

## **Nahum (Hebrew meaning comfort or consolation)**

Nahum is a shortened form of the name Nehemiah (Comfort of Jehovah).

Nahum the Elkoshite (1:1)

Elkosh was probably a city in southern Judah (later called Elcesei).

The name Capernaum means ‘city of Nahum’(Kephar-Nahum) but there is no evidence of this being associated with the prophet.

Destruction of Thebes happened before Nahum’s prophecy

Nahum 3:8-10 Populous city called No (Thebes)

Fall of Thebes took place in 664 BC

Thebes rebuilt c. 653 BC – this is not mentioned

**Probable date of Nahum between 663 and 653 BC**

## **Prophecy to Nineveh**

One hundred years after Jonah

Nineveh's repentance c. 758 under Ashurdan III (reigned 773 – 755 BC)

## **Sargon II**

Assyria destroyed Samaria 722 BC took Northern Kingdom of Israel into captivity.

## **Sennacherib**

Siege of Judah 701 BC

Siege of Jerusalem ends when Assyrians killed outside Jerusalem – Hezekiah saved.

## **Ashurbanipal (669 – 633 BC)**