

# **Wycliffe Associates**

## **Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide**

### *Nahum*

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# 1:1-11

**Background:** Nineveh was the capital city of the Assyrian Empire. The Assyrians had already conquered the northern kingdom of Israel. They were threatening the southern kingdom of Judah. Bashan, Carmel, and Lebanon were names of places.

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh is a jealous God who takes vengeance on his enemies. [1:2]
- ☐ Yahweh is a stronghold in the day of trouble. [1:7]
- ☐ Yahweh would destroy his enemies with an overwhelming flood. [1:8]
- ☐ Someone from Nineveh had plotted evil against Yahweh. [1:11]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who had a vision about Nineveh? [1:1]  
Nahum, the Elkoshite had a vision about Nineveh.
2. What does Nahum say about God? [1:2]  
Yahweh is a jealous God who takes vengeance on his enemies.
3. How did Nahum describe Yahweh? [1:3]  
He described Yahweh as slow to anger and great in power.
4. What was weak in Yahweh's presence? [1:4]  
Bashan, Carmel, and the flowers of Lebanon were weak in Yahweh's presence.
5. What happens to the earth in Yahweh's presence? [1:5]  
The earth collapses in Yahweh's presence.
6. Who do you think could withstand Yahweh's rage? [1:6]  
No one could withstand Yahweh's rage.
7. In the day of trouble, what is Yahweh like? [1:7]  
He is like a stronghold.
8. How do you think Yahweh was like a stronghold? [1:7]  
He protected people who took refuge in him. That is, he helped people who trusted him.
9. What will Yahweh do to his enemies? [1:8]  
Yahweh will destroy them with a flood and pursue them into darkness.

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10. What will Yahweh do to the people's plot, and what will happen because of that? [1:9]  
He will destroy their plot so they will not be able to make trouble a second time.
11. What will happen to the enemies of Yahweh? [1:10]  
They will be burned up like dry straw.
12. Who went forth out of Nineveh? [1:11]  
A wicked counselor who plotted evil against Yahweh went forth out of Nineveh.

**Comment Section:**

# 2:1, 10-13

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Someone has come against them. [2:1]
- ☐ Nineveh was empty and devastated. [2:10]
- ☐ Yahweh was against them and will burn their chariots. [2:13]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. In this prophecy, why did the people need to guard the city wall and watch the road? [2:1]  
“The one who scatters” was about to attack them, so they needed to be ready to fight back.
2. Why do you think Nineveh was empty and devastated? [2:10]  
It was empty and devastated because enemies had come and killed many people.
3. How do you think the people of Nineveh felt when these things happened? [2:10]  
They were terrified.
4. What do you think happened to Nineveh, the lion's den? [2:11]  
It was destroyed.
5. What did the lion do to his victims? [2:12]  
The lion tore his victims to pieces and strangled them.
6. Who do you think the lion, the lioness, the lion cubs represented? [2:11-12]  
Perhaps they represented the leaders and soldiers of Nineveh.
7. What did Yahweh say he would do to Nineveh? [2:13]  
Yahweh said he would burn their chariots in the smoke and cut off their prey from the land.
8. What would happen to Nineveh's young lions? [2:13]  
They would be killed by the sword.

**Comment Section:**

## 3:1-7

**Background:** The destruction of Nineveh was described in detail.

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Nahum described an army attacking Nineveh. [3:1-4]
- ☐ Yahweh will show how shameful Nineveh was. [3:5-7]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How did Nahum describe Nineveh? [3:1]  
Nineveh was a city full of blood, lies, and stolen property.
2. Why do you think Nahum called Nineveh a city full of blood? [3:1]  
Perhaps he called them this because the people of Nineveh killed many people.
3. In this prophecy, what did the people of Nineveh hear? [3:2]  
The people of Nineveh heard the noise of whips, wheels, horses, and chariots.
4. How do you think the people of Nineveh felt about what they heard? [3:2]  
They were probably terrified because their enemies were attacking them.
5. How many people did the attackers kill? [3:3]  
They killed so many people that there were piles of dead bodies on the ground, and they could not be counted.  
The attackers who came behind stumbled over them.
6. Why did these things happen? [3:4]  
They happened because Nineveh sold nations by acting like a prostitute and sold peoples by doing witchcraft.
7. What would Yahweh do to Nineveh, the prostitute? [3:5-6]  
Yahweh would shame and expose Nineveh to the nations.
8. What would everyone do who looked at the people of Nineveh? [3:7]  
No one would weep for Nineveh and all would flee from them.

**Comment Section:**

## 3:18-19

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The king of Assyria's people were scattered. [3:18]
- ☐ All who heard about what has happened to the king would be glad. [3:19]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. In this prophecy, what were the king of Assyria's shepherds and nobles doing? [3:18]  
His shepherds were sleeping, and his nobles were lying down resting.
2. Where were the king's people? [3:18]  
They were scattered on the mountains.
3. Why do you think there was no one to gather the king's people? [3:18-19]  
Perhaps the ones who normally would gather them were the leaders and nobles, but they were sleeping.
4. What would everyone who heard the news about the King of Assyria do? [3:19]  
Everyone who heard the news about the King of Assyria would clap their hands in joy over him.
5. Why do you think they would clap their hands in joy? [3:19]  
The king of Assyria did wicked things to many people. Now he was being punished and getting what he deserved.

**Comment Section:**