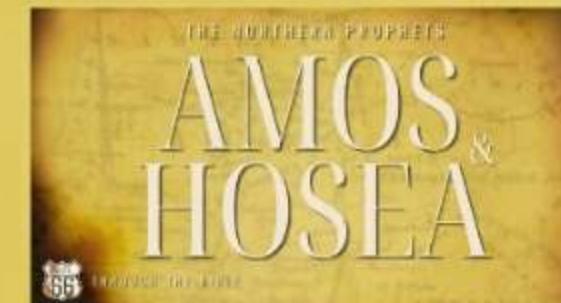
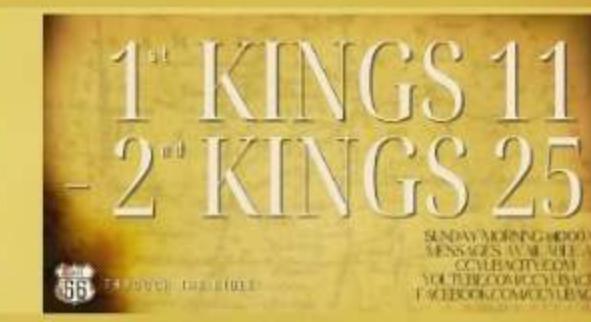
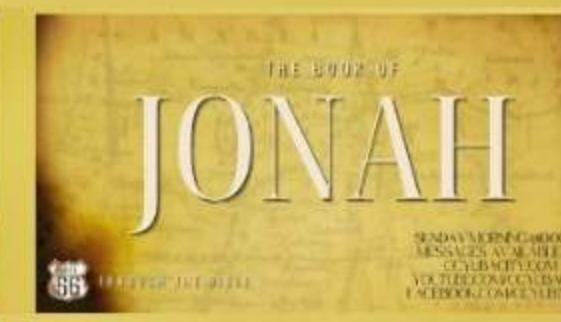
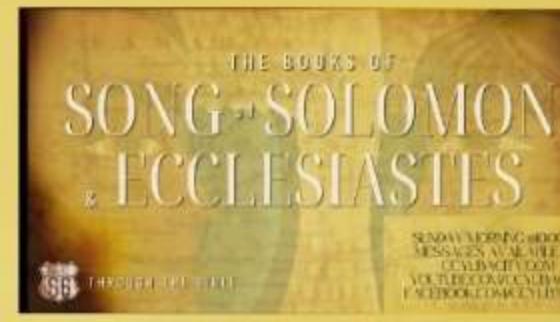
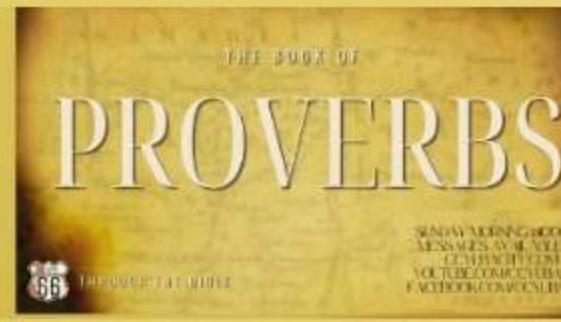
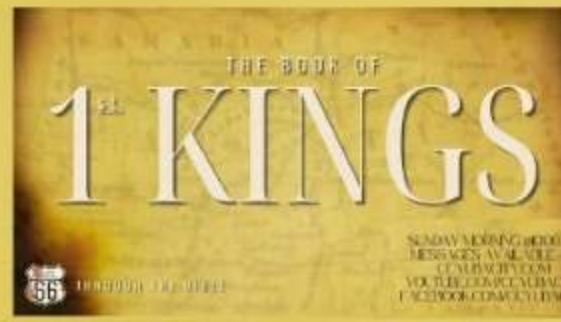
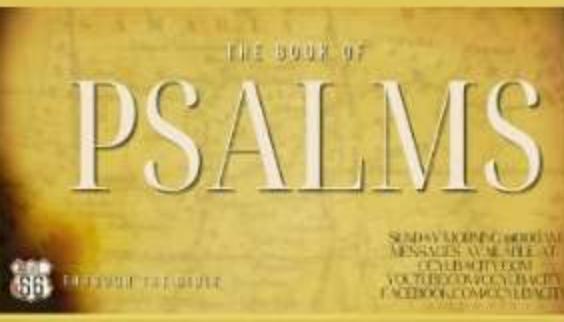
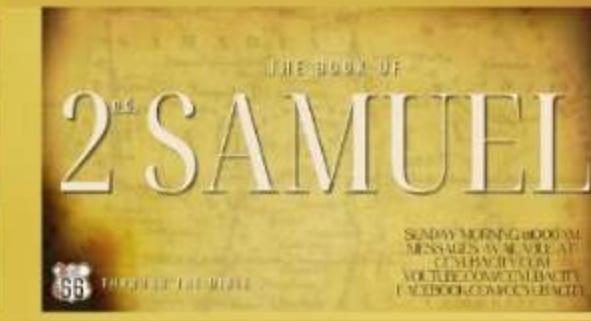
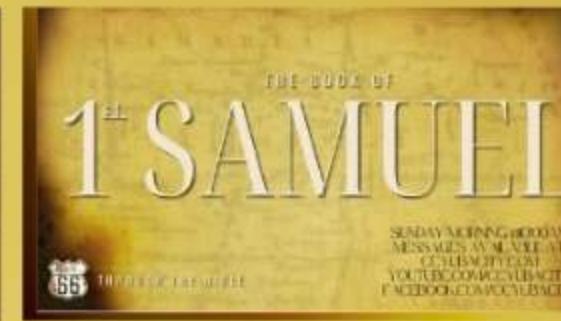
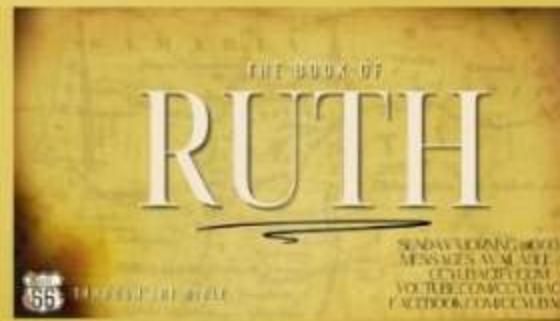
