

# *Minor Prophets*

## **Nahum/Habakkuk/Zephaniah**

Quarter: Spring 2003

Textbook: *None*

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Themes: Nahum – “Die, Nineveh, die!”  
Habakkuk – The just shall live by his faith  
Zephaniah – The Day of the Lord is near

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Lesson Title</b>	<b>Scripture</b>
March 2, 2003	1	<a href="#">Historical Background – 7<sup>th</sup> Century BC</a>	
March 9, 2003	2	<a href="#">Introduction to the 7<sup>th</sup> Century Prophets</a>	Nah/Hab/Zeph
March 16, 2003	3	<a href="#">“A Stronghold in the Day of Trouble”</a>	Nahum 1:1-14
March 23, 2003	4	<a href="#">“Behold, on the Mountains ...”</a>	Nahum 1:15-2:13
March 30, 2003	5	<a href="#">“Your Injury Has No Healing”</a>	Nahum 3:1-19
April 6, 2003		****TRAVEL DATE****	
April 13, 2003	6	<a href="#">“O LORD, How Long?”</a>	Habakkuk 1:1-17
April 20, 2003	7	<a href="#">“The Just Shall Live by His Faith”</a>	Habakkuk 2:1-20
April 27, 2003	8	<a href="#">“Yet I Will Rejoice in the LORD”</a>	Habakkuk 3:1-19
May 4, 2003	9	<a href="#">“The Great Day of the LORD Is Near”</a>	Zephaniah 1:1-18
May 11, 2003	10	<a href="#">“Seek the LORD”</a>	Zephaniah 2:1-15
May 18, 2003	11	<a href="#">“The LORD Your God in Your Midst”</a>	Zephaniah 3:1-20
May 25, 2003	12	<a href="#">Review</a>	Nah/Hab/Zeph

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### *Outline of Nahum*

Superscription (1:1)

- I. Public Announcement of Ninevah's Judgment (1:2-14)
- II. Dramatic Depiction of Ninevah's Judgment (1:15-2:13)
- III. The Surety of Ninevah's Judgment (3:1-19)

### *Outline of Habakkuk*

Superscription (1:1)

- I. The Dialogue of Protest (1:2-17)
- II. The Resolution of Wisdom (2:1-20)
- III. A Psalm of Submission (3:1-19)

### *Outline of Zephaniah*

Superscription (1:1)

- I. Cosmic Covenantal Judgment Comes with Yahweh's Great Day (1:2-18)
- II. The Call to Repentance Sounds Before the Arrival of God's Great Day (2:1-15)
- III. God Reconstitutes His People with the Arrival of That Great Day (3:1-20)

### Kings and Prophets – 8<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Centuries BC

Assyria	Judah	Babylon	Prophets (approx dates)
Ashur-nirari V 755-745	Jotham 750-731		Jonah/Amos 785-750
Tiglath-pileser III 745-727	Ahaz 743-715		Hosea 755-515
Shalmaneser V 727-722	<b>Hezekiah 728-686</b>		Isaiah 739-680
Sargon III 722-705			Micah 735-700
<b>Sennacherib 705-681</b>	<b>Manasseh 697-642</b>		
Esarhaddon 681-669			
<b>Ashurbanipal 669-627</b>	Amon 642-640		<b>Nahum 663-612</b>
Ashur-etil-ilani 627-623	<b>Josiah 640-609</b>	Nabopolassar 626-605	<b>Zephaniah 630-612</b>
Sin-shar-ishkun 623-612			Jeremiah 627-575
Ashur-uballit II 612-609	Jehoahaz 609		<b>Habakkuk 608-605</b>
	Jehoiakim 609-597	<b>Nebuchadnezzar 605-562</b>	Daniel 605-535
	Jehoiachin 597		Ezekiel 597-550
	Zedekiah 597-586		

