



OLD TESTAMENT • MINOR PROPHETS

Nahum

God's opposition to cruelty and oppressive power

AUTHORSHIP • Nahum

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The big picture

Nahum announces judgment on Nineveh, the center of Assyrian power. Vivid poetry describes the collapse of an empire associated with violence and domination. For those crushed by such power, its downfall brings relief. The book should not feed personal vengeance; it insists that apparently secure systems of cruelty remain accountable to God.

Words to carry

"The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him."

Nahum 1:7 • KJV

Live it

01 Stand with someone who has been harmed by abuse of power.

02 Refuse to treat cruelty as strength.

03 Entrust judgment to God while pursuing truthful and responsible action.

Pause & reflect

Where do I need hope that injustice will not have the final word?

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