

- Nahum 2:8
- Most difficult verse to translate
- First word is *hussab*, meaning decree
- It is Assyria's turn to be conquered, and it is God who is making it happen
- Remainder of the verse is the Assyrians' emotions

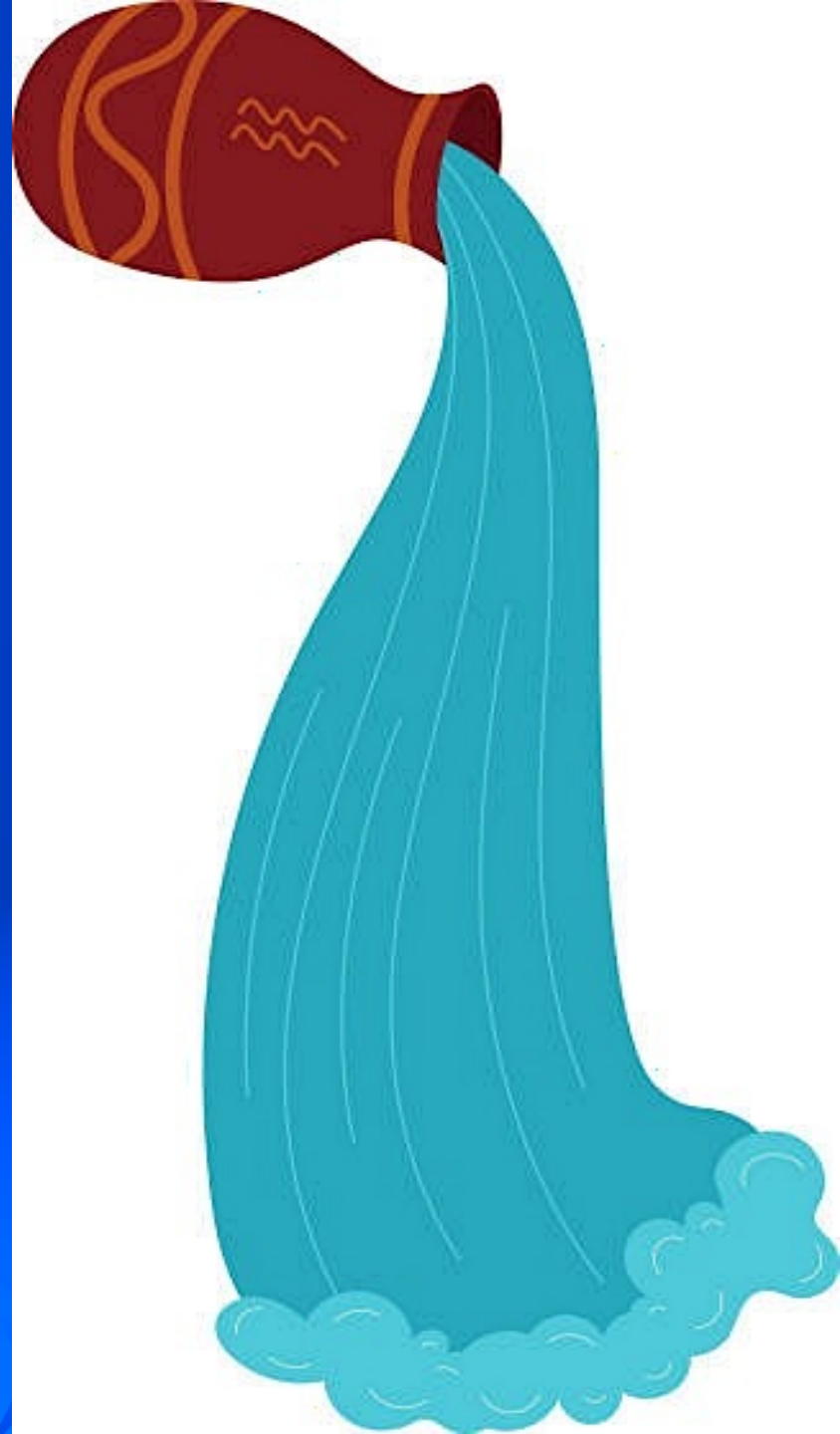
ISHTAR



- ***Hussab*** is in the feminine gender
- The following pronouns are “she” and “her”
- Base-60 matrix arithmetic and musical metaphor make it likely this is referencing Ishtar
- ***Hussab*** representative of the number 15
- Ishtar is 15 in the Assyrian god hierarchy
- Israel always gravitated to Ishtar in their history

FINALITY

- “Is like” and “is as” are synonymous
- What follows is a metaphor
- We should NOT try to expand on the nuances, because the object is not meant to be a precise illustration
- Nahum 2:10 continues the image of Nineveh’s destruction
- The words are meant to give us the image of the time before Creation
- *Tohu wabohu* = formless and void





