### Nahum

## Chapter 1

1The concern over The concern over <span class="placename">NinevehThe concern over <span class="placename">Nineveh</span>.  
  
This is the scroll of the vision of Nahum the This is the scroll of the vision of Nahum the <span class="placename">ElkoshiteThis is the scroll of the vision of Nahum the <span class="placename">Elkoshite</span>:  
  
 2‘Because He’s very zealous,  
 Jehovah won’t fail to punish.  
 In His rage, Jehovah will punish  
 All those who are standing against Him…  
 He will destroy all those who oppose Him.  
  
 3‘Jehovah is patient and mighty,  
 And the [guilty], [He] won’t acquit.  
 For His ways are rumbling and final.  
  
 4‘There are clouds of dust under His feet,  
 And He can squeeze the seas and cause them to dry.  
 He also desolates rivers,  
 Which is how He weakened Which is how He weakened <span class="placename">BaShan Which is how He weakened <span class="placename">BaShan</span> and Which is how He weakened <span class="placename">BaShan</span> and <span class="placename">CarMel Which is how He weakened <span class="placename">BaShan</span> and <span class="placename">CarMel</span>,  
 And it’s why And it’s why <span class="placename">Lebanon And it’s why <span class="placename">Lebanon</span>’s blossoms have failed.  
  
 5‘Before Him, the mountains have shaken,  
 And [before Him], the hills have all trembled.  
 They rise at His presence throughout the whole earth,  
 As do all [the peoples] who dwell there.  
  
 6‘Before His rage, who can stand…  
 Yes, who can withstand His anger?  
 For, sovereign rulers melt at His rage,  
 And even the rocks split apart.  
  
 7‘Yet He’s kind to those who [put faith] in Him  
 In their day of affliction…  
 And He knows all those who respect Him.  
  
 8‘Like a downpour, He wipes away and consumes  
 All those who’ve been roused [to oppose Him],  
 And He chases His enemies into the dark.  
  
 9‘So against Jehovah, what plans can you make,  
 For He can wipe you away.  
 But He won’t punish you twice,  
 Or punish you for the same [errors].  
  
 10‘His enemy’s [cities], He will lay bare  
 To their very foundations.  
 Like twisted yews, they’ll be burned…  
 As though they’re very dry stubble.  
  
 11‘Yet, against Jehovah, you’ve made plans…  
 Against Him, you’ve made wicked plans.  
 12So Jehovah (who rules all the waters) says this:  
  
 ‘I’ll send them away  
 And they’ll not be heard from again.  
 13For I’ll lift their whips from [your backs],  
 And I’ll remove all their shackles.’  
  
 14‘It was concerning [the ‘It was concerning [the <span class="placename">Assyrians‘It was concerning [the <span class="placename">Assyrians</span>], that Jehovah said this:  
  
 ‘Your name won’t be mentioned again;  
 For, I’ll destroy all your idols  
 (Those which you molded and carved),  
 Then a time will be set for your funeral,  
 Which will arrive very soon!  
  
 15‘Look! Upon the mountains, he’s coming…  
 The feet of the one announcing good news  
 And the one with reports about peace!  
  
 ‘So in ‘So in <span class="placename">Judah‘So in <span class="placename">Judah</span>, declare a holiday [feast],  
 And you must get ready to pay all your vows,  
 So that never again will they enter [your gates],  
 Nor again, should they see your corruption.’