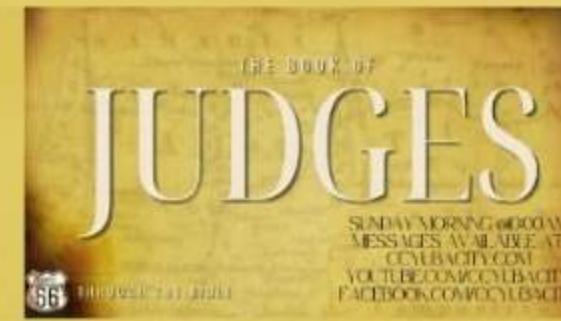
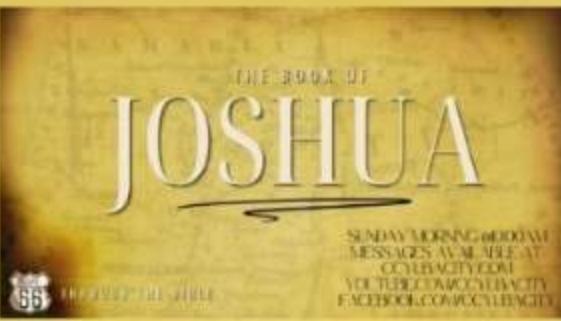
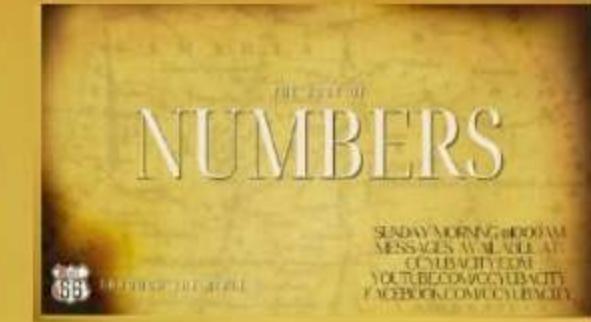
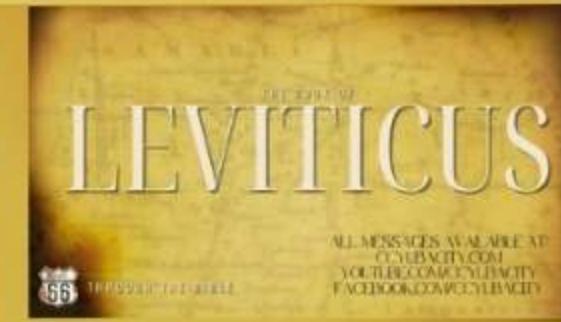
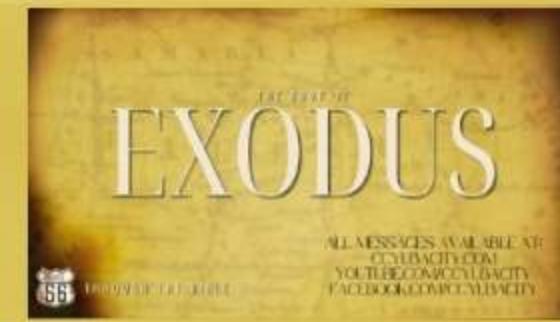
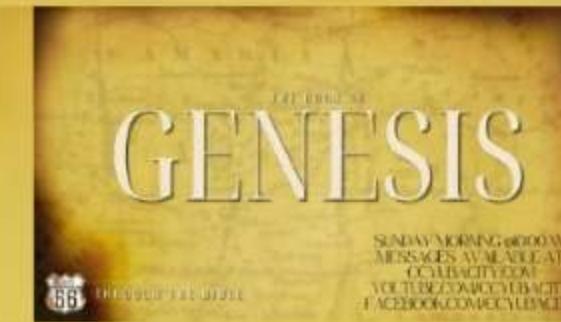
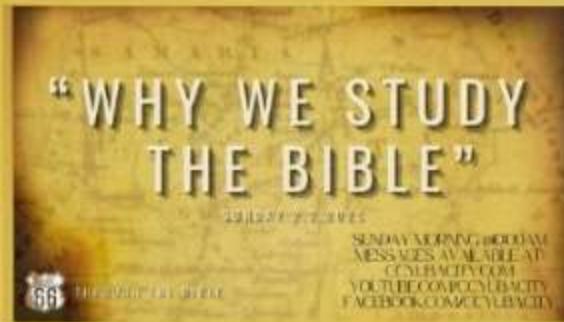
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The prophets are where a lot
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“THE DIVIDED KINGDOM”

