

# Interesting Facts About Nahum

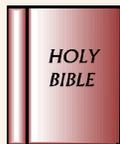
**MEANING:** The Hebrew word “Nahum” means “Comfort,” “consolation.” It is a shortened form of Nehemiah.

**AUTHOR:** Nahum

**TIME WRITTEN:** Somewhere between 663 and 612 B.C.

**POSITION IN THE BIBLE:**

- 34th Book in the Bible
- 34th Book in the Old Testament
- 12th of 17 books of Prophecy (Isaiah - Malachi)
- 7th of 12 minor prophets (Hosea - Malachi)
- 32 Books to follow it.



**CHAPTERS:** 3

**VERSES:** 43

**WORDS:** 1,285

**OBSERVATIONS ABOUT NAHUM:**

- The only time Nahum is mentioned in the Old Testament occurs in 1:1.
- Nahum’s prophetic ministry has to do with the fall of Assyria and its capital city of Nineveh.
- As a result of Jonah’s preaching in the city of Nineveh, the people repented and God spared the city.
  - 150 years after the preaching of Jonah, Assyria and the city of Nineveh fell.
  - Nahum’s prophecies against Nineveh takes place:
    - 100 years after Jonah’s preaching in Nineveh.
    - 50 years before Nineveh will be conquered.
- Nineveh had become the mightiest city on earth.
  - Its walls were 100 feet high and wide enough to accommodate three chariots riding side by side.
  - The walls were surrounded by a moat 150 feet wide and 60 feet deep.
  - It is believed that Nineveh could withstand a 20-year siege.

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■ Nahum prophesied that:

- Nineveh would end “with an overflowing flood” (1:8) That occurred when the Tigris River overflowed its banks and destroyed part of Nineveh’s wall. As a result of the flood damage, the Babylonians invaded through the breach in the wall in 62 B.C., plundered the city, and set it on fire.
- Nineveh would “be hidden” (3:1). After its destruction in 612 B.C. the city truly was hidden in that it was not discovered until A.D. 1842, some 2, 254 years after its destruction.

■ After Nineveh’s destruction in 612 B.C., it has never been rebuilt.

■ In Nahum 2:1-2, the prophet had prophesied that Assyria would be conquered, but that Judah would be restored.

“The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and He knows those who trust in Him.”



Nahum 1:7