

# Making God in Our Image

- Nahum 1:1 – 3a is about God's vengeance on Assyria
- Nahum 1:3b – 6 is about God's power
- Idolatry is making God in our image
- The Bible reveals Jesus as something different than the child-like meek and mild the Church insists on
- Nahum is not for another people;  
it is for all God-worshippers

# NOT FOR ASSYRIA

## CYCLE OF SIN



- God's vengeance is not impulsive
- Nahum 1:3a ***"YHVH is slow to anger, but great in power..."***
- When referring to God, "great in power" means His grace and mercy
- Vs. 1:6 "Who can withstand His fury?"
- Judgment is coming to Nineveh with no hope to stop it
- Vs. 1:7 This shifts to speaking of God's goodness

# REPENTANCE TO WRATH

- At first, Nineveh accepted the offer to repent
- But later they returned to their former state
- Yeshua shares a similar story in the Parable of the Sower Matt. 13:1 – 9
- 4 possible outcomes
  - 1) Rejection and death
  - 2) Accepted, then renounced
  - 3) Accepted until cares override it, time passes, then rejected
  - 4) Accepted, the plant grows healthier, bears good fruit, produces more seeds





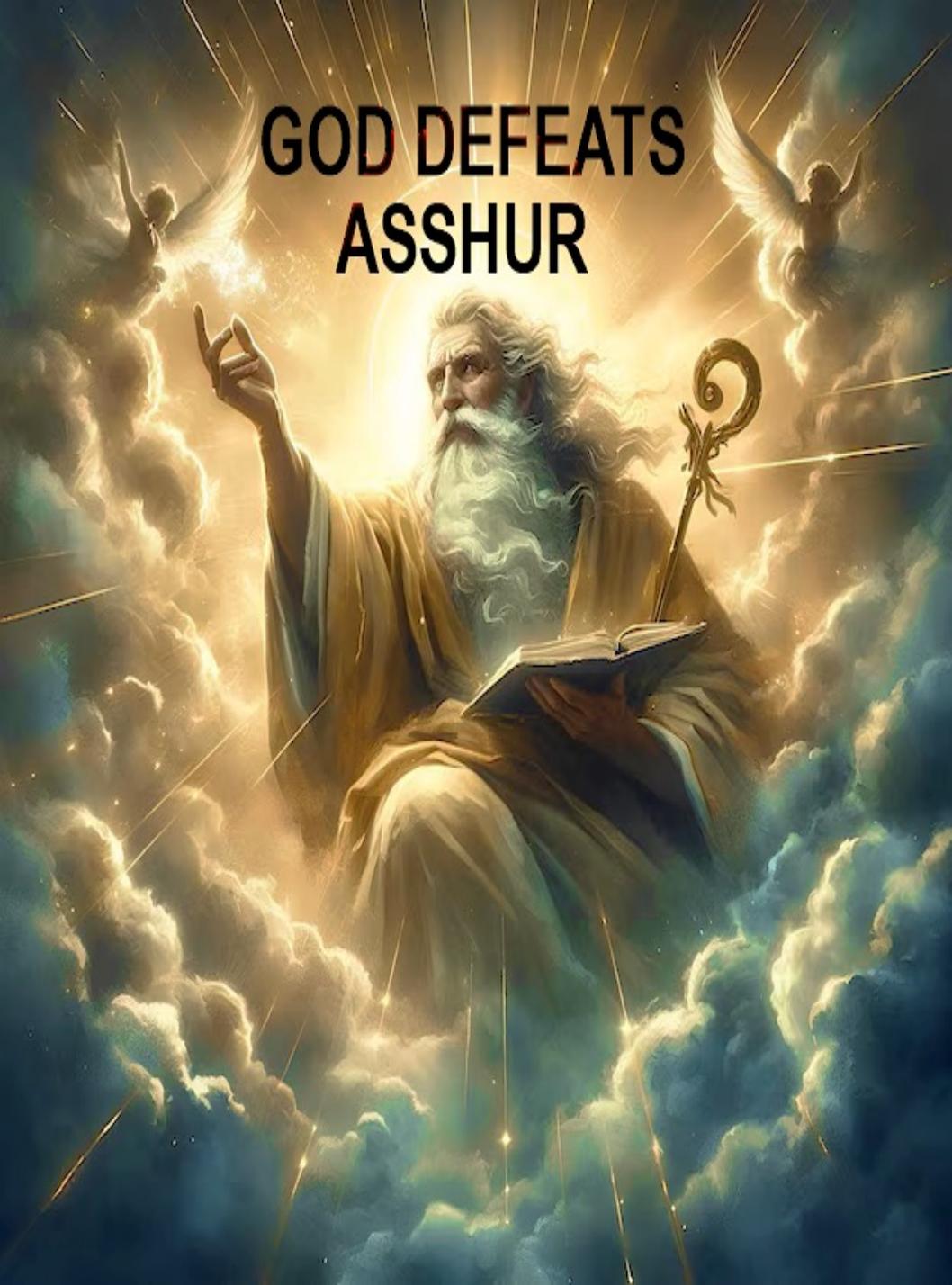
# Does God Know You?

