



# Nahum Nineveh is Fallen



## The Oracle and Vision of Nahum (1:1)

Content: An Oracle about Nineveh (1:1a)  
Communication: A Vision in a Book by Nahum (1:1b)

after 663  
before 612

## The Character of the Divine Warrior (1:2-11)

The Divine Warrior is a jealous avenger (1:2)  
The Divine Warrior is patient and powerful (1:3-5)  
Rhetorical Question: No one has a chance before Him (1:6)  
The Divine Warrior is good and just (1:7-10)  
The City of Nineveh is guilty of plotting against the LORD (1:11)

## The Verdict of the Divine Warrior (1:12-15)

The LORD will bring an end to oppression by Nineveh (1:12-13)  
The LORD will cut off Nineveh (1:14)  
*The LORD will restore Judah forever (1:15)*

## The Judgment of the Divine Warrior (2:1-13)

Theme Stated: A warning for Nineveh and a blessing for Judah (2:1-2)  
Attack: The initial onslaught into the city (2:3-5)  
Pillage: The utter defeat of the city (2:6-10)  
Taunt: The Lion of Assyria is routed (2:11-12)  
Resolve: The declaration of the LORD to destroy the city (2:13)



Ashurbanipal of Assyria on a Lion Hunt

**Chiasmic Structure in 1:12-3:19**

- A - Salvation Announcement to Judah (1:12-2:2)
- B - Prophetic Summons to Alert (2:3-11)
- C - Taunt: "Your lions are gone." (2:11-12)
- D - Announcement of Judgment (2:13)
- X - Woe Oracle (3:1-4)
- D - Announcement of Judgment (3:5-7)
- C' - Taunt: "You are not better than Thebes." (3:8-13)
- B' - Dramatic Call to alarm (3:14)
- A' - Judgment Announcement of Assyria (3:18-19)



Terracotta Cylinder Narrating Campaigns of Sargon II

## The Assessment of the Divine Warrior (3:1-19)

Woe: The violence of Nineveh condemned (3:1)  
Invasion: The army storms into the city (3:2-3)  
Cause: The harlot has been exposed (3:4)  
Resolve: The declaration of the LORD to utterly destroy the city (3:5-7)  
Taunt: Nineveh will be destroyed like Thebes in Egypt (3:8-13)  
Celebration: Nations rejoice that Assyria is finally destroyed (3:14-19)



Relief of Assyrian Soldiers Returning from Battle with the Heads of their Victims.

## The Divine Judge

Character of the Judge

## The Divine Judgment

Judgment of the City

## The Divine Devastation

Evaluation of the City

Nahum delivered an oracle from the LORD, portrayed as an avenging Divine Warrior, declaring the complete destruction of Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrian empire, because of their cruelty and treachery against the LORD and His people; and promising that the LORD would restore Judah to a place of blessing and peace in order to encourage Judah that the LORD is just and will fight for His people.