

NAHUM

The book of Nahum was written by the prophet of the same name, a man from Elkosh (although no one is sure where that is today). We don't know much about him but we can conclude that the book was written sometime between 663 and 612 B.C., assumed because the book accounts for the recent fall of Thebes in Egypt but foretells of destruction to come in 612.

The book of Nahum was written to the people of Nineveh, nearly 150 years after Jonah had been there. The people of the city had repented at that time but now under Assyrian rule, the people had returned to their idolatrous ways. Nineveh had not only turned back from God but was perhaps living even further from God's truth.

It was a dark time in Israel and Nahum was sent by God to warn the people. He carried a message of truth in a dark period of the nation's history. He also warned the city of God's wrath if they continued to disobey. Unfortunately, they did not listen and the city was taken by Babylon.

What Can We Learn

Nahum lived in a dark time of idolatry and unfaithfulness to God, yet he remained faithful and was convinced of God's goodness. We, too, walk in a corrupted culture, and at times it may seem hopeless. We might wonder what we can do or feel as if there's no difference we could make. However, God is in control and ultimately brings justice and good. And we can remain steadfast in such times.

Memory Verse

"The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him." Nahum 1:7 ([ESV](#)).