

A LOOK AT THE BOOK NAHUM

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Of the prophet Nahum's background little is known.

He is said to be from Elkosh, but the location of this city is disputed.

DATE

The date of the book can be approximately identified.

The conquest of Thebes (661 B.C.) is viewed as a past event.

The fall of Nineveh (612 B.C.) is yet future.

BACKGROUND

There is an interval of about 150 years between the work of Jonah and that of Nahum.

Nineveh has become corrupt again.

They have attacked God's people willfully and violently, and sought their destruction.

This time no repentance results from the warning.

The result is the downfall and destruction of Nineveh.

PURPOSE AND THEME

The message of Nahum is the judgment and destruction of Nineveh.

Its purpose is to demonstrate that God is still protecting His people and cursing those who curse them, even when they rebel against Him.

Assyria will be destroyed for her depravity and intentional attacks against Israel.

A second purpose is to encourage Israel to trust God and follow His revelation for them.

NAHUM

JUDGMENT AND DESTRUCTION OF NINEVEH

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