

## Nineveh Series Part 4 – Nahum 1:15

1. Review of Nahum's oracle
  - a. Revelation given 100 years after Jonah yet about 50 years prior to fulfillment
  - b. Human sin invites divine judgment
  - c. God's truth transcends time –
  - d. God's holiness overcomes sin's captivity
2. The Comfort of Nahum
  - a. The very name means "Comfort"
  - b. The message is one of delivery from captivity and the ruthlessness of Assyria for Judah
    - i. Chapter 1 used repeatedly as a psalm Hebrew Hymn
    - ii. Chapters 2 & 3 fluctuate between threats to Assyria and promises to Judah.
    - iii. Chapter 1 – an Acrostic in Hebrew alphabet
    - iv. GRACE Acrostic sample
  - c. It offers hope and liberation to those who will hear and believe
3. Verse 15 was seminal moment for hearers in Judah – a truth that transcends time.
  - a. In This His Faith surpasses the Contemporary Realities Of His Time!
  - b. Behold, on the mountains – keep looking forward and upward
  - c. The feet of him who brings good news – a messenger proclaiming freedom is achieved after years of bad news!
  - d. Proclaims peace – Assyrian domination is done forever
  - e. O Judah – term of endearment; names important to God
  - f. Keep your appointed feasts – Commanded feasts were outlawed by Assyria; "The voice of the Law cannot be heard amidst the noise of battle."
  - g. Perform your vows – Judah made promises to God if He would deliver them.
    - i. "It is better to not vow than to vow and not pay."
  - h. The wicked one shall no more pass through you: he is utterly cut off – Victory is not only distant; but at home!
4. Verse 15 is a transcendent verse for our hearing today – very similar to Isaiah 52:7

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, Your God Reigns!"

  - a. Behold the mountains – "I will look unto the hills from whence cometh my help; my help comes from the Lord."
    - i. We look unto a mountain called Calvary
  - b. The feet of him who brings good news.
    - i. Good news that God is not angry and is abundantly willing to forgive all sin
  - c. "Who proclaims peace"
    - i. There is war in the spiritual realm; a constant battle of good and evil.
    - ii. We may today have peace with God
      1. Romans 5:1 "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"
    - iii. Ephesians 2:14 "For He Himself is our peace..."
  - d. O Judah – He knows my name – your name- O Church
  - e. Keep your appointed feasts
    - i. Celebrate your "day" of the Lord
    - ii. Tell it to your children and your children's children
  - f. Perform your vows
    - i. God is calling people to ministry in the local church; to formal preaching ministry; to missions; and all other type and style of 'vows'
    - ii. God keeps his promises – we must too keep our promises to him
  - g. The wicked one shall no more pass through you; he is utterly cut off
    - i. The enemy of our soul is defeated by Jesus Christ
    - ii. There is Victory in Jesus!
5. Our God Reigns! And is reaching out to you!