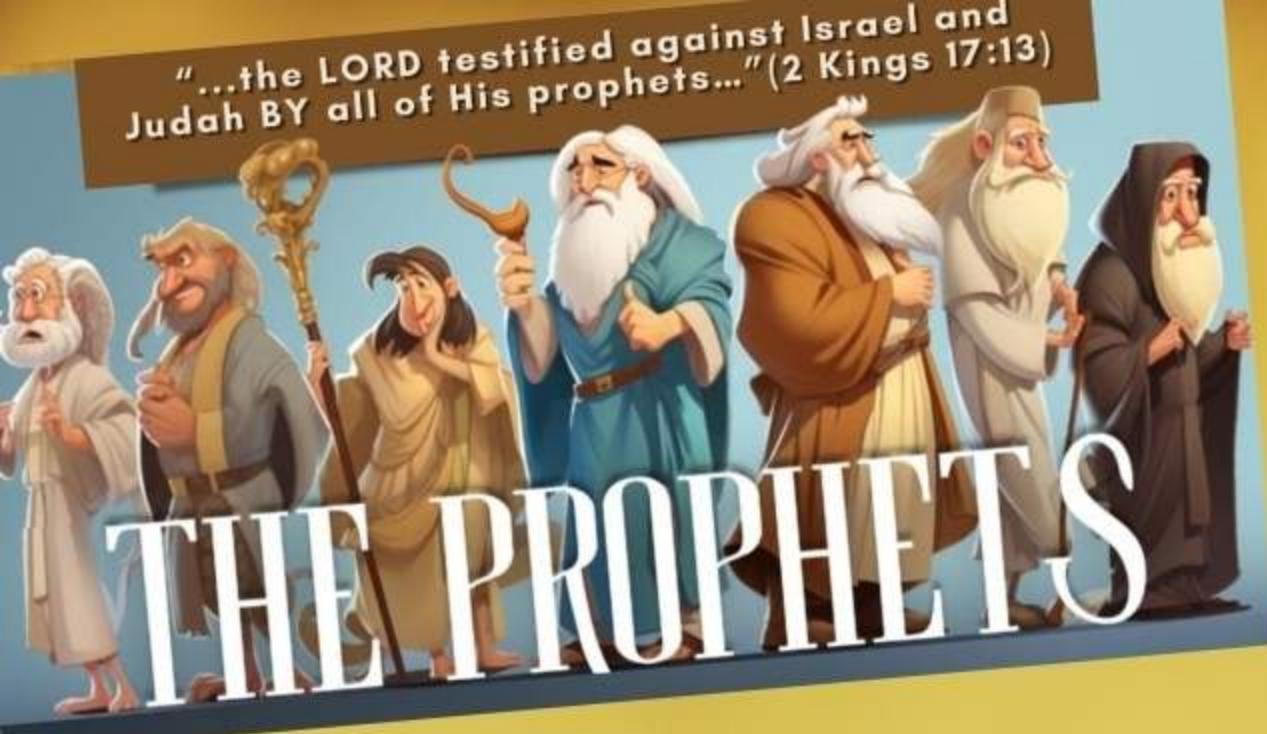
The Two Kingdoms



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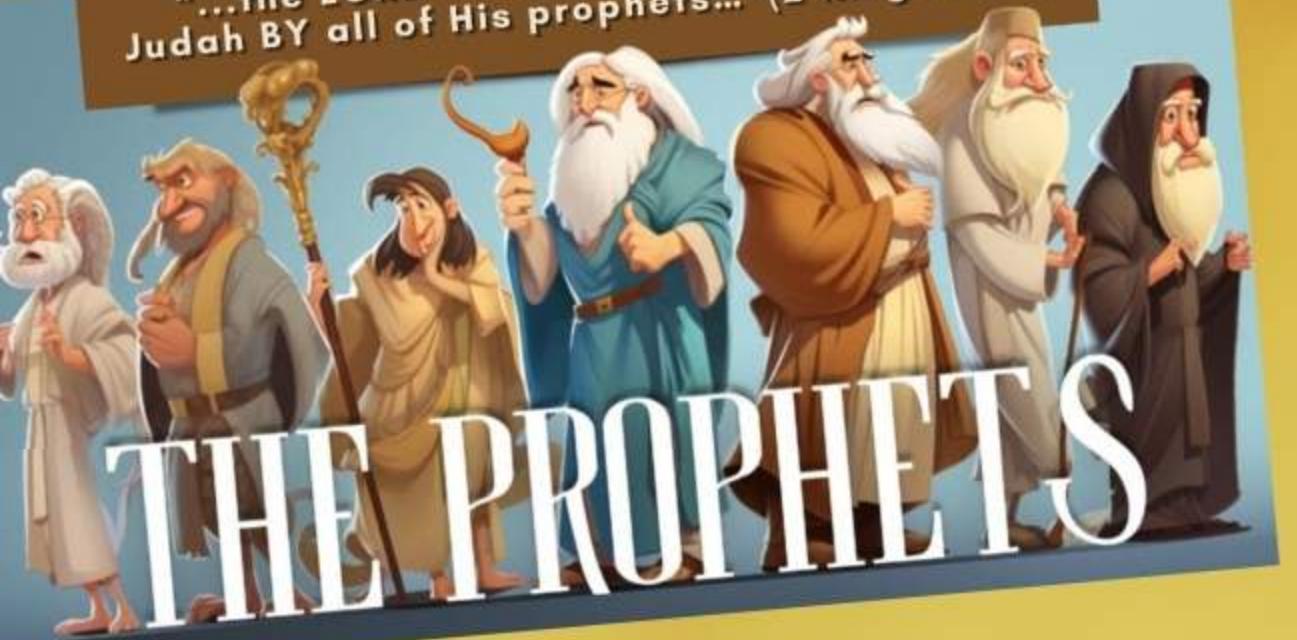


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**THE PROPHETS PROVIDE MUCH
INSIGHT INTO THE SIGNIFICANCE,
TIMING, HISTORY, AND SCOPE OF
THE BIRTH OF JESUS**

“...the LORD testified against Israel and Judah BY all of His prophets...”(2 Kings 17:13)



THE PROPHETS

**PROPHETS
COVERED
SO FAR:**

Jonah, Amos, Hosea
(Northern Kingdom)
Isaiah & Micah
(Southern Kingdom)

today:

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**BOTH CONCERNING
ASSYRIA/NINEVEH**

THE ROLE OF ASSYRIA:

Isaiah 10:5-6: "...**Assyria...the rod of My anger, the staff in whose hand is My indignation.**"

GOD USED ASSYRIA TO CONQUER THE NORTHERN KINGDOM OF ISRAEL IN 722 BC

"God says Assyria is like a stick in His hand... They [ran His] errands; [He] gave them permission." (David Guzik)

NOW GOD WILL JUDGE ASSYRIA

Nahum 1:1: **"The burden against Nineveh."**

Zephaniah 2:13: **"[God] will stretch out His hand against the north, [to] destroy Assyria, and make Nineveh a desolation..."**

"The most frightening words anyone could ever hear are... directed toward Nineveh by the Lord [in Nahum 2:13 and 3:5]... when He says: 'Behold, I am against you.'"

ASSYRIA: the WORLD DOMINATING EMPIRE

“Nineveh was one of the greatest cities of antiquity. With 1,200... 200-foot-high towers, and surrounded by a 100-foot-high wall [so wide] that 3 chariots could drive atop it side-by-side. 60 miles in circumference, enough corn grown inside to feed the entire population... There were magnificent palaces, with courtyards of more than 100 acres. Hanging gardens filled the city... Temples, palaces, libraries, & arsenals abounded to adorn & enrich the city beyond belief.” (Jon Courson)



ASSYRIA: the WORLD DOMINATING EMPIRE

“The magnificent buildings, artistic designs, and water-supply projects of Nineveh... resulted in its being likened to ancient Versailles.”

(Major Cities of the Biblical World)

Zephaniah 2:15: **“[Nineveh] is the rejoicing city that dwelt securely, that said in her heart, ‘I am it... and there is none besides me.’”**



Genesis 10:8-11: “Nimrod... a mighty one on the earth... a mighty hunter before the LORD... the beginning of his kingdom was Babel... From that land he went to Assyria and built Nineveh...”



ASSYRIA: the WORLD DOMINATING EMPIRE

“Woe to the bloody city! It is all full of lies and robbery. Its victim never departs. The noise of a whip and the noise of rattling wheels, of galloping horses, of clattering chariots! Horsemen charge with bright sword and glittering spear. There is a multitude of slain, a great number of bodies, countless corpses—they stumble over the corpses—because of the multitude of harlotries of the seductive harlot, the mistress of sorceries, who sells nations through her harlotries, and families through her sorceries.” (Nahum 3:1-4)

