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"RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTS A NATION

(Nahum 1:7-11)

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PROVERBS 14:34

NAHUM 1:12-14

Nahum 1

Nahum means “**comfort**, **consolation**” **v.1**

The Elkoshite

Where’s Elkosh?

Maybe **Capernaum**

Maybe **Caperna**(h)**um**

“Village of Nahum”

Burden of Nineveh “**heavy**” **prophecy of judgment** against the **capital of Assyria**

Vivid vision v.2-15 goodness & **severity** of **God**, esp. **v.14-15**

Nahum 2

Notice to Nineveh v.1

The LORD will restore Israel and empty those who emptied Israel v.2

Vivid vision about Nineveh's confusion by surprise attack v.3-10

v.6 prophecy of flood instrumental in dissolving defenses enabling entrance into Nineveh

Nineveh will reap what they have sown v.11-13 (lion illustration)

Nahum 3

Notice to **Nineveh** **v.1** "***Woe***" **caused by** **lies**, **violence**, **killing**, **paganistic harlotries**

Vivid vision of the **fall of Nineveh** **v.2-17**

Economic motivation for **v.3-4,16**

What they did to Thebes **v.8-11**

Will reap what they have sown **v.10-11**

Fearful fall as **figs** **v.12-13**

Vain **attempt to defend** **v.14**

Flee like **locusts** **v.15-17** **No comeback** **v.18**

Nahum 3

JOY v.19 ***the LORD is good*** **1:7** ***slow to anger***, *and* ***great*** *in* ***power***, *and* ***will not at all acquit the wicked*** **1:3**

Greatest nation was prophesied to fall. It did in the way God showed Nahum.

God is in control of the **weather** and **the world 1:3b-8**

Nineveh

- The Assyrian Empire was the most powerful in the world for roughly **300 years**, from around 900 to 600 BC (**actually 612 B.C.**). This period, known as the Neo-Assyrian Empire, saw Assyria expand its territory to encompass a vast region including Mesopotamia, Egypt, and parts of Turkey, Iran, and Iraq, according to History on the Net.

Babylon

- The Babylonian Empire was the most powerful in the world for roughly **100 years** during the Neo-Babylonian period, specifically from the late 7th century BCE to the late 6th century BCE, under the rule of rulers like Nebuchadnezzar II. This period is also known as the Second Babylonian Empire. Before this, the Old Babylonian Empire, though influential, was not the sole dominant power

The Persian Empire

- The Persian Empire, specifically the Achaemenid Empire, was a dominant world power **for approximately 200 years**, from around 550 BCE to 330 BCE. This period saw the empire expand to encompass a vast territory and a significant portion of the world's population.

The Greek Empire

- The period during which the **Greek civilization** was the most powerful in the world, particularly in the Mediterranean region, lasted for roughly **850 years**, from the rise of city-states around **800 BC** to the fall of the Hellenistic kingdoms after Cleopatra's death in **31 BC**, according to some historians. This encompasses the Classical period and the subsequent Hellenistic period.

The Roman Empire

- The Roman Empire was arguably the most powerful political and military entity in the world for roughly **500 years**, from the **late 1st century BC** to the late **4th century AD**. This period is often characterized by the Pax Romana, a time of relative peace and prosperity.

The British Empire

- The British Empire was generally considered the world's dominant economic and military power **throughout the 19th century** and **into the early 20th century**. This period, often called the Pax Britannica, saw Britain at its zenith, controlling a vast global empire and wielding significant influence.

The United States

The U.S. economy has experienced periods of great strength throughout its history, but a few stand out. The **late 19th century**, particularly the period from 1870 to 1913, is often cited as a time of significant economic prosperity, especially given the rapid industrial growth and rise to global economic dominance. The post-World War II era, particularly the 1950s and 1960s, is also considered a period of strong economic growth and rising living standards. More recently, the 1990s witnessed a prolonged economic expansion and prosperity.

China has surpassed the US GDP in purchase power parity (PPP) in 2014.

Brief history of US – China in USD comparison:

1980– US GDP was **16.7x** greater than China's GDP

1990– US GDP was **14.5x** greater than China's GDP

2000– US GDP was **8.5x** greater than China's GDP

2010– US GDP was **2.5x** greater than China's GDP

2017 – US GDP was **1.6x** greater than China's GDP

2017 - China's GDP growth rate 6.9% vs US 2.3%

…. **China is growing a 3 times the rate of**

Who you gonna call?

Countries which share greater trade* with:

United States China No data

2000†

2020†

% of global total

Trust in the LORD!

Not in **weapons**

Not in **money**

Not in **church buildings**

Not in **science**

Not in **people**

Trust in **Jesus Christ** who **lived**, **suffered**, **sacrificed everything**, **died**, and **conquered death** for **you** **to be rescued from** **your own sins** **Believe**, **confess**, **repent**, **be baptized**

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