

GOD'S MASTERWORK, VOLUME FOUR
AN INVITATION TO RETURN—A SURVEY OF HOSEA—MALACHI
NAHUM: THE CONSEQUENCES OF NEGLIGENCE
A SURVEY OF NAHUM



The Heart of the Matter

Next to nothing is known of Nahum. Like his three-chapter book, the man is obscure. And that is unfortunate, especially since his message is so directly linked to the most popular of the minor prophets: Jonah. Nahum's message is addressed to the descendants of the same people who had been evangelized as a result of Jonah's ministry—the people of Nineveh. One hundred years after Jonah's visit, Nahum wrote to the next generation living in Nineveh, announcing judgment because those who had been converted in Jonah's time had refused to pass on to their children and grandchildren (the people of Nahum's day) the knowledge and fear of the true God. Negligence led to this terrible consequence. The result? God had to destroy such an apostate people.



Discovering the Way

1. The Prophet of God

Nahum's name means "comfort" or "consolation," but he delivered a message that was anything but a comfort to the citizens of Nineveh.

2. The Character of God

With poetic language, Nahum described God as jealous and wrathful, holy and just, omnipotent, good, immutable, and thorough.

3. The Judgment of God

The judgment of God was predicted and described in Nahum 2:1–10, justified and defended in 2:11–3:10, and inevitable and inescapable in 3:11–19.



Starting Your Journey

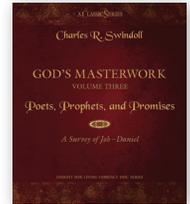
The book of Nahum leaves us with two truths about God. First, because of God's awesome character, we are to take Him seriously. Second, because of God's almighty power, we are to fear Him reverently.



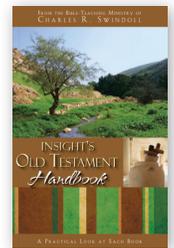
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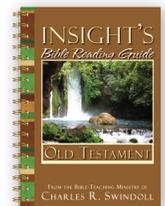
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NAHUM

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| | The Character and Power of God His majestic attributes and abilities in contrast to <u>humanity's schemes</u> | The Judgment of God <u>Predicted and described</u> <u>Justified and defended</u> <u>Inevitable and inescapable</u> |
| | CHAPTER 1 | CHAPTERS 2-3 |
| Content | Theological | Prophetical |
| Emphasis | The majestic character of our sovereign God qualifies Him to be the Judge over all. | Nineveh's willful and heartless decline justifies the judgment of almighty God. |
| Theme | The impending doom of Ninevah, capital of Assyria | |
| Key Verses | 1:3; 3:1 | |
| Christ in Nahum | Christ will judge the nations, freeing His people once and for all from their enemies. | |

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