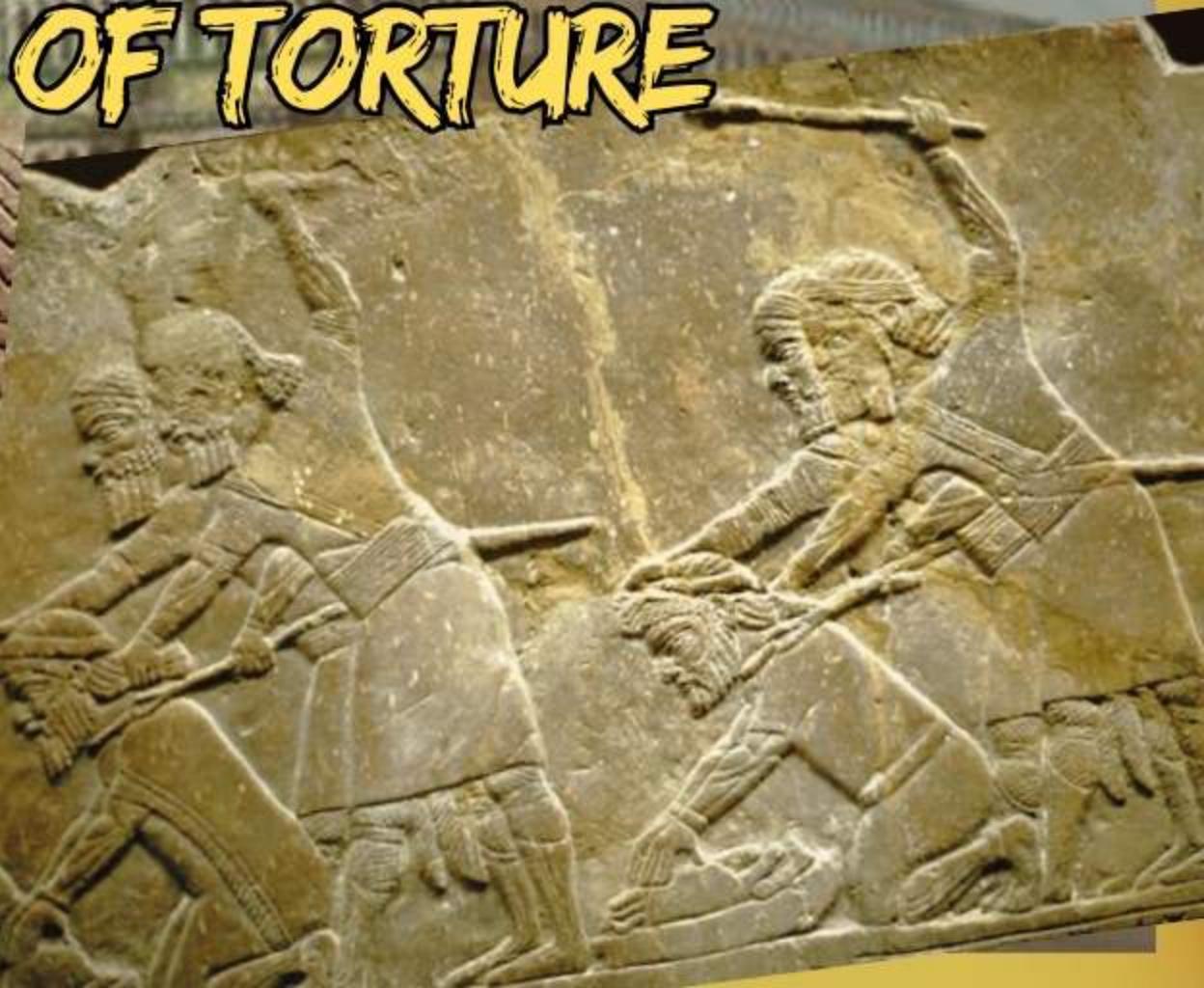


**NINEVEH:
“THE BLOODY CITY”**

ASSYRIA: the WORLD DOMINATING EMPIRE

“Assyria [was] the first nation to make... military might its central policy and... to torment its enemies with psychological warfare. They pioneered the use of terror as a weapon—and made the lives of their enemies a living horror story.”

“Reliefs with people being impaled, decapitated, flayed, and tongues pulled out... people being made to grind the bones of their dead ancestors, and vultures plucking out the eyes of the dead!”



**KNOWN AS
THE LORDS OF TORTURE**

ASSYRIA: the WORLD DOMINATING EMPIRE

“I flayed many... and draped their skins over [my] walls... I burned their adolescent boys and girls . . . A pillar of heads I erected in front of the city.”

(Ashurnasirpal II)

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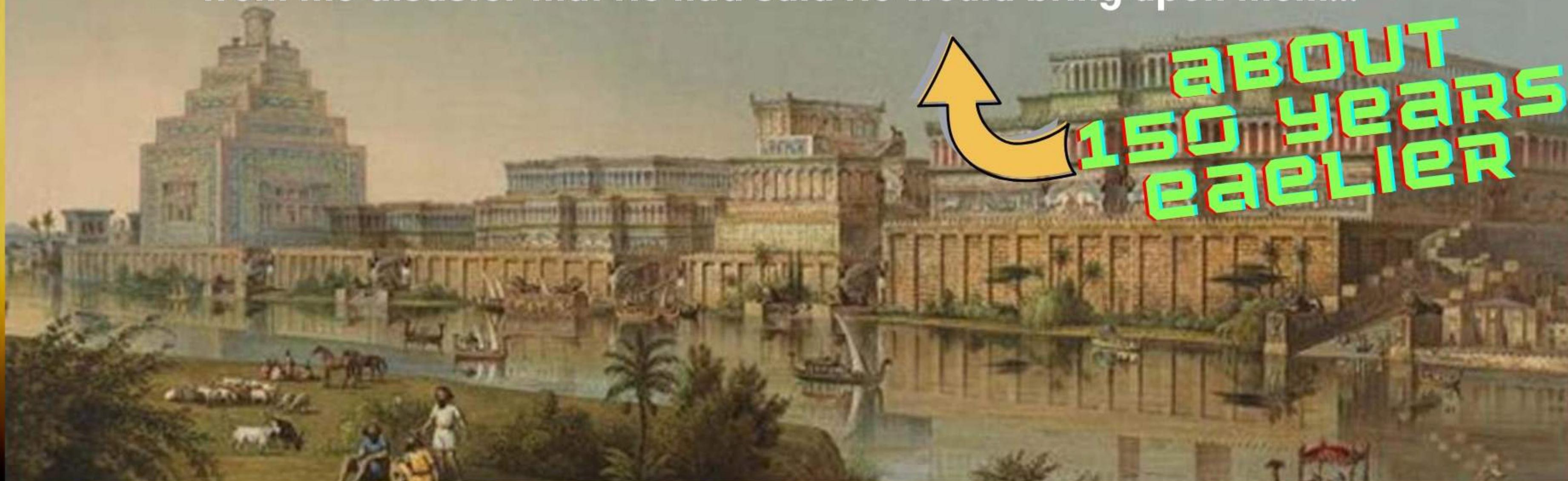
“Thousands of tablets uncovered in the Mesopotamian valley show abysmal superstition. Hundreds of sorcery incantations have been brought to light.”

