

## Doomed

What comes to your mind when you read the word **Doomed**? You might think of someone who receives a diagnosis of untreatable cancer. Without Divine intervention, that person will die. What about the thousands of passengers and crew aboard the great luxury ship *Titanic*? Most of them were doomed to watery graves in the frigid North Atlantic. In 2003 the crew of the space shuttle *Columbia* blasted off on an exciting mission, not knowing that damage to their craft doomed them all to die during reentry.

According to the dictionary, doomed means to be facing certain defeat, disaster, or death.<sup>1</sup> That certainly applies to the examples listed above, but doom is not limited to disease, disaster, or mechanical failure. In fact, the Bible tells us those who reject and rebel against God are doomed to an eternity in hell.

In this lesson you will learn about some people who were doomed to face God's unstoppable judgment.

**Nah. 1:1** "The burden of \_\_\_\_\_. The book of the vision of \_\_\_\_\_ the Elkoshite."

Nineveh was the capital of the great Assyrian empire. The ruins of ancient Nineveh are located near Mosul in northern Iraq. The people of Nineveh were known for being wicked, violent, and cruel. God called Jonah to prophesy against Nineveh in 760 B.C., but he didn't want to go because he feared and hated the Ninevites.

After a brief detour inside the belly of the great fish, Jonah went to Nineveh and preached that the Lord would destroy it. Much to Jonah's surprise, the leaders and people of Nineveh all repented of their sins and turned to God. By the time of Nahum's writing (100 years later), however, the Ninevites had returned to their wicked and cruel ways. They doomed themselves to face God's judgment.

**Nah. 1:2** How did God feel toward Nineveh?

**Nah. 1:3** What does this verse reveal about God's judgment?

**Nah. 1:4-5** How much power does God have?

**Nah. 1:6** Answer the two questions found in this verse.

The Lord's judgment, wrath, and fury are unstoppable!

**Nah. 1:7** "The LORD is \_\_\_\_\_, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that \_\_\_\_\_ in Him."

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.merriam-webster.com/thesaurus/doomed>

**Nah. 1:8-9**      What did God promise to do to Nineveh?

Nineveh seemed impregnable, with walls 100 feet high surrounded by a deep, wide moat. In 612 B.C. the Tigris River flooded and destroyed part of Nineveh's wall. The attacking Babylonian army invaded through the breach in the wall and destroyed the city.

**Nah. 2:8-9**      Nineveh's army fled in fear, leaving the attacking Babylonians to plunder the city.

**Nah. 2:10**      What was left after the attack?

**Nah. 2:13**      How did the Lord feel about Nineveh?

**Nah. 3:1-4**      These verses describe the bloody fall of Nineveh.

**Nah. 3:5**      How did God feel about their wickedness?

**Nah. 3:6-7**      What was Nineveh's fate?

**Nah. 3:18**      What happened to Nineveh's leaders and people?

**Nah. 3:19**      "There is \_\_\_\_\_ of thy bruise; thy wound is \_\_\_\_\_."

This is a very gloomy picture. The people of Nineveh had their chance to repent and turn to God in 760 B.C. under Jonah's preaching. They later returned to their wicked ways, and by the time of Nahum's writing in 660 B.C. they were as bad as ever. Because of their wickedness and rebellion they doomed themselves to face God's devastating judgment. In 612 B.C. the Babylonians destroyed Nineveh, fulfilling Nahum's prophecy.

**Concluding Thoughts:** Is there any good news for us in the little book of Nahum? You've already read **Nahum 1:7**, "*The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him.*" Yes, God's power is unmatched and His judgment is unstoppable, but He is **good** and He provides **protection** to His children. He **knows** all of those who trust Him. The New Testament puts it this way: "*The Lord knoweth them that are His*" (**2 Tim. 2:19**). That's good news. Here's some more:

**Nah. 1:15**      "Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth \_\_\_\_\_ tidings, that publisheth \_\_\_\_\_!"

It may seem that wickedness and evil are winning, but God will always have a witness. In the New Testament the Lord says: "*How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!*" (**Rom. 10:15**).

The simple truth of this lesson can be summarized as follows:

- Those who reject Jesus Christ are doomed to face His judgment and eternal torment in hell.

- Those who place their trust in Him enjoy blessings in this life and a wonderful future in heaven.

Which statement applies to you? Have you turned from your sins and placed your faith in Jesus Christ? If not, please read the verses printed on the back of this book, confess your sins to God, and call upon the Lord Jesus Christ to save you (**Rom. 10:13**). Then you can rest in the fact that God knows you and protects you.

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**Project:** Memorize **Nahum 1:7**. Trust God to keep you from evil.