- Nahum 1:7
- It is NOT that the person decides if God knows them; it is that God decides if He knows you!
- Because this is poetry, the meaning likely is about BOTH God knowing and God caring for you
- Matthew 7:21 – 23 Yeshua is saying the same thing
- Can we bow down to our own Golden Calf, call it Yeshua, praise and worship it as Yeshua, and be saved?

# THE FALL OF NINEVEH



- ***Tov Yehoveh*** (good is Yehoveh) also in NT
- Mark 10:17 – 18 “...***no one is good except God!***”
- Nahum 1:8 “...***an overwhelming flood...***”
- Isaiah 8:8 Assyria sweeps over Judah like a flood, now God sweeps over Nineveh with a flood
- Nahum 2:6 – 9 Diodorus writes that Nineveh was destroyed by a flooding of the Tigris River



# GOD DEFEATS ASSHUR

- ***Kalah*** = complete destruction
- ***Male*** = completely
- Permanence, finality
- “I am YHVH” and then the command to destroy, a latent response to Micah 7:10 (“***Where is YHVH your God?***”)
- ***Choshek*** = spiritual darkness, evil
- ***Layil*** = nighttime kind of darkness

- Nahum 1:9
- 1<sup>st</sup> word is **Mah** = whatever
- The message is that no one can devise a plan to defeat YHVH
- Isaiah 36:18 – 20
- These words will be spoken again from the Anti-Christ
- The End Times is all about finality
- All the evil things of this world will end