James Montgomery Boice



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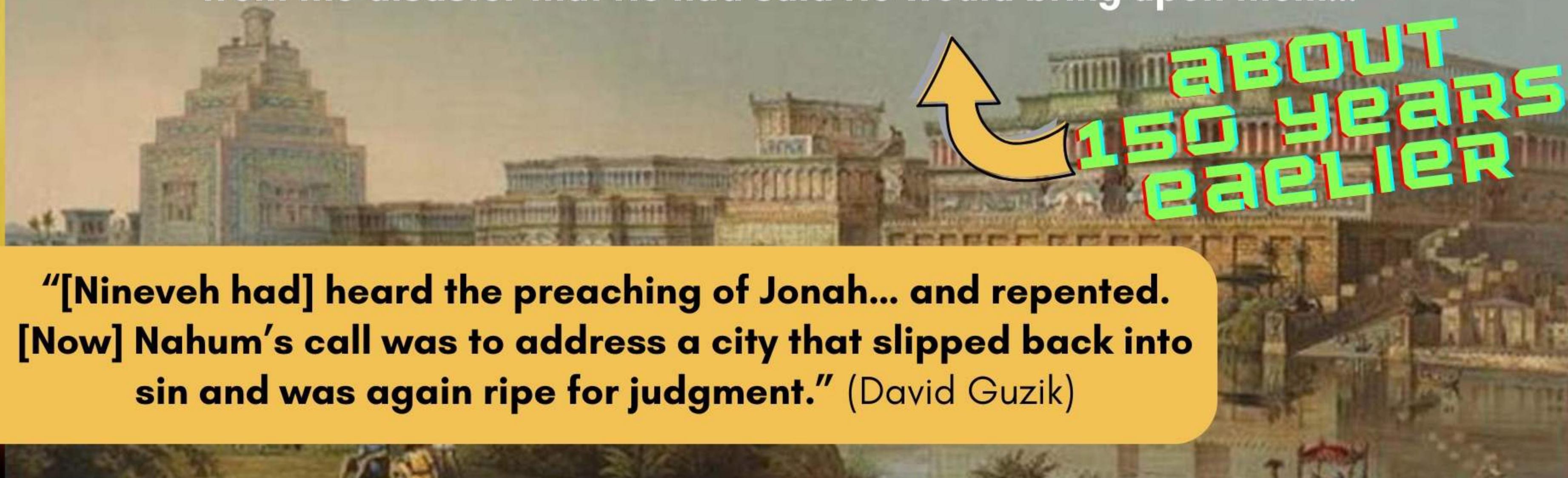
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“[Nineveh had] heard the preaching of Jonah... and repented. [Now] Nahum’s call was to address a city that slipped back into sin and was again ripe for judgment.” (David Guzik)



GOD JUDGES NATIONS!

“...these prophecies set forth... the truth concerning the wrath of God, in its national application.” G. Campbell Morgan



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Joel 3:2: “I will... gather all nations... And... enter into judgment with them... on account of My people... Israel...”

Matthew 25:31-32: “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit on His glorious throne. [And] All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.”

↑ ‘The Judgement of the Nations’ ↑

“...Gentiles who are judged... on their kindness and care towards... the Jewish people.”

THE TIME-FRAME of NAHUM:

Nahum 3:8: “Are you better than No Amon, that was situated by the River... Yet she... went into captivity; her young children... were dashed to pieces... and all her great men were bound in chains.”

Assyria destroyed Thebes in 663 B.C....

Nineveh fell in 612 B.C...

RECONSTRUCTION of Thebes in 654 BC...



“This [helps] us date the prophecy of Nahum between 663–654 BC.”

(Chuck Swindoll)

“Nahum likely prophesied when Nineveh was at the height of her power.”

(G. Campbell Morgan)

THE TIME-FRAME of ZEPHANIAH:

The LAST PROPHET to write before the Babylonian captivity of Judah

“The swan song of the Southern Kingdom” (Judah)

He “sum up” the messages of the previous prophets.

*“unoriginal... because he quotes the words and ideas of
many [of the] previous prophets.”*

**From Zephaniah 2:13–15, we see that he writes BEFORE the fall of Nineveh
(612 BC)... Scholars date his writing to between 630 and 627 BC...**

NAHUM

ZEPHANIAH

JEREMIAH

here ↑

IDENTITY of NAHUM:

'Nahum' = SHORTENED FORM of 'Nehemiah' = "comfort"

"Nahum is a prophecy of doom... do not look here for the spiritual element which we find in Hosea, Micah, and Isaiah."

Nahum 1:1: **"The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite."**

Where???

Capernaum' = Kephar Nahum = "village of Nahum"

Was this city named after the prophet?

We don't know???



IDENTITY of ZEPHANIAH:

Zeph. 1:1: **“The word of the LORD which came to Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.”**

Of ROYAL LINEAGE | The great, great grandson of King Hezekiah

‘Zephaniah’ = “Yahweh hides,” “Yahweh has hidden”

Probably hidden at birth, during the reign of King Manasseh

Zeph. 2:3: **“It may be that you will be hidden in the day of the LORD’s anger.”**

A word-play on his own name?

BOTH OF THESE
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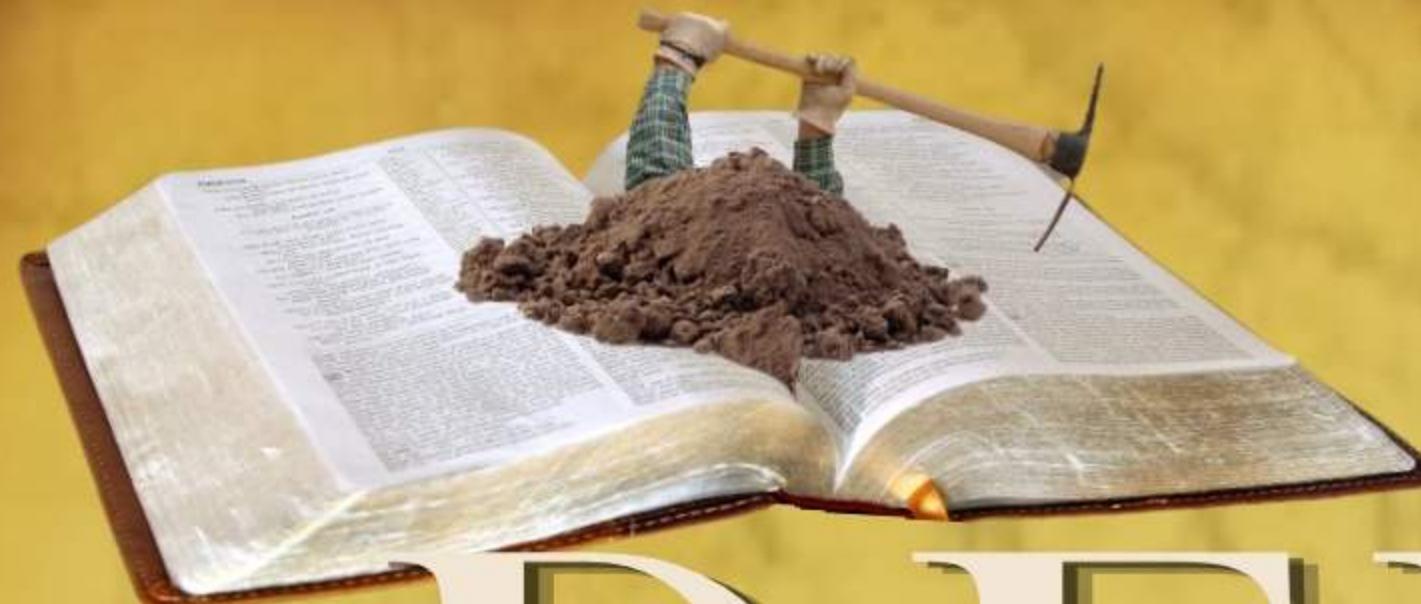
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WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30AM

