



Nahum

Nahum: 'comfort'

Destruction of Nineveh comforts Israel

- Written between 663-612 (3:8-11).
- Shalmaneser (859-824) made Nineveh an army base.
- Sennacherib (705-681) invaded Judah, destroyed 46 Judean towns...but lost (2 Kings 18).

Why destroy Nineveh?

1. Jealous God, 1:1.
2. Avenging God, 1:1. Gn.18:25
3. Save His people, 1:12-15.

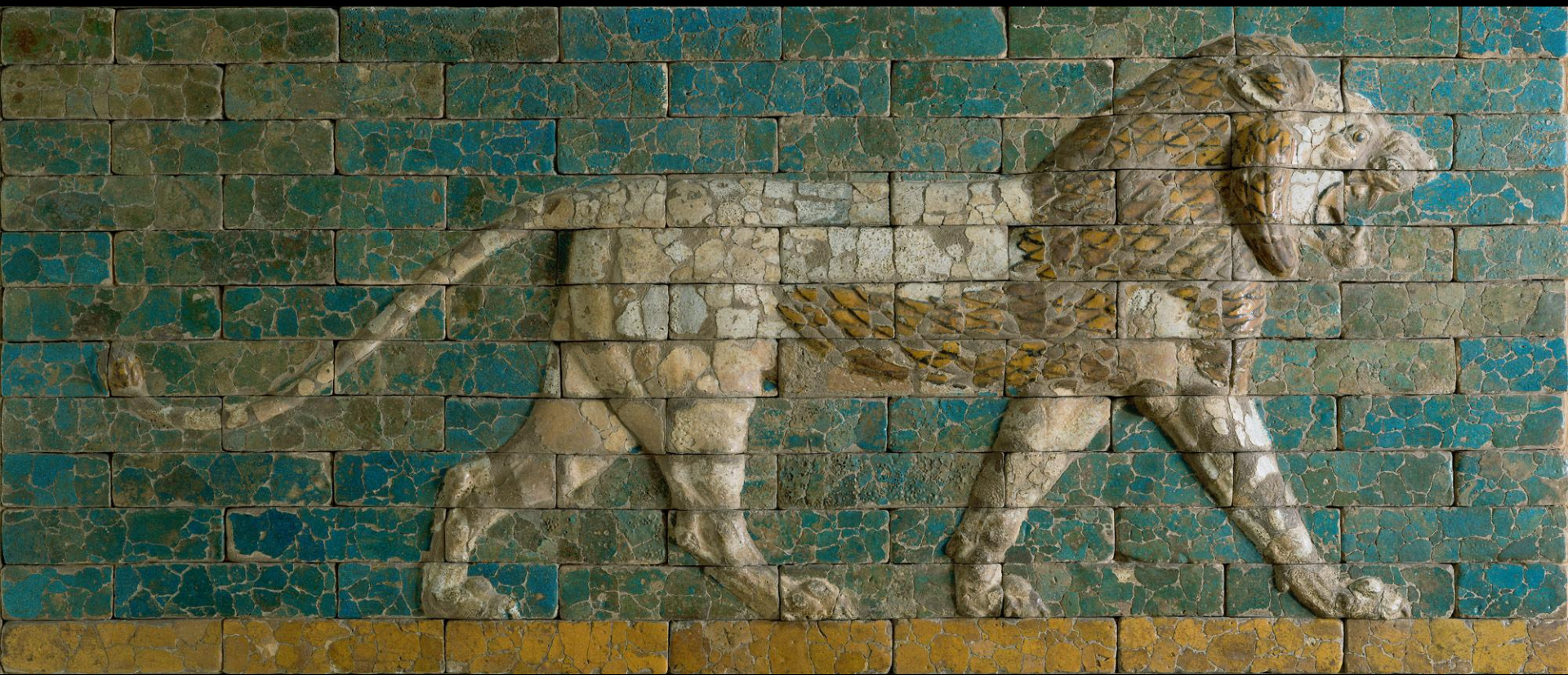
Sentence: Wrath of God,
Nahum 1

Nahum: no book so forcefully
displays God's wrath 1:2-10

jealous, avenges, furious,
vengeance, will not acquit
wicked, indignation, fierce
anger, overflowing flood,
utter end, devoured

Sentence: Wrath of God, Nahum 1

Suffering: Weight of Gall,
Nahum 2



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Spoils: Woe of Guilt,
Nahum 3

Lessons:

1. **God's word is inspired – fulfilled prophecy.**
 - a. Assyrian fortresses surround city, 3:12
 - b. Ninevites prepare bricks / mortar, 3:14
 - c. City gates destroyed, 3:13
 - d. Ninevites were drunk, 1:10; 3:11
 - e. Nineveh destroyed by flood, 1:8; 2:6, 8
 - f. Nineveh destroyed by fire, 1:10; 2:13; 3:15

