



NAHUM 2:1

WHOSE FEET?

- Zechariah 14
- Deliverance and salvation mean 2 different things
- **Yasha** = deliverance from oppression of an enemy
- **Yashua** = salvation in a spiritual sense
- It only concerns the Messiah if **yashua** is used
- For Nahum, it was a messenger bringing the good news of military victory over an invading force

RESUMING THE BIBLICAL FEASTS



- Assyria had shut down or impeded Israel's ability to observe God's appointed times
- Vow offerings were also to resume
- Acts 21:18 – 24
- **Ki** = for Here it introduces the means of change
- **Belial** = the personification of evil (here it's Assyria)



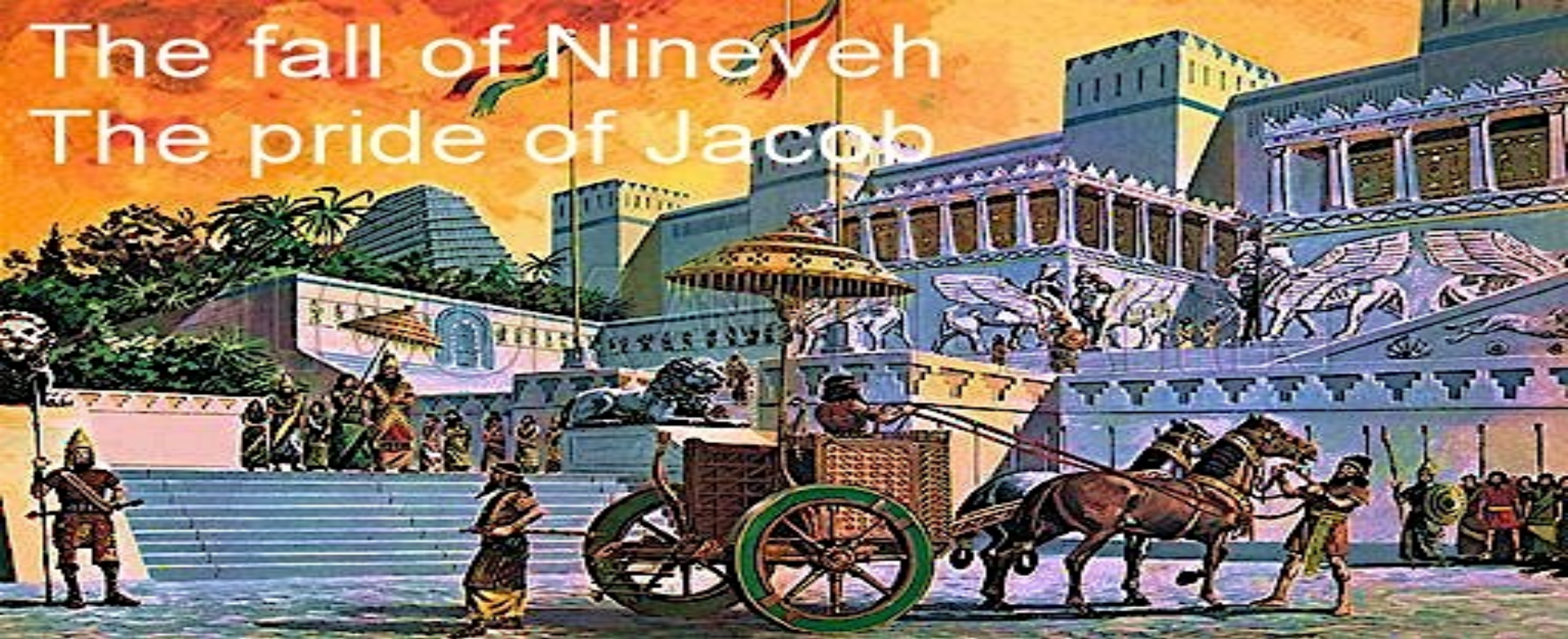
NEW STATES NEW NAMES

- Nahum 2:2
- Nahum moves from speaking to Judah, to speaking to Assyria
- We read a combo of sarcasm and satire
- We're dealing with more Hebrew poetry
- Words chosen for the poetic structure; not for precision



The fall of Nineveh

The pride of Jacob



- Gird-up-loins means to strength yourself physically and mentally to prepare for combat
- Nineveh had over 40 acres for their armory, and their king believed this made them secure
- Nahum 2:3 Restoring the pride of Ya'acov
- God's justice demands that those who harm His people are themselves harmed