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MIDWEEK BIBLE DISCUSSION

The STRUCTURE of NAHUM:

Chapter 1—NINEVEH'S DOOM IS DECLARED...

Chapter 2—NINEVEH'S DOOM IS DESCRIBED...

Chapter 3—NINEVEH'S DOOM IS DESERVED...

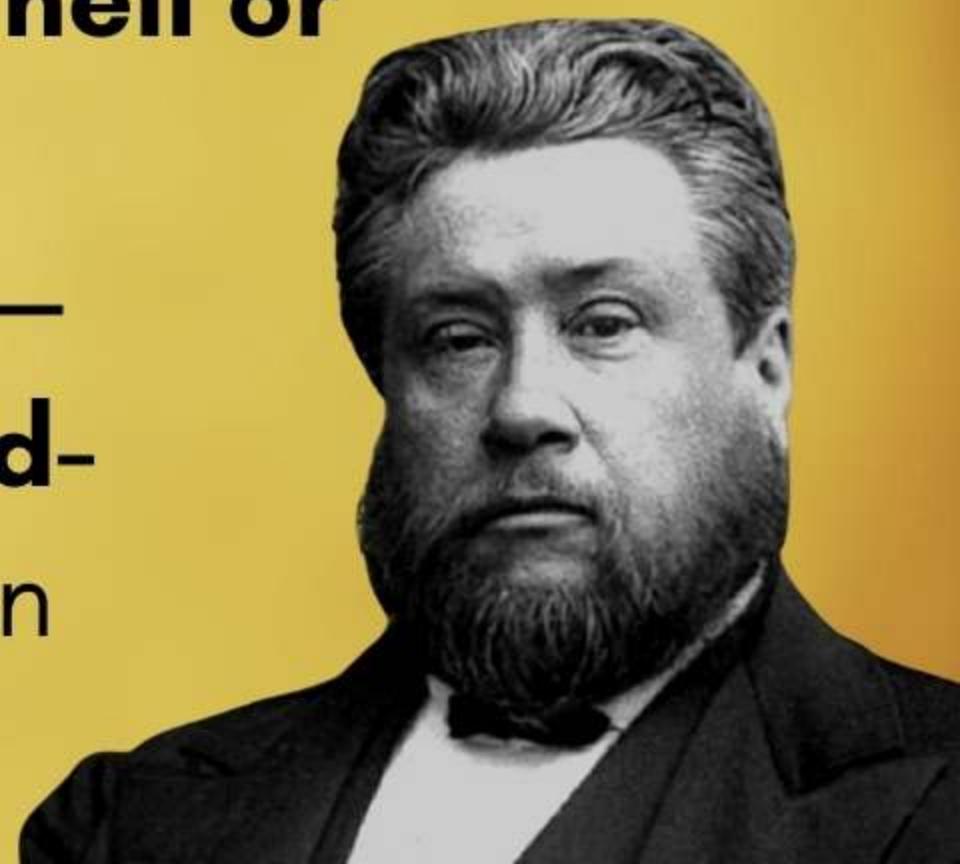
“Nahum hovers between Doom Song and rhapsodic discourse... classic in all its respects... marked by clearness, finished elegance... fire, richness, and originality.” **(Prof. Richard Green Moulton)**

“...a masterpiece of ancient literature, unsurpassed for its graphic portrayal of a military assault.” **(James Montgomery Boice)**

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"One of the most fascinating prophecies... in this passage... Historians tell us that... 18 years after Nahum's prophecy—the Medes & Babylonians joined together to attack Nineveh. With enough food within her walls to feed her population indefinitely, and the Euphrates River flowing through the city to provide water, Nineveh fended-off 3 separate attacks over 3 years, just by shutting herself off... and hiding within her walls..."



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To celebrate... Nineveh threw a party... A drunken orgy that lasted weeks. But as they partied, clouds formed over Nineveh. As rain fell, the Euphrates overflowed so much that it... caused the foundation of the walls to crumble. The Medes & Babylonians stormed the breaches and torched the city... just as Nahum had prophesied." (Jon Courson)



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Nahum 3:13: “Fire shall devour the bars of your gates.”

**“Excavators of Nineveh...
remark on the large deposits of
ash, evidence of [an extensive
fire which destroyed a great
deal of land and property].”**

(James Montgomery Boice)



