

Nahum
(means comfort)

Summary

The Ninevites had responded with repentance when Jonah preached to them many years prior, but by the time of Nahum's book, their leaders had returned to wickedness.

Author and Date:

Nahum. 650 BC.

Audience/ Setting:

People of Nineveh and people of Judah (southern kingdom). Nineveh was the mightiest city of the Assyrian empire. The walls were wide enough to accommodate 3 chariots riding side-by-side. The walls were 8 miles around. This particular prophecy took place after the fall of Thebes in 663 BC.

Purpose:

Warn the people of Nineveh of God's judgement for unrepentant sin and reminded God's people that He would protect them from their enemies. Nahum informs us that God is loving, yet he is also just.

Key People:

Nahum, Ninevites

Key Places:

Nineveh

References

NLT Life Application Study Bible
Tony Evans Study Bible