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Introduction

One of the ways I've been studying the Word of God is by making a list of everything that each book of the Bible teaches. This has resulted in more than a thousand pages of material. Although it's interesting and I've learned a lot from writing it, that's a lot of bullet points to read through!

The purpose of this book is to extract the most interesting insights from that massive list. This isn't intended to summarize each book of the Bible because that's what my "Chapter Summary of the Bible" is for. It's also not intended to list the major points of each book because you're probably already familiar with them. Finally, it's not intended to offer in-depth commentary because that's what my regular commentary is for. This book is simply a collection of points that I found interesting.

I hope there's some material here that you find edifying.

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Nahum

- God is a jealous God (Nahum 1:2).
- The Lord is furious with His enemies and will take vengeance on His adversaries (Nahum 1:2). In fact, the Lord has stored up wrath that He will one day pour out upon His enemies.
- The Lord is slow to anger (Nahum 1:3).
- The Lord has power over both the weather and the sea (Nahum 1:3-4).
- This prophecy speaks of a time when the seas and the rivers will be made dry. Bashan, Carmel, and Lebanon will experience a drought (Nahum 1:4).
- This prophecy speaks of a time when the Lord will return to this world in person and will literally set it on fire as an act of vengeance against the wicked. The mountains will quake and the hills will melt, and *the entire world* and *everyone in it* will be troubled (Nahum 1:5-6). That means at least part of this book discusses end-times prophecy and is connected to the seven-year tribulation period.
- The anger of the Lord is fierce; none can abide it (Nahum 1:6).
- The day is coming when God will make an utter end to those who rise up against Him (Nahum 1:9). Once He defeats the wicked they won't be able to rise up again and attack God a second time.
- This book speaks of a single individual who will arise out of Nineveh – a particularly evil person who will wage war against the Lord. This individual is called a wicked counselor (Nahum 1:11-15). The evil counselor sounds a

lot like the antichrist. He oppresses people, he sows his name throughout the world, he creates an idol for the nations to worship, and he is killed by God in the end.

- In those days a person will come upon the mountains who will bring good tidings and proclaim peace (Nahum 1:15). This sounds a lot like Jesus returning to this world at the end of the tribulation to defeat the antichrist. After all, Zechariah 14:4 says that “his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives”, referring to Christ.
- This prophecy speaks of a time when the Jews will have everlasting peace and evildoers will never again pass through the land (Nahum 1:15). This is a reference to the millennium.
- In the millennium the Jews will continue to celebrate the feasts that are in the Mosaic Law (Nahum 1:15; Zechariah 14:16 mentions this as well).
- When this prophecy is fulfilled, the nation of Judah will have been defeated and damaged and emptied (Nahum 2:2). The Lord said He's the one who did that.
- The rivers of Nineveh will be its weak point and will lead to the destruction of the city (Nahum 2:6). The people who will guard the walls of the city will be ineffective because the enemy will enter in through the gates.
- Nineveh will be defeated by the army that will come against the city, and the invaders will take her glory and her wealth (Nahum 2:9). At the time Nineveh is conquered it will have great glory and great wealth.
- The city of Nineveh will be destroyed after this military defeat and turned into a wasteland (Nahum 2:10).
- God has the power to raise up nations and tear them

down (Nahum 2:13). This book of prophecy is directed against a Gentile nation that God didn't have a covenant relationship with.

- God holds cities accountable for their sins and pronounces woe upon them (Nahum 3:1). This includes Gentile cities as well. It's possible for a city to be evil in the sight of God.
- Lying and stealing can bring God's judgment upon a city (Nahum 3:1). It's very bad when a city is characterized by those two qualities because God holds cities accountable for their actions and doesn't overlook their sins.
- God was going to fill Nineveh with so many dead bodies that people would stumble over them (Nahum 3:3). That's a graphic illustration of what God can do when He decides to punish a city for its sins. The reason God was going to fill Nineveh with dead bodies was because of the way it oppressed both nations and families.
- God called Nineveh a prostitute and the mistress of witchcraft (Nahum 3:4).
- One of the judgments that God can send upon cities and nations is shame. God was going to make Nineveh vile in the sight of the nations (Nahum 3:5-6).
- In times of judgment God doesn't treat the wicked with respect and courtesy. Instead He heaps filth and shame upon them (Nahum 3:6).
- One of God's judgments upon the wicked city of Nineveh was that no one would mourn her destruction or be sad that the city was gone (Nahum 3:7).
- God holds Gentile cities and nations accountable for their actions, and He destroys them because of their sins

(Nahum 3:9-10). Those who don't take God's judgment seriously can look at the past and find many examples of His judgment upon cities and nations.

- Even the strongest nation with the mightiest defenses can easily be destroyed by God (Nahum 3:12).
- The people of Nineveh depended on their mighty gates to save them. Therefore God was going to open those gates and allow their enemies to enter through them (Nahum 3:13).
- God told the people of Nineveh to make whatever defensive preparations they wanted. Those defenses wouldn't be able to save them from His wrath (Nahum 3:14-15).
- The captains and great men of Nineveh wouldn't be able to save the city. As soon as they faced opposition they would flee. God compared their mighty men to grasshoppers who fled and hid themselves as soon as the sun rose and the day grew warm (Nahum 3:17).
- The book of Nineveh mentions the king of Assyria (Nahum 3:18). This may be a reference to the antichrist.