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE PATRIARCHS



- Genesis 12:1 – 3
- It is in Jacob's name that God is restoring Israel
- YLT Bible version "the emptiers"
- **Boqaq** = scatter, empty (not destroy)
- Israel's vineyards, scatterers (emptiers) is Assyria, ravaged vines is the Israelites

BABYLON & MEDEA SOLDIERS IN RED

- Nahum 2:4
- This is about the swift advance of the invading forces
- Shields are not blood red, but rather the shine of copper
- **Gibborehu** = the mighty soldiers, heroes, leaders
- **Gibbore** = angel warriors, like in Psalm 103
- **Anse-hayil** = the common soldiers
- **Matulla-im** = cloth died red/crimson



CHARIOTS OF FIRE

- Nahum 2:3 YLT
*“with fiery torches
is the chariot...”*
- *Baesh peladot* =
metal flashes
- Words “spears”
and “poisoned”
do not appear
- No doubt, their spears
used cypress wood
- Idea is of YHWH’s
hosts going into battle
in the Heavenlies
- Fire and storm usually
accompany a theophany
of God on earth

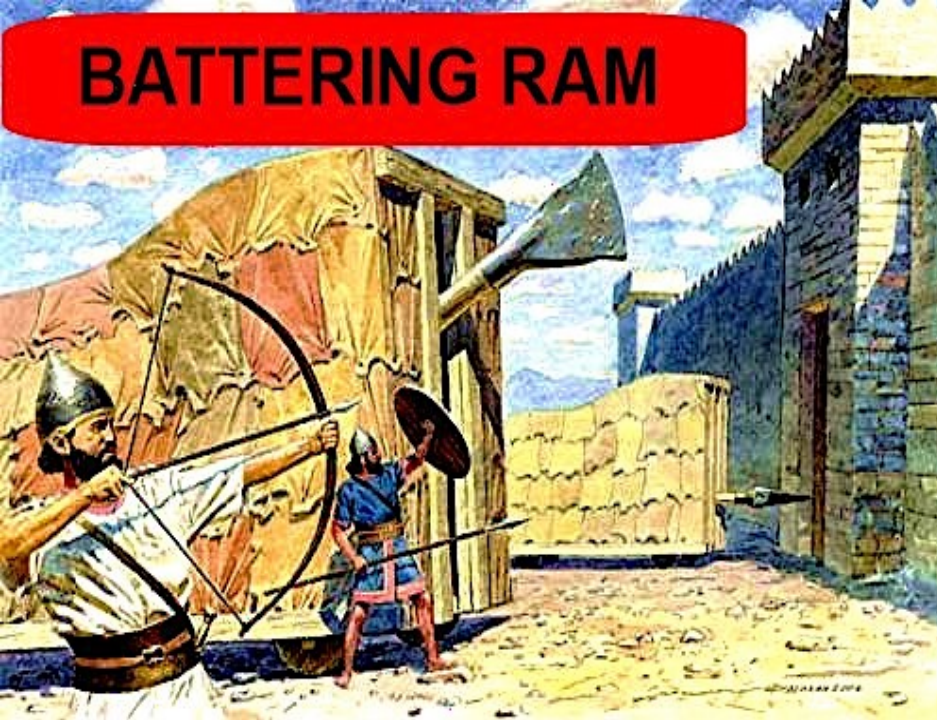


PANIC IN NINEVEH



- Nahum 2:5
- The invasion of Assyria is underway
- This is the Assyrians rushing to shore up their defenses
- King Sennacherib had long ago widened the streets to accommodate rapid military movement
- Poetic and cosmic words used
- Only when a Prophet gets/speaks a prophecy does it begin on earth

BATTERING RAM



- Nahum 2:6
- Better English translation “His powerful ones are brought to remembrance”
- **Yizkor** = he remembers
- **Addirayw** = powerful ones
- King is calling his generals
- **Sokek** = covering
- This is what covers the battering ram to protect the soldiers

THE END OF NINEVEH COMES



- Nahum 2:7
- Dissolved a better choice than melted
- Diodorus Siculus *“In the 3rd year, a succession of heavy downpours swelled the Euphrates and flooded the city and cast down the walls for 20 stades”*
- Probably is King Sinsharishun
- The King attempted to save the gold and silver to take with him into the netherworld afterlife

ASSYRIANS CAPTURED, EXILED



- Nahum 2:8
- No two Bible versions agree on the wording
- **Hussab** = determined, in the sense of a decision
- W.A. Maier listed 12 different interpretations
- In the end, this is dealing with the fall of Assyria by Babylon, and the exile of their people