

**“CONSIDER THE HURRICANE”**  
**NAHUM 1:1-8**

**INTRO:** One mandate for every child of God is to **LOOK AT EVERYTHING THROUGH THE EYES OF THE SCRIPTURE**. In other words, we are to **yield our thoughts, actions, attitudes, and daily living according to the BIBLICAL WORLD VIEW!** Today let’s look at a HURRICANE through the eyes of the WORD OF GOD.

**WHAT IS A HURRICANE?**

**I. FROM THE METEOROLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE**

**“A HURRICANE IS A TROPICAL STORM WITH WINDS THAT HAVE REACHED A CONSTANT SPEED OF 74 MILES PER HOUR OR MORE. THE EYE OF THE STORM IS USUALLY 20-30 MILES WIDE AND MAY EXTEND OVER 400 MILES. THE DANGERS OF THE STORM INCLUDE TORRENTIAL RAINS, HIGH WINDS AND STORM SURGES.”**

- A. The Existence of Hurricanes Since Creation
  - 1. Many from the beginning of time
  - 2. Many lives have been lost
  - 3. Much destruction has occurred
- B. The Example of Hurricanes in our Lifetime
  - 1. Hurricane Agnes – 1972
  - 2. Hurricane Hugo- 1989
  - 3. Hurricane Andrew – 1992
  - 4. Hurricane Opal - 1995
  - 5. Hurricane Katrina – 2005
  - 6. Hurricane Ian – 2022

**NOTE:** **SINCE 2000 AT LEAST 2075 HAVE DIED DUE TO HURRICANES IN AMERICA** (This does not include Hurricane Ian). In addition to deaths, **BILLIONS OF DOLLARS** have been spent due to hurricane damage.

**II. FROM THE BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE**

**“A SPECIFIC ACT OF GOD ESTABLISHED BY THE DIVINE INTENT TO GET THE ATTENTION OF HUMANITY, TO BRING JUDGMENT UPON WICKEDNESS, TO BRING REPENTENCE TO MANKIND AND TO ILLUSTRATE HIS GREAT POWER.”**

**THE BIBLICAL/HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF NINEVEH**

- 1) Jonah preached to Nineveh over 100 years prior to the time of Nahum, (862 BC). At that point in time, Nineveh repented but then they turned away into apostasy and was about ready to be judged by God again.
- 2) Nahum pronounced God’s Judgment upon Nineveh by way of an **“OVERRUNNING FLOOD”** (Vs. 8) that took place in 612 BC when the **TIGRIS RIVER** flooded and destroyed enough of the City Walls to allow the Babylonians to swarm in and destroy it. Nahum 3:11 predicted that the city would be **“HID”** after its judgment and indeed was hidden for 2,454 years until it was discovered in 1842 AD.

**THE LESSON: GOD GIVES ROOM FOR REPENTANCE, BUT EVENTUALLY HE WILL JUDGE SIN!**

**NAHUM’S DESCRIPTION OF GOD’S JUDGMENT – VSS. 2-6**

**THIS IS SOMETHING MANY PEOPLE AVOID TO UNDERSTAND TODAY, BUT IS SOMETHING THAT MUST BE CONSIDERED!**

- 1) He is a Jealous God – Vs. 2a (God wants our FULL ATTENTION)
- 2) He is a Revengeful God – Vs. 2b (God will PUNISH SIN)
- 3) He is a Furious God – Vs. 2c (God has GREAT DISPLEASURE over Sin)
- 4) He is a Wrathful God – Vs. 2d (God’s OUTBURST OF RAGE against Sin)

- 5) He is Slow to Anger – Vs. 3a (God's HEAVY BREATHING against Sin)
- 6) He is Great in Power – Vs. 3b (God is ALL-POWERFUL)
- 7) He Judges the Wicked – Vs. 3c (God WILL NOT EXCUSE WICKEDNESS)
- 8) He Judges through "Natural" Events – Vss. 3b-5 (God Judges NATURALLY)
- 9) He is "ALL-INCLUSIVE" in His Judgment – Vs. 6 (God JUDGES ALL)

**NAHUM'S DESCRIPTION OF GOD'S GRACE – VS. 7**

***IN THE MIDST OF GOD'S JUDGMENT HIS GRACE IS POURED OUT UPON THE REMNANT OF THE FAITHFUL!***

- 1) God is Good – Vs. 7a (God is FULL OF GOODNESS)
- 2) God is a Stronghold – Vs. 7b (God is our FORTIFIED DEFENSE)
- 3) God is Knowledgeable of those who Trust Him – Vs. 7c (God RECOGNIZES those who trust Him)

**NAHUM'S APPLICATION FOR US TODAY**

***THE JUDGMENT OF NINEVAH UNDER NAHUM'S PREACHING HAS APPLICATIONS FOR US TODAY!***

- 1) An Application to our Nation from Hurricane Ian  
***AS A NATION, WE MUST EXAMINE OUR ACTIONS AND REPENT FROM OUR SINS AND TURN TO GOD FOR FORGIVENESS.***
- 2) An Application to our Churches from Hurricane Ian  
***AS CHURCHES, WE MUST EXAMINE OUR ACTIONS AND REPENT FROM OUR SINS AND SPIRITUAL LAZINESS AND GET ABOUT THE WORK OF THE LORD.***
- 3) An Application to Individual Christians from Hurricane Ian  
***AS INDIVIDUALS, WE MUST EXAMINE OUR LIVES BEFORE GOD, REPENT OF THE SIN HE REVEALS, AND GET ABOUT BEING WHO HE WANTS US TO BE.***

***LET'S NOT JUST LET HURRICANE IAN COME AND GO WITHOUT NATIONAL, ECCLESIASTICAL AND PERSONAL EVALUATION BEFORE GOD...AS GOD MAY INDEED BE ATTEMPTING TO GET OUR ATTENTION.***

**QUESTION: WHAT DOES GOD WANT US TO LEARN?**