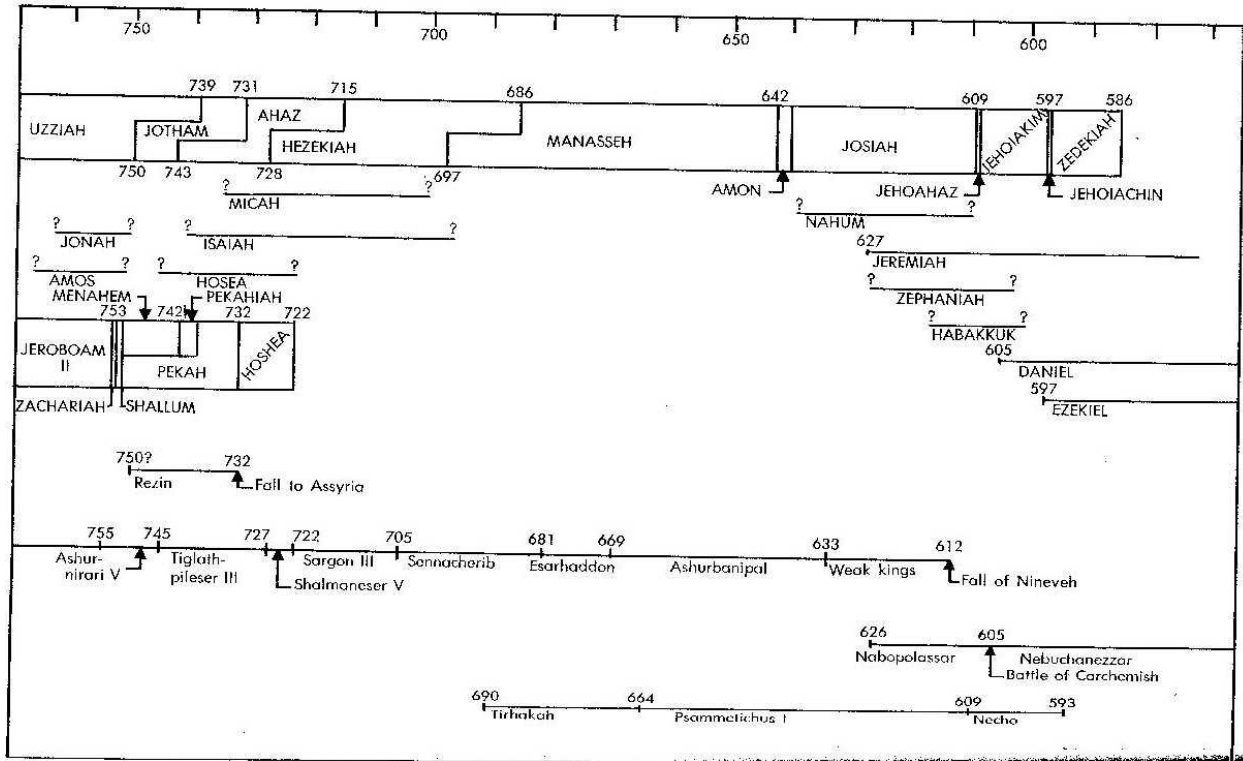
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### Key Dates and Events (743-539 BC)

