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**PROPHECY OF NAHUM**

NAHUM*, whose name signifies* A COMFORTER, *was a native of* Elcese*, or* Elcesai*, supposed to be a little town in Galilee. He prophesied after the ten tribes were carried into captivity, and foretold the utter destruction of Ninive, by the Babylonians and Medes: which happened in the reign of* JOSIAS*.*

**CHAPTER** **1**

*The majesty of God, his goodness to his people, and severity to his enemies.*

**1** The burden of Ninive. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elcesite.

**2** The Lord is a jealous God, and a revenger: the Lord is a revenger, and hath wrath: the Lord taketh vengeance on his adversaries, and he is angry with his enemies.

**3** The Lord is patient, and great in power, and will not cleanse and acquit the guilty. The Lord’s ways are in a tempest, and a whirlwind, and clouds are the dust of his feet.

**4** He rebuketh the sea, and drieth it up: and bringeth all the rivers to be a desert. Basan languisheth and Carmel: and the flower of Libanus fadeth away.

**5** The mountains tremble at him, and the hills are made desolate: and the earth hath quaked at his presence, and the world, and all that dwell therein.

**6** Who can stand before the face of his indignation? and who shall resist in the fierceness of his anger? his indignation is poured out like fire: and the rocks are melted by him.

**7** The Lord is good and giveth strength in the day of trouble: and knoweth them that hope in him.

**8** But with a flood that passeth by, he will make an utter end of the place thereof: and darkness shall pursue his enemies.

**9** What do ye devise against the Lord? he will make an utter end: there shall not rise a double affliction.

**10** For as thorns embrace one another: so while they are feasting and drinking together, they shall be consumed as stubble that is fully dry.

**11** Out of thee shall come forth one that imagineth evil against the Lord, contriving treachery in his mind.

**12** Thus saith the Lord: Though they were perfect: and many of them so, yet thus shall they be cut off, and he shall pass: I have afflicted thee, and I will afflict thee no more.

**13** And now I will break in pieces his rod with which he struck thy back, and Iwill burst thy bonds asunder.

**14** And the Lord will give a commandment concerning thee, that no more of thy name shall be sown: I will destroy the graven and molten thing out of the house of thy God, I will make it thy grave, for thou art disgraced.

**15** Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, and that preacheth peace: O Juda, keep thy festivals, and pay thy vows: for Belial shall no more pass through thee again, he is utterly cut off.