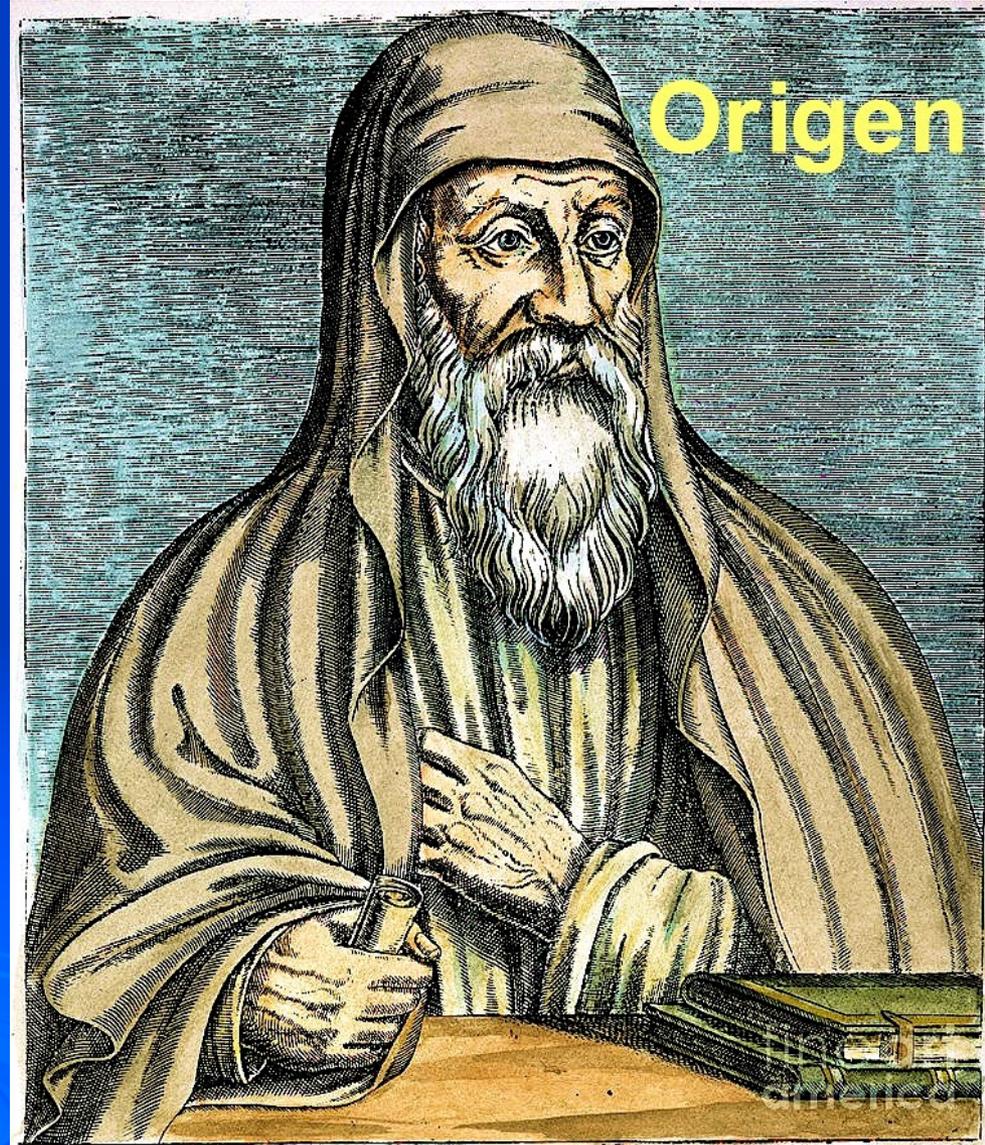
“Hezekiah is only deluding you when he says:

YHVH will save us...”



# HOW ERRONEOUS BELIEFS BEGIN

- Vs. 9 “...*trouble shall not rise up the second time*”
- Origen a gentile from Egypt
- A theologian and early Church Father
- He decided this verse meant that sinners and even Satan will, through Christ, be punished once for their sins and then be returned to purity!
- Christian Apologist
- His writings still influence Church doctrines



# Devoured as stubble fully dry...

Nahum  
1:10



- **Ki** = for In Hebrew poetry is placed at important points to indicate the beginning or end of a CANTO
- Canto = a section of, or a division within, a Hebrew poem... also a complete unit of thought
- Nahum 1:1 – 10 is a canto, in the form of a psalm or hymn
- J.M.P. Smith  
“No translation affording any ...sense is possible”
- The complexities of Hebrew Poetry!

# *Characteristics* NAHUM 1:1 - 10 *of* **GOD**

- Julia Meyers O'Brien "this verse (10) twists and staggers in a drunken manner..."
- God promises confusion on His enemies; they enter into a Doom Loop with no way out
- When God's enemies do self-destructive things, it is not self-induced but rather is God-induced
- Summation of vss. 1 – 10 Elizabeth Achtemeier
- Very similar to the sense of Psalm 99