

# *Wrath, Refuge, Restoration*

## Overview of the Book of Nahum

### Introduction:

### **Righteous Wrath**

*“The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD is avenging and wrathful; the LORD takes vengeance on his adversaries and keeps wrath for his enemies.” Nahum 1:2*

Previous Warnings: Book of Jonah.

### God’s Patience is Long-Lasting; Not Everlasting:

*“The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, and the LORD will by no means clear the guilty.” Nahum 1:3*

### **Refuge Offered**

*“The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him.” Nahum 1:7*

To Entire Nations: 2 Chronicles 7:14

To Individuals Within Nations: Rahab

### **Restored Israel**

*“For the LORD is restoring the majesty of Jacob as the majesty of Israel, for plunderers have plundered them and ruined their branches.” Nahum 2:2*

### Reasons to Take Nahum Seriously

## **Nahum Memorable Verses**

*“The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD is avenging and wrathful; the LORD takes vengeance on his adversaries and keeps wrath for his enemies. The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, and the LORD will by no means clear the guilty.”*

**Nahum 1:2-3**

*“The mountains quake before him; the hills melt; the earth heaves before him, the world and all who dwell in it. Who can stand before his indignation? Who can endure the heat of his anger?”*

**Nahum 1:5-6**

*“The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him.” Nahum 1:7 ESV* (The verses on this page are quoted from the English Standard Version; note this same verse in the Amplified Bible: *“The Lord is good, a Strength and Stronghold in the day of trouble; He knows (recognizes, has knowledge of, and understands) those who take refuge and trust in Him.”*)

*“What do you plot against the LORD?” Nahum 1:9*

*“From you came one who plotted evil against the LORD, a worthless counselor.” Nahum 1:11*

*“Behold, upon the mountains, the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace!” Nahum 1:15*

(Note Isaiah 52:7—*“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, ‘Your God reigns.’”* Quoted by Paul in Romans 10:15 and alluded to in Ephesians 6:15).

*“For the LORD is restoring the majesty of Jacob as the majesty of Israel.” Nahum 2:2*