### Nahum

## Chapter 2

1‘Now He’s finished [His work] and He’s consumed…  
 This One who came and breathed in your face…  
 This One who [brought] you affliction!  
  
 ‘So, watch the roads and [wrap up] your loins…  
 Be very manly and strong!  
 2For Jehovah has taken away  
 The haughtiness of Jacob’s [tribes],  
 As well as IsraEl’s insolent ways.  
  
 ‘And now, He’s ready to shake off  
 Those who’ve been shaking you,  
 And He’ll bring their branches to ruin.  
 3For under Him, there are men who have weapons,  
 And laugh at fire, because of their might.  
  
 ‘Their chariots have now been prepared,  
 And their horsemen will make many wail.  
 4Their chariots will wreak havoc along all the roads,  
 And thereafter, they’ll meet in [ And thereafter, they’ll meet in [<span class="placename">Assyria And thereafter, they’ll meet in [<span class="placename">Assyria</span>’s] squares.  
  
 ‘The sight of them is like burning lamps,  
 And lightning [is found in their wake].  
  
 5‘So all of [‘So all of [<span class="placename">Assyria‘So all of [<span class="placename">Assyria</span>’s] mighty men  
 Should stop and think about this…  
 For in the daytime, they’ll flee.  
 And as they leave, they’ll be feeble,  
 Then between their walls, they’ll run  
 From the troops in the lead that arrive.  
  
 6‘Then their city gates will be opened wide,  
 And all their great homes will be ruined…  
 7Yes, all their supports will lie bare.  
  
 ‘Then their [women] will appear with their servants,  
 And as meek as doves, they’ll be led away  
 To the flutter of their own beating hearts.  
  
 8‘For, ‘For, <span class="placename">Nineveh‘For, <span class="placename">Nineveh</span> is a pool amidst waters,  
 And her men won’t resist, they’ll just flee  
 When no one is paying attention.  
  
 9‘So their silver and gold will be looted…  
 There are no limits to all that they’ll take.  
 And those looters will then be weighed down  
 With [the city’s] most desirable things.  
  
 10‘There’ll be thrusting, shaking, and tumult…  
 Hearts will be breaking and knees will be weak…  
 Loins will all become loose,  
 And their faces will look like burned pots!  
  
 11‘So, where is this great lion’s den…  
 Yes, where is the pasture [where she hides] her cubs…  
 Where has the [great] lion gone?  
 She’s gone away to be with her cubs  
 Who ran when there was nothing to fear.  
  
 12‘She is the same lion that once snatched away  
 All that her cubs had required.  
 And for her, the cubs strangled their prey,  
 Until their den became filled with game…  
 Their home was filled with the things she’d seized.  
  
 13[‘And God says:]  
  
 ‘But look!  
 I’m the One who’s coming against you,’  
  
 ‘...says Jehovah, the Almighty,  
  
 ‘And all of your army, I’ll burn into smoke.  
  
 ‘I’ll devour your lions with the broadsword,  
 And I’ll take all the game from your land,  
 So that none of the things you’ve accomplished  
 Will ever be mentioned again.’