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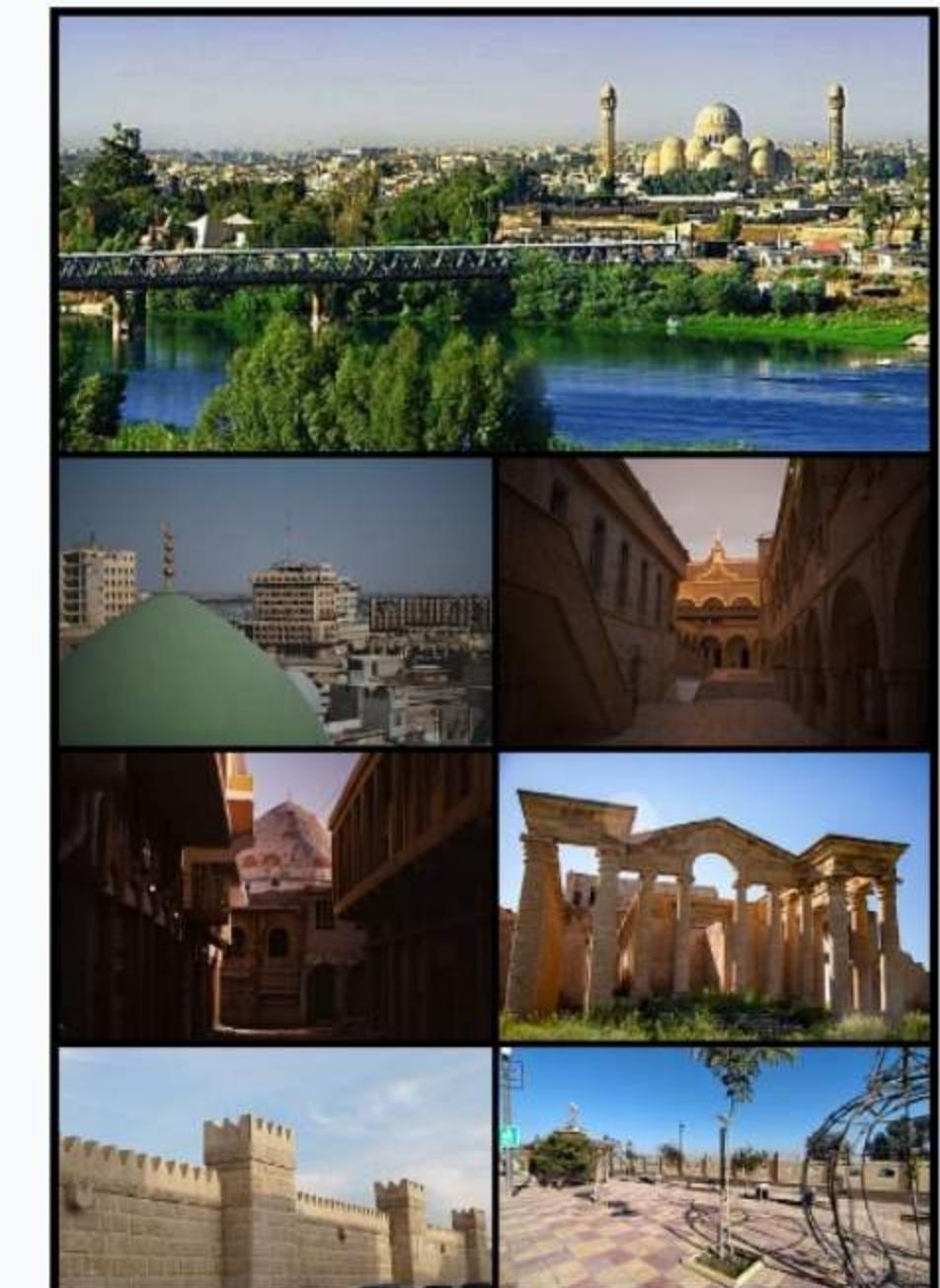
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"Mosul is a major city in northern Iraq... the capital of Nineveh Governorate... the second largest city in Iraq... Situated on the banks of the Tigris River, the city encloses the ruins of the ancient Assyrian city of Nineveh..." – Wikipedia

We don't hear much about Nineveh nowadays!

Mosul
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"What probability [is] there that the capital city of a great kingdom—sixty miles in compass... so many thousand inhabitants... walls a hundred feet high.... [was] so totally destroyed that the place is hardly known..."

(Adam Clarke)

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Nahum 2:11: “Where is the dwelling of the lions, and the feeding place of the young lions, where the lion walked, [and] the lioness and lion's cub...”

VS. 13: “The lion tore in pieces enough for his cubs, [and] killed for his lionesses...”

VS. 14: “...the sword shall devour your young lions...”

The LION was one of the NATIONAL EMBLEMS of ASSYRIA!



HIGHLIGHTS of NAHUM:

Nahum 1:15: “**Behold, on the mountains... the feet of him who brings good tidings, who proclaims peace!**”



PAUL QUOTES THIS in ROMANS 10!!!



“How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!’ (Nahum 1:15 & Isaiah 52:7)

HIGHLIGHTS of ZEPHANIAH:

“It’s like a Florida hurricane, a Mississippi flood, a California earthquake, a Minnesota snowstorm, and a Hawaiian volcanic eruption all rolled into one...” (Jon Courson)

“You can look at a map and see... that [the prophets] draw a circle with Israel in the crosshairs...” (Bible Project)



HIGHLIGHTS of ZEPHANIAH:

Zephaniah 1:1–6: **THE DECREE of the LORD**

Zephaniah 3:9–20: **THE DELIVERANCE of the LORD**

Zephaniah 1:7–3:8:

THE DAY OF THE LORD

ONE OF THE
DOMINANT
THEMES OF
THE BOOK

“The idea is that now is the day of man... but [that time] will not last forever. One day, Messiah will end the day of man and herald the day of the LORD.” – “[It is] a day of wrath... where mankind receives the... penalty for his rebellion against the LORD, [and] Zephaniah paints [a powerful picture] with the repeated description of, “a day of...” (David Guzik)

The DAY of the LORD:

“...a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of devastation and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet and alarm against the fortified cities and against the high towers.”

Appears more than 25 TIMES in Scripture in:
**Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Joel, Amos, Obadiah,
Zechariah, Malachi, Matthew’s Gospel, the Book
of Acts, 1st Corinthians, 2nd Corinthians, 1st Thessalonians**

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 **“THEREFORE”**

“What manner of persons ought [we] to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God... [where] we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells... [and] looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless...”

“Because of this...”

The POINT of ZEPHANIAH:

“The often-unwritten theme behind... prophecy is, ‘This is what will happen if you do not repent.’ [In Zephaniah] the prophet pleads with [his] nation to repent before it is too late.”

The POINT of ZEPHANIAH:

Zephaniah 2:1-3 (to **JUDAH**): **“Before the decree is issued... before the day of the LORD’s anger comes upon you! Seek the LORD, all you meek of the earth... Seek righteousness, seek humility. It may be that you will be hidden in the day of the LORD’s anger.”**

SIMILAR TO:

Luke 21:34-36: **“Take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, [and] drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come upon you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.”** - **“Watch therefore, and PRAY ALWAYS that you may, be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass...”**

GOD is SPEAKING to JUDAH!

Zephaniah 3:1-4 (to **JUDAH**): “She has not obeyed [My] voice, she has not received correction; she has not trusted in the LORD, she has not drawn near to her God.” – “Her prophets are insolent, treacherous people; her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.”

Zephaniah 1:4-12: “I will stretch out My hand against **JUDAH**, and... all the inhabitants of **JERUSALEM**...” – “Those who have turned back from following the LORD, and... not... inquired of Him... I will search **JERUSALEM** with lamps, and punish the men who are settled in complacency, who say in their heart, ‘The LORD will not do good, nor will He do evil.’