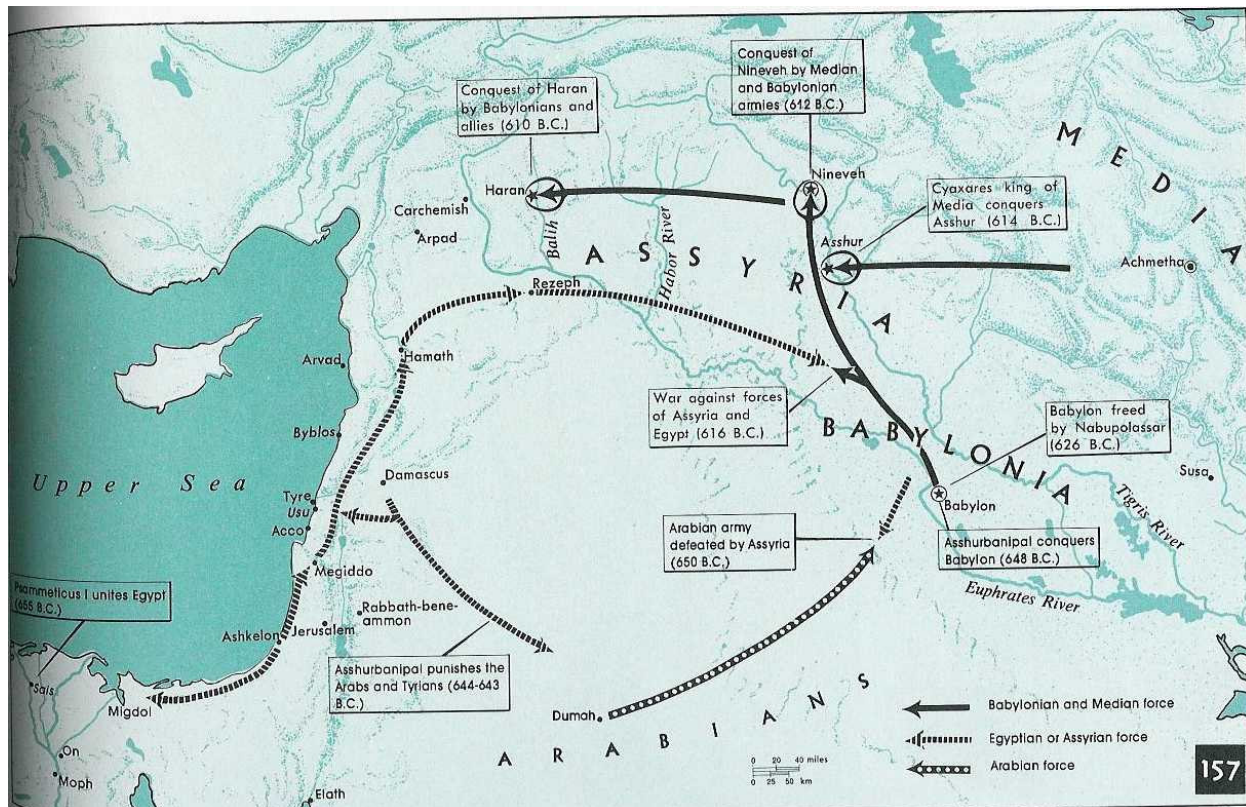
743 BC	Campaign of Tiglath-pileser III
734-732 BC	Rebellion of Israel and Damascus; Siege of Jerusalem; Campaign of Tiglath-pileser III
<b>724-722 BC</b>	<b>Siege of Samaria by Shalmaneser V; Fall of Samaria and end of kingdom of Israel</b>
722-705 BC	Deportation of Israel under Sargon II; Hezekiah's religious reforms; Submission to Sargon II
705-701 BC	Alliance revolts against Sennacherib
<b>701 BC</b>	<b>Campaign of Sennacherib</b>
697-642 BC	Rule of Manasseh; Religious apostasy
671 BC	Conquest of Memphis by Esarhaddon
<b>663 BC</b>	<b>Conquest of Thebes by Ashurbanipal</b>
648 BC	Conquest of Babylon by Ashurbanipal
<b>645 BC</b>	<b>Exile of Manasseh to Assyria; Manasseh repents and returns</b>
642 BC	Death of Manasseh; Judah gone beyond point of no return
640 BC	Assassination of Amon; 8-yr old Josiah made king of Judah
639 BC	Conquest of Elam by Ashurbanipal
632 BC	Josiah at age 16 begins to seek the Lord
628 BC	Josiah's first public reform movement
<b>627 BC on</b>	<b>Death of Ashurbanipal; Weakening of Assyria</b>
626 BC	Babylonian independence under Nabopolassar
<b>622 BC</b>	<b>Discovery of the book of the law; Josiah's thorough reform movement</b>
616 BC	Egypt attacks Babylon; preserves Assyria
614 BC	Fall of Asshur to the Medes
<b>612 BC</b>	<b>Fall of Ninevah to Medes and Babylonians</b>
<b>609 BC</b>	<b>Fall of Haran to Babylonians; End of Assyria; Death of Josiah at Megiddo; Egypt in control of Judah</b>
<b>605 BC</b>	<b>Nebuchadnezzar becomes king of Babylonian Empire; Battle of Carchemish; 1st Captivity of Judah (Daniel)</b>
597 BC	Siege of Jerusalem; Jehoiachin deported in 2nd Captivity (Ezekiel)
<b>587 BC</b>	<b>Siege of Jerusalem; Destruction of Temple and Jerusalem; 3rd Captivity - end of Judah</b>
539 BC	Fall of Babylon to Medo-Persia; End of Babylonian Empire; return to Jerusalem begins

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## Timeline (760-570 BC)



## Map of the Near East in the 7<sup>th</sup> Century BC



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