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 - g. Capture attended by great massacre, 3:3
 - h. Plundering and pillaging, 2:9-10
 - i. People try to escape, 2:8
 - j. Ninevite officers weaken, flee, 3:17
 - k. Images and idols destroyed, 1:14
 - l. Destruction would be final, 1:9, 14

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 - a. Isaiah 40
 - b. Isaiah 10

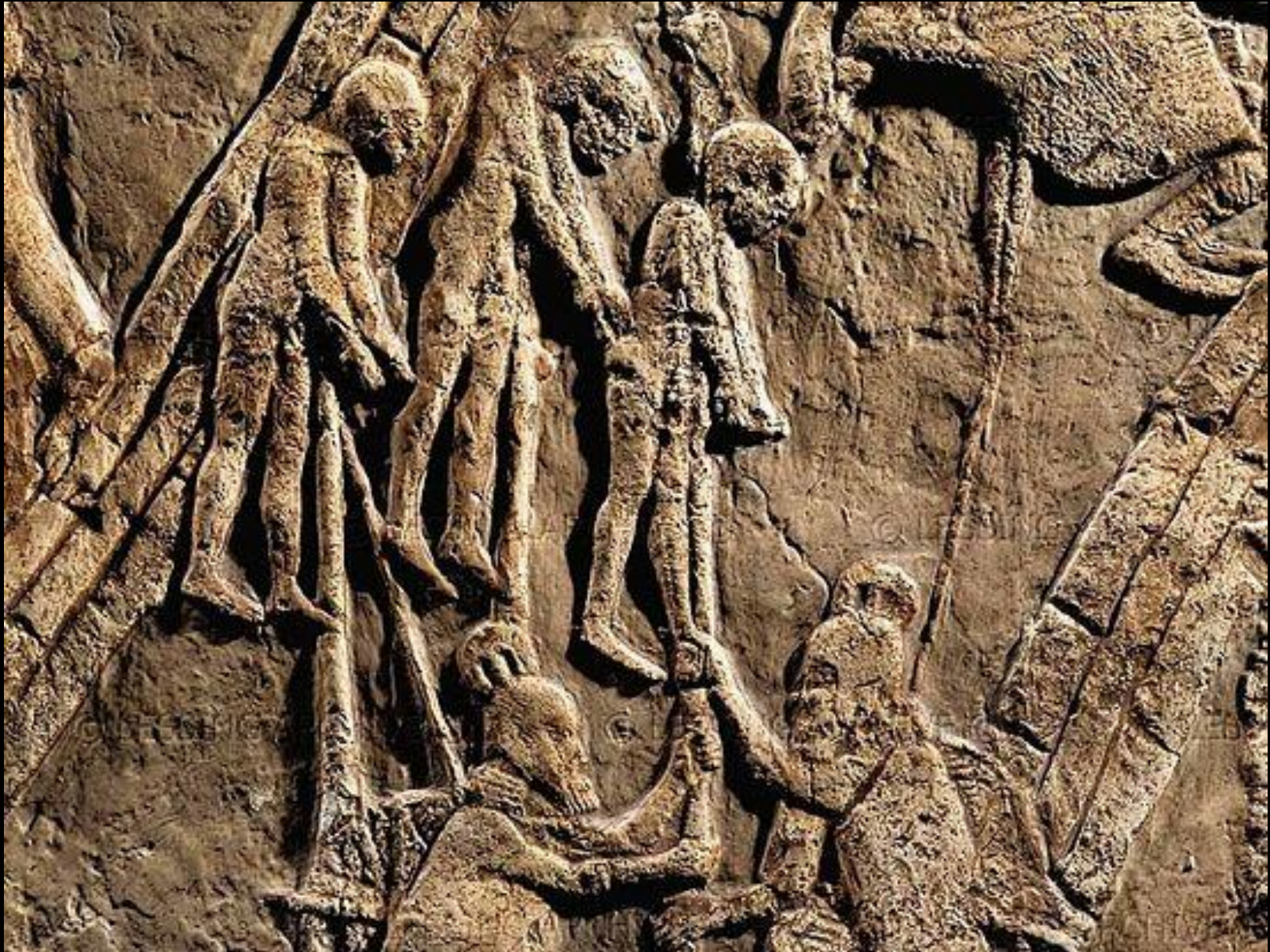
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 - a. Nineveh: 100 ft.-high wall
 - b. 200 towers reaching another 100 ft
 - c. Moat 60 feet deep, 140 feet wide.
 - 1) Wind-blown sand covered Nineveh
 - 2) Today: Tel Kuyunjik (another mound: Nebi Yunus)

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Lachish, 701 BC, Sennacherib



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 - Assyria gets a dose of her own medicine.
Isa.37:29

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4. **Do not envy sinners**, 3:16-19.
 - a. Assyria: great, rich, famous, powerful . . .
 - b. Yet good times passed . . . Gal.6:7-8