4Q169 Pesher Nahum*,* from S.L. (Berrin) Tzoref*, The Pesher Nahum Scroll from Qumran: An Exegetical Study of 4Q169*. Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah 53; Leiden: Brill, 2004.

##### Frags 1-2

##### Translation

1 *Nah 1:3b*. . . ***in whirlwind and storm is His way, and] cloud is the d[ust of His feet*** Its *pesher* . . .

2 ◦ [. . .]*t* v[ault]s of His heavens and His earth which *b*[. . .

3 *Nah 1:4a* ***He rebu[kes] the sea and dr[ies it up*** *vac* Its p]esher: the **sea**is all the ◦ [

4 to exe[cute] judgment upon them and to destroy them from upon the face of [the world *Nah 1:4b****And all the rivers He parches dry*** . . .

5a with [. . .] their [ru]lers, that their rule will end [

5 *Nah 1:4b****Withered are Bashan and Carmel] and the flower of Lebanon, withered*** *vac* [Its *pesher*:

6 peri]sh in it many, the height of wickedness. For the [ . . .

7 to **Car]mel** and to its rulers. **Lebanon and the flower of Lebanon** is . . .

8 . . .]*tm* and will perish from before [. . .] Elect[. . .

9 a]ll the **inhabitants** of the world *vac Nah 1:5-6* ***Moun[tains quake because of Him and the hills melt****;*

10 ***the Land [rises up] because of Him, and before Hi[m (rises) the world and al]l [the inhabitants thereof. Before His wrath who can stand, and who***

11 ***can withstand] His burning rage****?* ◦

Frags 3-4 I,1-12 - II,1

Col. I

1 . . . ]a dwelling-place for the wicked of the Gentiles. *Nah2:12b****Whither the lion went to bring the lion’s cub,***

2 ***and there was none to frighten*** Its *pesher*: concerning Deme]trius King of Greece who sought to come (upon) Jerusalem at the counsel of the Seekers-after-Smooth-Things

3 . . . ] ◦*yd* the kings of Greece from Antiochus until the rising of the rulers of the Kittim. And afterwards will be trampled

4 . . . ] *Nah 2:13a* ***The lion tears at his cubs, and strangles his lionesses for prey;***

5 . . . ] upon the Young Lion of Wrath who will smite his great ones, and the men of his counsel

6 . . . *Nah 2:13b* ***and he fills with prey his] holes and his lairs with torn flesh*** *vac* Its *pesher*: concerning the Young Lion of Wrath

7 . . .]*mwt* on the Seekers-after-Smooth-Things, that he will hang people alive.

8 . . .]in Israel aforetimes, for of one hanged alive o[n a tree is to be re]ad: *Nah 2:14 “****Behold I am against you,”***

9 ***it is the declar[ation of the Lord of Hosts. “I will burn in smoke you]r [multitude], and your young lions*** ***the sword will consume. I will cut [off p]rey [from the land],***

10 ***and no [longer will be heard the voice of your messengers.”***  Its *pes*]*her*: **Your multitude**: they are the legions of his army[ ] and his **young lions**: they are

11 his great ones[...] his **prey**: it is the [...weal]th which *q*◦[. . .]*y* Jerusalem that

12 th]ey will give it [. . .] Ephraim. Israel will be given [. . .

Col. II

1 and his **messengers** are his envoys, that their voice will no longer be heard among the nations. *vac*

Frags 3-4 III,8- IV,9

Col. III

8 . . . *Nah 3:8a* ***Are you better than Am[on situated among] the rivers?***

9 Its *pesher*: “**Amon**”: they are Manasseh and “**the rivers**”: they are the nobles of Manasseh, the honored ones of the [. . .

10 *Nah 3:8b* ***which was surrounded by waters, whose rampart was the sea and whose walls were waters*** *vac*

11 Its [*pe*]*sher*: they are her [w]arriors, her mighty men o[f w]ar. *Nah 3:9* ***Ethiopia was her might [and Egypt, and it was without limit.***

12 [. . .***Put and the Libyans were in your aid.***

Col. IV

1 Its *pesher*: they are the wicked ones of its [. . .], the House of Peleg who have joined themselves to Manasseh. *Nah 3:10* ***Yet even she w[ent] into exile [in captivity. Also***

2 ***her young children were dashed to pieces at the top of every street. And they cast lots for her honored men and all [her g]reat men [were bound***

3 ***in fetters***. Its *pesher*: concerning Manasseh at the final age when his kingdom will be brought low in *y* ◦[. . .

4 his women, his infants, and his children will go into captivity, his warriors and his nobles by the sword [*Nah 3:11a*. . .***You too will be drunken***

5 ***you will be obscured*** Its *pesher*: concerning the evil ones of E[phraim

6 that their cup will come after Manasseh [*Nah 3:11b*. . .***you too will seek***

7 ***refuge in the city from the enemy*** Its pesh[er: upo]n [

8 their enemies in the city [*Nah 3:12*. . .***All your fortresses***

9 ***will be fig-trees with [their first-ripe fruits;***

10 ◦[. . .]

11 [. . .]

12 [. . .]