Hosea

Amos

Micah

Joel

Obadiah

Jonah

Nahum

Habakkuk

Zephaniah

Zechariah

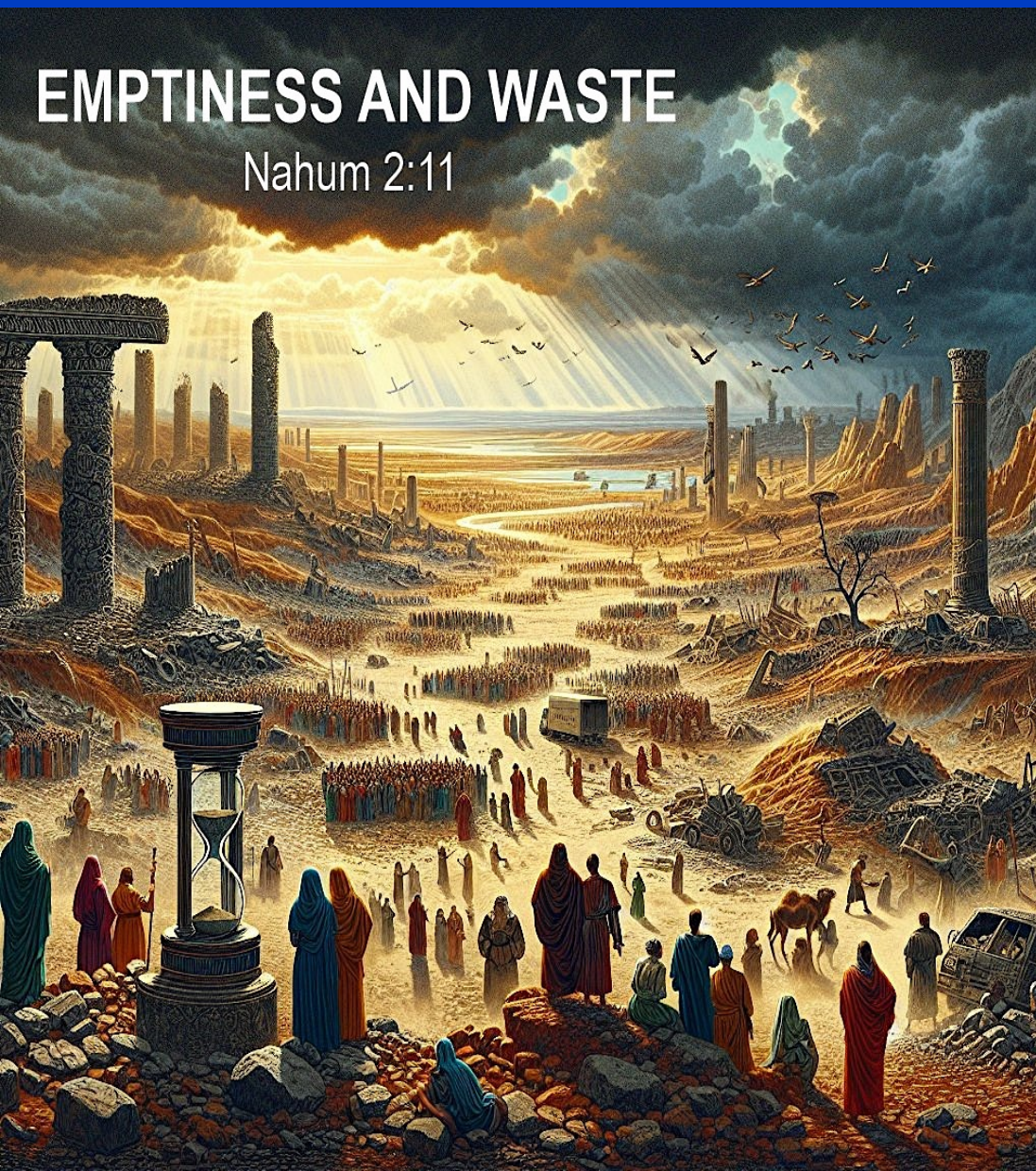
Haggai

Malachi

- ***Belial*** = evil personified
- Jonah brought good tidings to Nineveh, which first they accepted, but later recanted
- Nahum brings a message of certain destruction with no second chance
- Messages of the 12 Minor Prophets are to be woven together for fullest understanding

EMPTINESS AND WASTE

Nahum 2:11



- Continuation of feminine pronouns
- Nations, kings and their gods were organically connected
- Emptiness, void, vacant again refers to pre-Creation image
- The way the Hebrew words are ordered is all about poetic structure
- Nineveh's decimation is imminent

THE LION'S DEN

- 7 terms used to describe the catastrophe
- 3 are synonyms, 4 are body parts
- 7 = completeness
- 4 = all parts of something as in the 4 compass directions
- Nahum 2:12
- Isaiah 5:24 – 30
- Nahum turns on its head about what Isaiah says about Israel and the nations



2 NATIONS SAME SYMBOL

- 9 epithets used in this passage for the lion
- “what has become of the lion’s den?” visitor to Nineveh finds nothing is there
- God is the lion of Judah and Nineveh the prey
- Micah 7:10
- Assyria the only superpower of the era



ירושלים




PRIDE COMES BEFORE



PROVERBS
16:18

THE FALL

- This isn't only about individuals: it includes families, businesses, ministries, and nations
- A lack of humility is guaranteed to result in a fall
- Nahum 2:13 Continuation of the lion metaphor
- Lions are never evil. Only humans have an ability to discern good and evil, right and wrong



What could happen
if God turns against us?

Nahum 2:14

- ***Hineni*** begins this verse, so it opens a new section
- Matthew 7:23 ***“And then I will declare to them, I never knew you; depart from Me...”***
- Our condition before God is based upon His terms
- Burning of chariots a rather standard curse included in covenantal treaties between nations
- Assyria is being cut-off from their prey



IRAN'S DEADLY ATTACK ON ISRAEL

- God is completely aware of the brutality of evil nations
- When a nation decides to attack Israel, their fate is already determined
- Iran has suffered destruction and even drought
- God is orchestrating this; not political leaders
- All that we see today, in the past, and for tomorrow is fulfilling God's will
- Nineveh has brought this upon their own head