

The worthless Counselor

Nahum 1:11 & 12

NAHUM AND THE FALL OF NINEVEH

- Nineveh/Assyria a cruel and brutal taskmaster
- God's wrath means Assyria will be gone forever
- Nahum 1:11 & 12 The worthless Counselor
- Nineveh not there in the Hebrew. Is Assyria there?
- Where verses start and stop in the Bible have no relation to when Hebrew lines of poetry start and stop

A HIDDEN MEANING



- Line 1) vs.11 From you he has departed
- Line 2) a plotter of evil against YHWH
- Line 3) Counselor of Belial
- Line 4) vs.12 Thus says YHWH
- Line 5) Are they not strong and ever so numerous
- Acrostic = **Asshur**
- **Belial** is negative and derogatory
- Personification of evil

REALITY OF DUALITY

HEAVEN AND THE
SPIRITUAL WORLD

SPIRITUAL REALITY



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- Vs. 11 Out of you, Assyria, he came, the One who plots evil against YHWH, the counselor of Belial
- The Prophets tend to blend the cosmic w/ the material
- Vs. 12 God will do bad things to Assyria, that will relieve suffering of Israel
- Isaiah 10:5 – 13
- “Thus says the Lord” called the messenger formula

HOW GOD USED *Prophets* in the **BIBLE**

- Assyria, as an Empire, had many allies to form a large combined army
- God says Assyria's superiority of numbers doesn't matter; He will permanently destroy them
- The words of the various Prophets are interweaved
- Micah 5:5 - 14

ASSYRIAN ARMY CUT DOWN



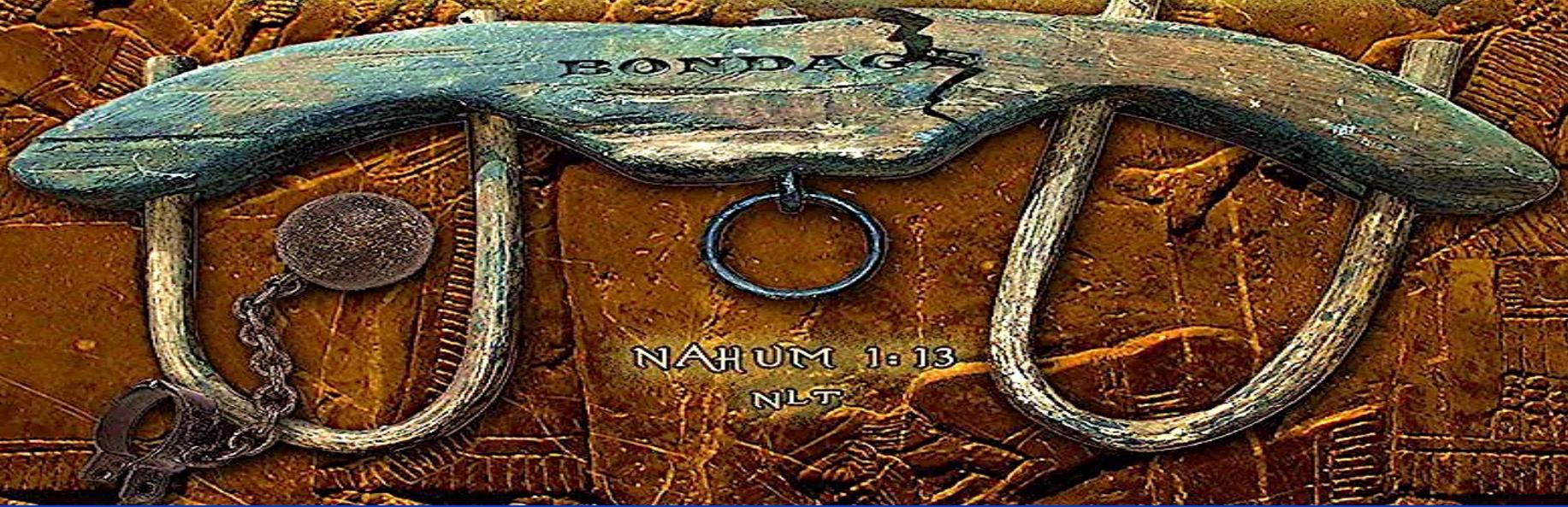
- 2Kings 19:30 – 36
- In the End Times, Israel gains tremendous military superiority
- In a Paradox, when the nations attack at Armageddon, God will destroy Israel's military weapons!
- But, God will fight and destroy the nations, Himself
- The result: God is recognized by all for who He is!



PROPHESIES FULFILLED MORE THAN ONCE

- Nahum 1:12 *“...and though I have made you suffer, I will make you suffer no more.”*
- After Assyria, in 130 years Babylon would invade Judah
- In each occasion of fulfillment, the scope and completeness of it grew
- The final fulfillment lays ahead of us, in the End times

"Now I will break the yoke of bondage from your neck
and tear off the chains of Assyrian oppression."



- Nahum 1:13 Rod or Yoke?
- **Motehu** = yoke **Mattehu** = rod root words
- Sennacherib "I laid waste to... Judah and put the straps of my yoke upon Hezekiah..."
- Nahum 1:14 Assyria is again being addressed
- The "you" Yehoveh is addressing is the army, people and King as a single unit... a corporate personality



HOW GOD Judges



- Does God separate the responsibility and accountability of leaders, civilians, and army to judge?
- God judges 2 ways: corporately and individually
- In national judgment, not everyone is wicked but all will experience His wrath
- No greater horror in ancient times than to have no descendants
- Levirate marriage, concubines, and other means established to continue blood lines

IMPORTANCE OF NAME AND SEED



- Name = identity, attributes
- Seed = offspring
- When a nation was conquered, the king and his gods names were removed, and replaced with new ones
- Yehoveh would then replace the Assyrian gods
- Numbers added for a base-60 mathematical hierarchy
- Marduk 10 Ishtar 15
Shamash 20 Nanna 30
Ea 40 Enlil 50 Anu 60
- Music ratio of 4:5:6, an inaudible sound the Universe operates in rhythm

NAHUM

CHAPTER 2

- Evil will not reign forever; God will confront it
- Vs. 1 speaks of Judah being rescued from the control and oppression of Assyria
- Isaiah 52:7 deliverance from Babylon, Nahum deliverance from Assyria
- Mountains are the hills surrounding Jerusalem
- This is Holy War, so a sentinel has his “feet on the mountain”
- Salvation: spiritual saving from sins
- Deliverance: rescue from an enemy force

