

# WHERE ARE THE DWELLING OF THE LIONS NAHUM 2

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Introduction:

Founded by Nimrod, Nineveh was the capital of the great Assyrian Empire for many years.

The city was surrounded by a circuit wall almost eight miles long. The wall around Nineveh was 40 to 50 feet high and had 15 main gates.

Each of the gates was guarded by stone bull statues.

A century earlier God had sent Jonah to pronounce that in 40 days they would be destroyed if they refused to turn to God.

As a result of hearing and heeding God's warning, God spared them. Sadly, revival is often short lived.

Often God's blessings become the downfall of a people who forget where the blessings come from.

God warned the children of Israel of this before they entered into the promise land.

## **Deuteronomy 6:1-12**

<sup>1</sup> Now these *are* the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do *them* in the land whither ye go to possess it: <sup>2</sup> That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged. <sup>3</sup> Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do *it*; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey. <sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD: <sup>5</sup> And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. <sup>6</sup> And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: <sup>7</sup> And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. <sup>8</sup> And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. <sup>9</sup> And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates. <sup>10</sup> And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, <sup>11</sup> And houses full of all good *things*, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full; <sup>12</sup> *Then*

beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

Notice:

## 1. NINEVEH'S SECURITY

Because of their sparing earlier, they had become confident, but in themselves instead of God.

### A. Walled City

#### **Nahum 2:5**

<sup>5</sup>He shall recount his worthies: they shall stumble in their walk; they shall make haste to the wall thereof, and the defence shall be prepared.

### B. Mighty men

#### **Nahum 2:3**

<sup>3</sup>The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men *are* in scarlet: the chariots *shall be* with flaming torches in the day of his preparation, and the fir trees shall be terribly shaken.

#### **Nahum 2:11-12**

<sup>11</sup>Where *is* the dwelling of the lions, and the feedingplace of the young lions, where the lion, *even* the old lion, walked, *and* the lion's whelp, and none made *them* afraid? <sup>12</sup>The lion did tear in pieces enough for his whelps, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his holes with prey, and his dens with ravin.

### C. Many Chariots

#### **Nahum 2:4**

<sup>4</sup>The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one

against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings.

We must remember our strength is not in our size and our safety is not according to our weapons, but is found in God:

#### **1 Samuel 17:47**

<sup>47</sup>And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle *is* the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands.

#### **Psalms 20:7**

<sup>7</sup>Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

## 2. NINEVEH'S SIEGE

#### **Nahum 2:4-8**

<sup>4</sup>The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings. <sup>5</sup>He shall recount his worthies: they shall stumble in their walk; they shall make haste to the wall thereof, and the defence shall be prepared. <sup>6</sup>The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall be dissolved. <sup>7</sup>And Huzzab shall be led away captive, she shall be brought up, and her maids shall lead *her* as with the voice of doves, tabering upon their breasts. <sup>8</sup>But Nineveh *is* of old like a pool of water: yet they shall flee away. Stand, stand, *shall they cry*; but none shall look back.

### 3. NINEVEH'S SPOILING

#### **Nahum 2:9-10**

<sup>9</sup>Take ye the spoil of silver, take the spoil of gold: for *there is* none end of the store *and* glory out of all the pleasant furniture. <sup>10</sup>She is empty, and void, and waste: and the heart melteth, and the knees smite together, and much pain *is* in all loins, and the faces of them all gather blackness.