

Ancient Wisdom, Modern Application

Seven centuries before the birth of Christ, people in the middle east were gripped by fear. Nineveh's armies were sweeping across the land.

A century before, God had spared the Ninevites when they repented at Jonah's preaching. But now Nineveh had turned to greater evil.

The prophet Nahum (name means "encouragement") spoke God's message to the people of Judah. In spite of seemingly overwhelming terror, God is far greater in power.

"His path is in the whirlwind and storm,

and clouds are the dust beneath His feet.

...

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble.

He cares for those who trust in him,

but with an overwhelming flood

he will make an end of Nineveh." (Nahum, ch. 1 NIV)

Nahum's message:

* God is far more powerful than any evil in the world, and will eventually destroy it.

* The Lord is good, and is a Refuge for those who trust in him.



Coffee/tea thought: Consider taking several hours or a whole day "sabbatical" from the news. Use this time to ponder God's message spoken through his prophet Nahum. How do these truths touch your life today?

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Ref: The short Biblical book of Nahum, Old Testament

古老的智慧，應用於當代

主前七百多年，中東地區的人們正處於恐懼中。尼尼微的軍隊橫掃大地。

在那一百年前，當尼尼微人聽約拿的講道悔改時，上帝就饒恕了尼尼微人。但是現在的尼尼微轉向了更大的邪惡。

先知那鴻（此名意為“鼓勵”）向猶太人傳講神的信息。儘管當時處境看似萬分恐怖，但上帝卻大有能力。

“他乘旋風和暴風而來，
雲彩為他腳下的塵土。

...

耶和華本為善，在患難的日子為人的保障，
並且認得那些投靠他的人。

但他必以漲溢的洪水淹沒尼尼微。”（那鴻書，第一章）

那鴻的信息：

*上帝比世上任何邪惡都強大有力，並將最終消滅它。

*主是良善的，是那些投靠他的人的避難所。



隨想：考慮“休假”幾個小時或一整天，不去看新聞。利用這段時間思考神藉著祂的先知那鴻所傳講的信息。這些真理如何影響您今天的生活？

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參考：聖經舊約，那鴻書