## **Nahum; Here comes the doom! 2/18/24**

## **So, Assyria took the northern kingdom of Israel and were extremely cruel. When they tried to take Jerusalem though this happened:**

## **After many threats from Assyria, God makes is proclamation**

## ***Isa 37:33 “Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria: ‘He shall not come into this city, Nor shoot an arrow there, Nor come before it with shield, Nor build a siege mound against it.***

## ***34 By the way that he came, By the same shall he return; And he shall not come into this city,’ Says the LORD. 35 ‘For I will defend this city, to save it For My own sake and for My servant David’s sake.’ ”***

## ***37:36 Then the angel of the LORD went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses–all dead.***

## ***37 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went away, returned home, and remained at Nineveh. 38 Now it came to pass, as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, that his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer struck him down with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. Then Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place.***

## **Assyria lasted a little longer but first came the Word of God through Nahum.**

## ***Nah 1:8 But with an overflowing flood He will make an utter end of its place, And darkness will pursue His enemies. 9 What do you conspire against the LORD? He will make an utter end of it. Affliction will not rise up a second time.***

## ***10 For while tangled like thorns, And while drunken like drunkards, They shall be devoured like stubble fully dried. 11 From you comes forth one Who plots evil against the LORD, A wicked counselor.***

## ***12 Thus says the LORD: “Though they are safe, and likewise many, Yet in this manner they will be cut down When he passes through. Though I have afflicted you, I will afflict you no more; 13 For now I will break off his yoke from you, And burst your bonds apart.”***

## ***14 The LORD has given a command concerning you: “Your name shall be perpetuated no longer. Out of the house of your gods I will cut off the carved image and the molded image. I will dig your grave, For you are vile.”***

## ***15 Behold, on the mountains The feet of him who brings good tidings, Who proclaims peace! O Judah, keep your appointed feasts, Perform your vows. For the wicked one shall no more pass through you; He is utterly cut off.***

## **God is very literal, not everyone takes it this way, they see the flood as symbolic of an army and staggering like drunks as in disarray, I believe it is literal. While they were partying that’s when the outer walls were breached,**

## **The inner walls were breached when two miles of them were washed away in a flood, because “*coincidently*” the rains came 4 months early at that exact time, “*by chance.*”**

## **Whether its Nahum years ago or today, prophecy is important!**

## **Whether its Assyria, the Arabs or Hamas the quotes and outcome are the same.**

## ***“Ghazi Hamad, a senior member of Hamas, has welcomed the large-scale attack on Israel on 7 October 2023,***

## ***during which civilians were killed en masse, and promised that the Palestinian terrorist group would repeat such attacks many times in the future until it destroyed Israel.***

## ***“The terrorist called the existence of Israel "illogical" and added that it should be wiped off "all the Palestinian lands."“Asked if that meant the total destruction of Israel, Hamad replied: "Yes, of course."***

## https://news.yahoo.com/2023

## **It’s always the same talk;**

## **2700 years ago:**

## ***Isaiah 36:18 ‘Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, “The LORD will deliver us.” Has any one of the gods of the nations delivered its land from the hand of the king of Assyria? 19 ‘Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? Indeed, have they delivered Samaria from my hand? 20 ‘Who among all the gods of these lands have delivered their countries from my hand, that the LORD should deliver***

## ***Jerusalem from my hand?’ ”***

## ***March 8th 1965“We shall not enter Palestine with its soil covered in sand, we shall enter it with its soil saturated in blood” – President of Egypt, Gamal Abdel Nasser***

## ***“The existence of Israel has continued too long. We welcome the Israeli aggression. We welcome the battle we have long awaited. The peak hour has come. The battle has come in which we shall destroy Israel.”****– Cairo Radio May 16 1967*

## ***“Brethren and sons, this is the day of the battle to avenge our martyred brethren who fell in 1948. It is the day to wash away the stigma. We shall, God willing, meet in Tel Aviv and Haifa”****– Radio broadcast by Iraqi President Abdel Rahman Aref, June 1st 1967*

## **In 1948 the Arabs said it would be a war of extermination of Israel! The Arabs were destroyed instead, and Israel gained land in the process.**

## ***We are awaiting aggression by Israel and any supporters of Israel. We will make it a decisive battle and get rid of Israel once and for all... This is the dream of every Arab. Gamal Abdel Nasser, Washington Post, July 27, 1959.***

## ***Nahum 3:17 Your commanders are like swarming locusts, And your generals like great grasshoppers, Which camp in the hedges on a cold day; When the sun rises they flee away, And the place where they are is not known.***

## ***18 Your shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria; Your nobles rest in the dust. Your people are scattered on the mountains, And no one gathers them. 19 Your injury has no healing, Your wound is severe. All who hear news of you Will clap their hands over you, For upon whom has not your wickedness passed continually?***

## **The Arabs retreated in disgrace in 1948 and again in 1967. Nasser who was the coalition leader resigned and then stayed but died 3 years later very suddenly.**

## **Whether its past or present the outcome is ALWAYS THE SAME!**

## ***Nahum 2:8 Though Nineveh of old was like a pool of water, Now they flee away. “Halt! Halt!” they cry; But no one turns back. 9 Take spoil of silver! Take spoil of gold! There is no end of treasure, Or wealth of every desirable prize. 10 She is empty, desolate, and waste! The heart melts, and the knees shake; Much pain is in every side, And all their faces are drained of color.***

## **There will be judgement on the enemies of Israel!**

## ***Nahum 2:13 “Behold, I am against you,” says the LORD of hosts, “I will burn your chariots in smoke, and the sword shall devour your young lions; I will cut off your prey from the earth, and the voice of your messengers shall be heard no more.”***

## **Chapter 3 is very graphic**

## ***Nah 3:1 Woe to the bloody city! It is all full of lies and robbery. Its victim never departs.***

## ***2 The noise of a whip And the noise of rattling wheels, Of galloping horses, Of clattering chariots! 3 Horsemen charge with bright sword and glittering spear. There is a multitude of slain, A great number of bodies, Countless corpses– They stumble over the corpses–***

## ***4 Because of the multitude of harlotries of the seductive harlot, The mistress of sorceries, Who sells nations through her harlotries, And families through her sorceries.***

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## ***5 “Behold, I am against you,” says the LORD of hosts; “I will lift your skirts over your face, I will show the nations your nakedness, And the kingdoms your shame.***

## ***7 It shall come to pass that all who look upon you Will flee from you, and say, ‘Nineveh is laid waste! Who will bemoan her?’ Where shall I seek comforters for you?”***

## **Next week: Nahum/Habakkuk**