

Nahum - God's Case Against Nineveh

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#### Artist's Painting Of Nineveh



#### **Outline of Nahum**

1:1 - 15 Destruction of Nineveh Decreed

2:1 - 13 Destruction of Nineveh Described

3:1 – 19 Destruction of Nineveh Deserved

#### Babylonian Chronicle

605 - 594 B.C.



#### Babylonian – Assyrian Battle Nahum 2:1

- "Scatters" Babylonian empire
- Assyrians called to prepare for war

# Israel Is Encouraged Nahum 2:2

• Encouragement for Israel

## **Babylonian-Mede Military**Nahum 2:3

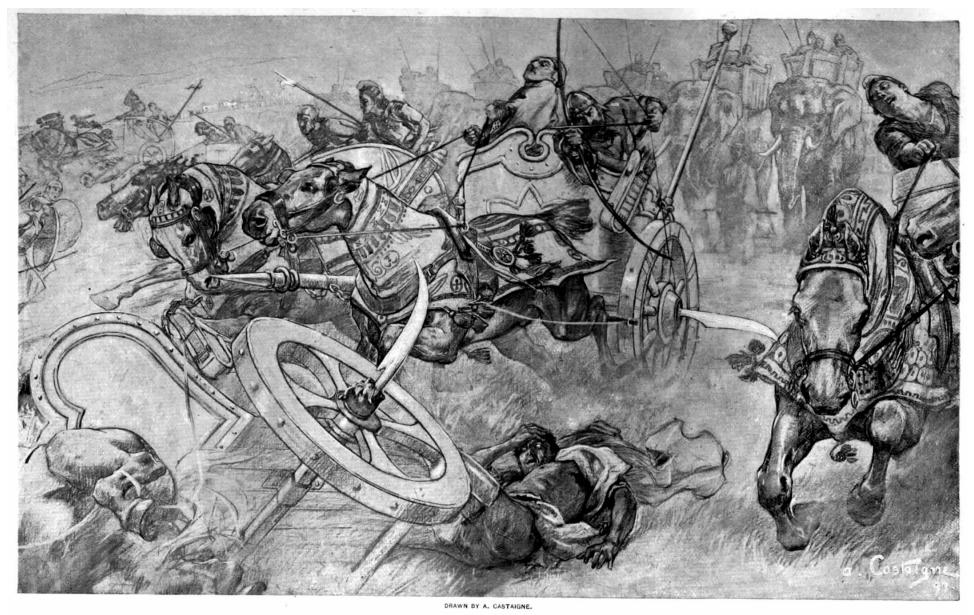
- Xenophon (Cyropedia 6.4.1)
  - Median army was dressed in scarlet
- Ezekiel 23:14
- Shields were wood covered with red-dyed leather
- Chariots contained steel



### Babylonian Soldiers

## Scythed Chariots Nahum 2:4

- Chariots race through the city streets
- Chariots were scythed chariots



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#### **Scythed Chariots**

### Sennacherib Remembers Nobles Nahum 2:5

- Cyaxeres surrounded the northern part of Nineveh
- Sennacherib won the initial battle
- Sennacherib's military celebrated and got drunk
- Cyaxeres exploited the situation
- Sennacherib's military flee to the walls of Nineveh

### Gates Of The River Destroyed Nahum 2:6

- Babylonian army built a water revoir
  - 2 Massive walls
  - Away from Nineveh
- Rains came and flooded the Tigris River
- Dam opened and destroyed the flood gates of Nineveh
- Foundation of palace destroyed



#### Destruction Of Nineveh

## **Defeat and Plunder**Nahum 2:7 - 10

v. 7-8 – People flee the city

v. 9 - City is plundered

v. 10 – Pain of defeat

### Lion – Symbol of Assyria

Nahum 2:11 - 12



# "Behold, I Am Against You" Nahum 2:13

Romans 8:31

Psalm 18:2