

**Nahum 1:9-2:2**  
**The Divine Warrior Judges the Enemy and Saves His People**  
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**I. First Message of Judgment (vv. 9-11)**

**A. Destruction of the enemies (masculine plural), vv. 9-10**

1. you all → v. 8 enemies and adversaries
2. why do you plot against the LORD?
  - a. plot against church = plot against the LORD
  - b. *Psalm 2:1-2* Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? <sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his anointed,
3. how does God answer such plots?
  - a. total and final destruction (v. 9b)
  - b. notice the vivid imagery (v. 10)
4. God promises to protect His people

**B. Plotting of Ninevah (feminine singular), v. 11**

1. v. 8 complete end of her place (2:8, 13)
2. the plotting of the worthless or unsubstantial one
3. Ninevah – the source of enemies and evil plot

**II. First Message of Deliverance (vv. 12-13)**

**A. The Affliction of the enemies**

1. notice the enemy's strength – safe and many
2. God destroys them in their strength

**B. Comfort for Judah (feminine singular) – see v. 15**

1. God remains sovereign in the affliction of Judah  
*Isaiah 10:5* <sup>5</sup> Ah, Assyria, the rod of my anger; the staff in their hands is my fury!
2. The comfort of God's affliction  
*Psalm 119:67, 71* <sup>67</sup> Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word. <sup>71</sup> It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.
3. The swiftness of God's deliverance – NOW (v. 13)

**III. Second Message of Judgment (v. 14)**

**A. The subject = king of Ninevah (masculine singular)**

**B. The severity of God's justice**

1. Name cut off – no descendants on the throne
2. Idols destroyed
3. Your enemy digs your grave

**IV. Second Message of Deliverance (v. 15)**

**A. Comfort for Judah (feminine singular)**

1. brings good news
2. publishes (causes to hear) peace
3. the complete end of the worthless or unsubstantial one

**B. The proper response to God's deliverance**

1. keep your feasts – acts of worship
2. fulfill your vows – acts of service

**V. Third Message of Judgment and Deliverance (vv. 1-2)**

**A. The scattering of Ninevah (feminine singular), v. 1**

1. sarcastic irony – inevitable defeat
2. the triumphant scatterer – he plunders the plunderer

**B. The restoration of Jacob (v. 2)**

1. she has been plundered and ruined (Isa. 5:1-7)
2. the Lord promises restoration

*Isaiah 37:31* <sup>31</sup> *And the surviving remnant of the house of Judah shall again take root downward and bear fruit upward.*

3. restored as the majesty of Israel
  - a. which Israel? David's kingdom
  - b. by whom? the greater David

*Jeremiah 23:5* <sup>5</sup> *"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.*

*Isaiah 11:1* *There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.*

**VI. Application**

**A. The LORD's jealous concern and defense of the church, the bride**

*Matthew 16:18* <sup>18</sup> *And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

**B. God's kind discipline and swift deliverance**

*Hebrews 12:10-11* <sup>10</sup> *For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.* <sup>11</sup> *For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.*

**C. Deliverance of Judah pictures deliverance of the gospel**

*Romans 10:14-15* <sup>14</sup> *But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?* <sup>15</sup> *And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"*

**D. The proper response to the LORD's deliverance: worship and service**

**E. The certain defeat of Ninevah → the certain defeat of Belial, the unsubstantial one**

*2 Corinthians 6:14-15* <sup>14</sup> *Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?* <sup>15</sup> *What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever?*