

Nahum: A Message of God's Justice, Series Introduction  
Nahum 1:1, 7-9

**Introduction**

This Sunday, we will begin an 8-week series out of Nahum. Nahum helps us to understand that while God is gracious and long-suffering, His patience in the face of persistent sin eventually gives way to justice. For the believer, that justice has already been completed through the work of Christ on the cross.

**Nahum 1:1, 7-9 (NASB)**

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

**7-9** The Lord is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble, And He knows those who take refuge in Him. But with an overflowing flood He will make a complete end of its site, And will pursue His enemies into darkness. Whatever you devise against the Lord, He will make a complete end of it. Distress will not rise up twice.

**Basic Outline for Sunday's Message**

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- I. Nahum's Message
  - A. An Oracle
  - B. A Vision
- II. God's Character
  - A. Goodness
  - B. Protection
  - C. Knowledge
- III. God's Justice
  - A. Executed on His Enemies
  - B. Complete in its Scope

**Study Questions**

1. Why do you think God chose this time instead of the time of Jonah's existence to punish Nineveh?
2. Why is this an "oracle of Nineveh" when God's chosen people were the Israelites?
3. We know the Ninevites repented at the preaching of Jonah. Why do you think that this notion of repentance was not passed to the next generation?