

Meet the Prophets

Nahum and Joel

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Lesson Twelve

Nahum (633-612)

The oracle of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite: (Nahum 1:1)

Manasseh and Young Josiah

Nahum prophesied during the days of Manasseh and did not wish to have his name associated with his.

Fall of Thebes (663) and Nineveh (612)

Manasseh (687-643)

Amon (642)

Josiah (641-609)

Picking up where Jonah Left Off 1:1-3

Jonah 4:2

I fled to Tarshish, for I knew that You are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, and one who relents concerning calamity. (Jon 4:2)

Exodus 34:6-7

Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, (Exo 34:6-7)

Theophany 1:3-6

Allusions to Amos' hymn

The Doom of Ninevah

The Evil Empire

The Doom of Nineveh 1:8

Flooding of the Tigris

"A second time" 1:2-6

The Good News

The Liberation of Judah 1:12-14

The Feet of the Messenger 1:15

Cf. Isaiah 52:7

How lovely on the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace And brings good news of happiness, Who announces salvation, And says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" (Isa 52:7)

A Vision of the Fall of Nineveh Nahum 2-3

Joel

Joel son of Pethuel (1:1)

Superscription

Internal Evidence

No mention of King

No mention of Assyria or Babylon

Edom, Philistia, and Egypt

Locust Invasion 1:1-12

Drought and Locusts

Hebrew words for Locusts (1:4)

Agricultural Disaster

Call to Action 1:13-20

Declare a holy fast

Is this The Day of the LORD?

The Day of the LORD 2:1-11

Allusions to Amos and Zephaniah

The LORD's Army 2:3-11

Cf. Revelation 9

Call to Repentance 2:12-17

Reversing the Evil Decree

Redemption 2:18-27

Kingdom Promises

Defeat of Gog and Magog 2:20

Agricultural Bounty 2:21-27

Teacher of Righteousness 2:23

Outpouring of the Spirit 2:28-29

Signs and Wonders 2:30-31

Salvation for Israel 2:32

Valley of "The LORD's Judgment"

Valley of Jehosaphat

Judgment on the Nations 3:1-16

Beating Plowshares into Swords

The Kingdom

The Shechinah dwells in Zion (3:17)

Abundant Wine (3:18)

River from the Temple (3:18)

Cf. Ezekiel 47; Zechariah 14:8;

John 7:38, Revelation 22:1-2

Desolation of Egypt and Edom (3:19-20)

Cleansing of Sin (3:20-21)