

THE IRONY OF GOD'S WRATH



- Nahum is not a corrupted text;
it is a super-technical form of Hebrew poetry
- God's wrath is not like human emotions,
or like the gods of the pagan god systems
- Anger is good provided it is a righteous
anger over God-defined injustices
- God's wrath is predictable & in line with His covenants

PREPARING FOR THE SIEGE.....



- Nahum 3:13 Babylon isn't going to have that hard of a time to defeat the Assyrians
- It would not be defeat... it would annihilation
- Nahum 3:14 ***“Draw water for the siege!...”***
- Vs. 14 begins the final canto, again reveals a Menorah pattern
- Our only true security and protection lies in God

Locust Life Cycle

Adult Stage: Nymphs become winged adults with the ability to fly and reproduce after completing their last molt.

ARBEH



Adult

Egg Stage : When female locusts lay eggs in the ground, commonly in clusters called "egg pods" or "beds," the life cycle commences.

Egg



Nymph

YELEQ



HASIL



Fledgling

Fledgling Stage: Nymphs, the fledgling stage of locusts, occur after egg hatching and before maturity.

Nymph Stage: After having a favourable environment, eggs hatch into hoppers and nymphs for feeding.

- Nahum 3:15
- *S(h)am* = there, speaking of the siege of Nineveh
- For the Israelites, locusts held a special place as the 8th plague against Egypt
- This is ONLY referring to locust-like behavior

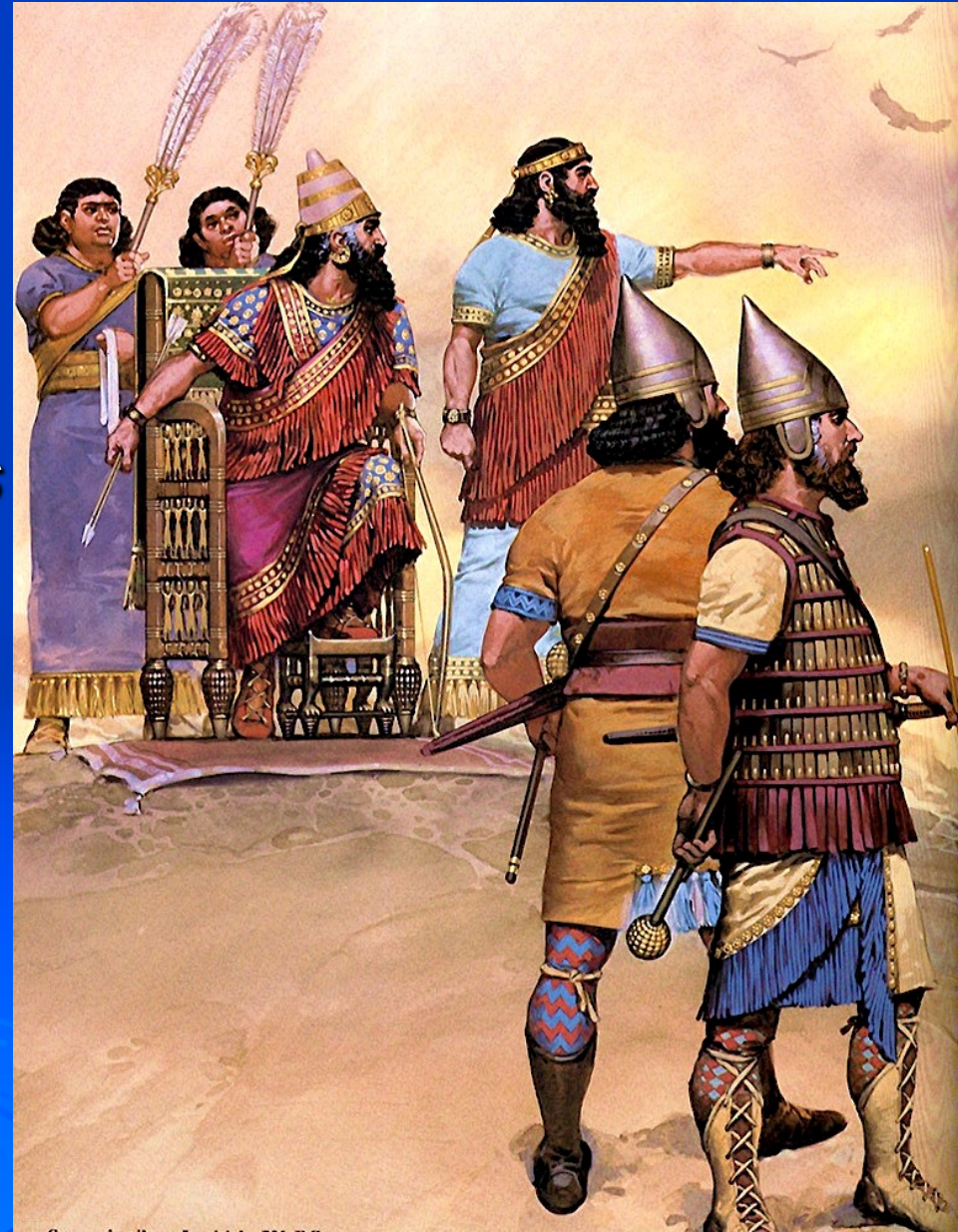
HYPERBOLIC METAPHORS



- Nahum 3:16
- *Pasat* = take off (garments)
- Assyria used merchants to expand economic activity in the empire
- That brings in more taxes, and people are less likely to rebel
- Assyria also employed a hybrid policy of enlightenment and oppression

- Nahum 3:17
- Some rare Hebrew terms used, so the meanings are vague
- ***Minnezarayik*** = probably an Akkadian loan-word
- ***“Your palace astrologers and magicians are like a huge number of adult locusts”***
- ***Tipsar*** = scribes
- These descriptions are of officials and higher ups; leaders who are fleeing

*...when the sun rises,
they fly away...*



ASSYRIAN EMPIRE



- Nahum 3:18 ***“Your shepherds are slumbering...”***
- Slumbering and sleep mean DEAD!
- Everyone who propped up the King is either dead or has run away
- No possibility of restoration exists for Assyria

CURSED AND FRACTURED



- Nahum 3:19
- ***Subreka*** = fracture
- Something that is breaking apart
- Cambridge Ancient History volume says: ***The disappearance of Assyria will always remain unique... phenomenon***
- Assyria's fracture had no healing
- Example for being thrown into the Lake of Fire?

GOD BALANCED THE BOOKS



Free at last!

- God uses the principle of reciprocal punishment
- Kaiser ***“What is being celebrated is not a human victory but a divine one!”***
- Nahum’s book is not about humans seeking vengeance
- Hatred and oppression are NOT justice
- The day of our mutual rejoicing is nearer every day!