DON'T MAKE THIS MISTAKE:

“The LORD will not do good, nor will He do evil.”

“[They] believe in God as a great ‘clockmaker’ who created the universe, wound it up and... left it ticking without any further intervention.”

“DEISM”

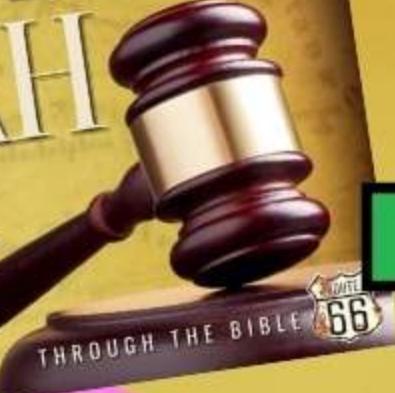
“The people regarded all religions equally true... The philosophers regarded all religions as equally false... [and] The politicians regarded all religions as equally useful.” –

Edward Gibbon / ‘The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire’

A LOT LIKE TODAY!

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THE PURPOSE OF
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THE POINT of ZEPHANIAH:

**THE PURPOSE OF
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Burning Man's infamous Orgy Dome blown away, wrecked by windstorm: 'Worked so hard to build it'

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Burning Man's notorious 'Orgy Dome' destroyed by intense dust storm

Heavy flooding at Burning Man has left around 70,000 attendees stranded in muddy conditions, prompting organizers to issue a shelter-in-place order and conserve resources.

Current Situation

As of now, approximately 70,000 festivalgoers are stuck at Burning Man in Black Rock City, Nevada, due to two days of heavy rain that transformed the desert landscape into a muddy quagmire. The rain has caused significant flooding.

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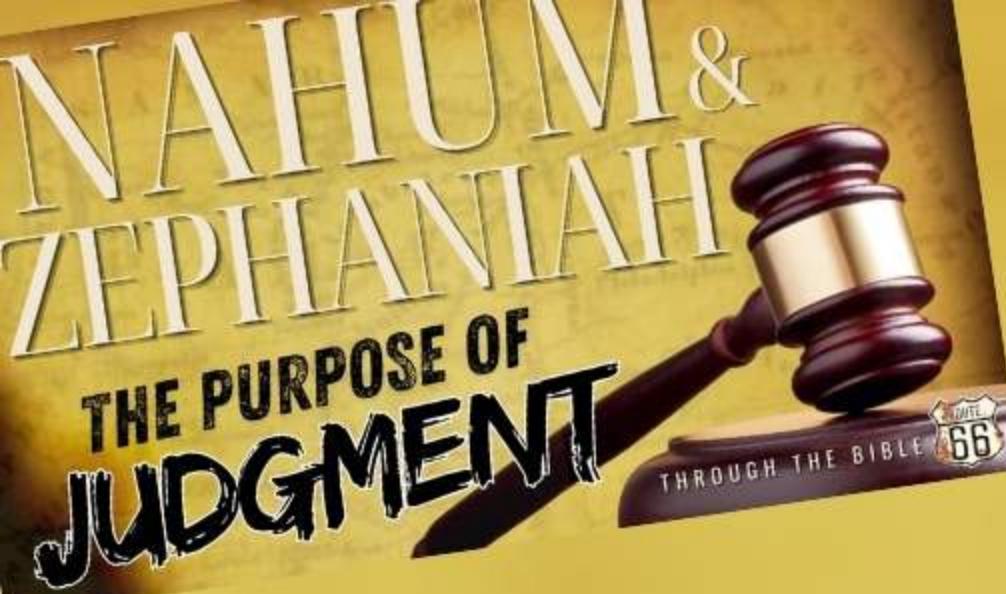
THE PURPOSE of JUDGMENT:

WHEN A TOWER FALLS:

Luke 13:4-5: **“Those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them... do you think that they were worse sinners than [the] other men who dwelt in Jerusalem?”**

**THIS
IS HOW
WE
TEND
TO
THINK**

“I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”



THE PURPOSE of JUDGMENT:

WHEN A TOWER FALLS

**WE WILL NEVER
FORGET.**

BUT WILL WE EVER LEARN ?

**“I tell you, no; but unless you repent
you will all likewise perish.”**



THE PURPOSE of JUDGMENT:

THE RICH MAN & LAZARUS:

Luke 16:27-29: “I beg you therefore... that you would send [Lazarus] to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.”

ANYONE WHO DIES, THE ONLY MESSAGE THEY WOULD HAVE FOR US IS: “GIVE YOUR LIFE TO JESUS.”

NAHUM &
ZEPHANIAH

THE PURPOSE OF
JUDGMENT

THROUGH THE BIBLE 66

THE PURPOSE of JUDGMENT:

JUDGMENT SHOULD
BE A WAKE UP
CALL FOR US!

“MOVE YOUR LIFE TO JESUS.”



THE PURPOSE of JUDGMENT:

**“...the time has come for judgment to BEGIN
AT THE HOUSE OF GOD” –the CHURCH!**

1 Peter 4:17

“We see empires and nations judged in our own day and in history, just like the Assyrians saw Thebes destroyed... But, like the Ninevites, we somehow think that we will be spared... despite our sinful arrogance and rebellion.” - David Guzik

PROMISED RESTORATION:

Zephaniah 3:8-20: **“I will restore to the peoples a pure language, that they all may call on the name of the LORD, to serve Him with one accord... The daughter of My dispersed ones, shall bring My offering... and they shall trust in the name of the LORD. The remnant of Israel shall do no unrighteousness and speak no lies, nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; for they shall feed their flocks and lie down, and no one shall make them afraid.”** – **“The LORD has taken away your judgments, He has cast out your enemy. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; You shall see disaster no more. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: ‘Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak.’”**

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‘NEAR

After Babylon

‘FAR’

the Millenium

FULFILLMENT

AN AMAZING THOUGHT:

Zephaniah 3:17: **“The LORD your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”**

“[God] did not sing when He made the world. He looked upon it, and... said that it was good. The angels sang... but not God. He could have made thousands of worlds by His will.... [But] When... the Lord saw... the salvation of His redeemed, then he rejoiced after a divine manner. Can you imagine? Is it possible to conceive of the Deity breaking into song? God is so happy in the love that He bears... His people that He breaks the eternal silence, and sun and moon and stars with astonishment hear God chanting a hymn of joy.” - “If God sings, shall not we sing?” (Charles Spurgeon)

NEXT SUNDAY!

THE BOOKS OF

HABAKKUK & OBADIAH



THROUGH THE BIBLE

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THE REAR OF THE SANCTUARY**

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