

A painting of an elderly man with a long white beard, wearing a brown robe, sitting at a desk and writing on a scroll with a quill. The scene is dimly lit, with a small cup of ink on the desk. The background is dark and textured.

Listening to the Prophets-Part 2

Chapter 8

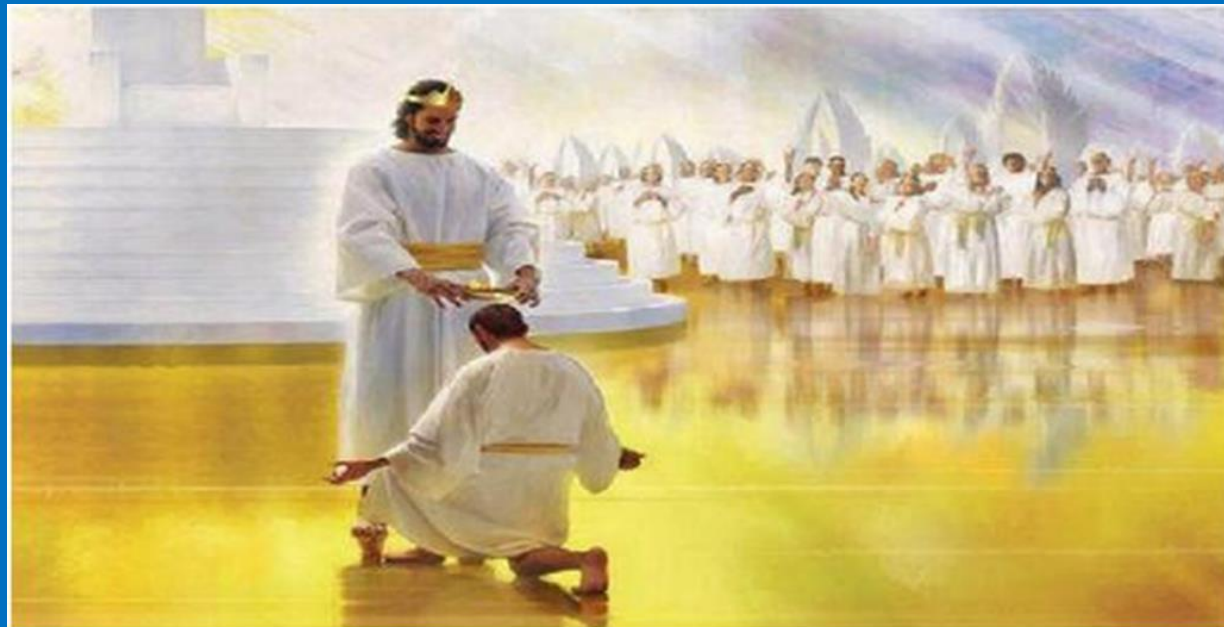
Nahum
650 B.C.

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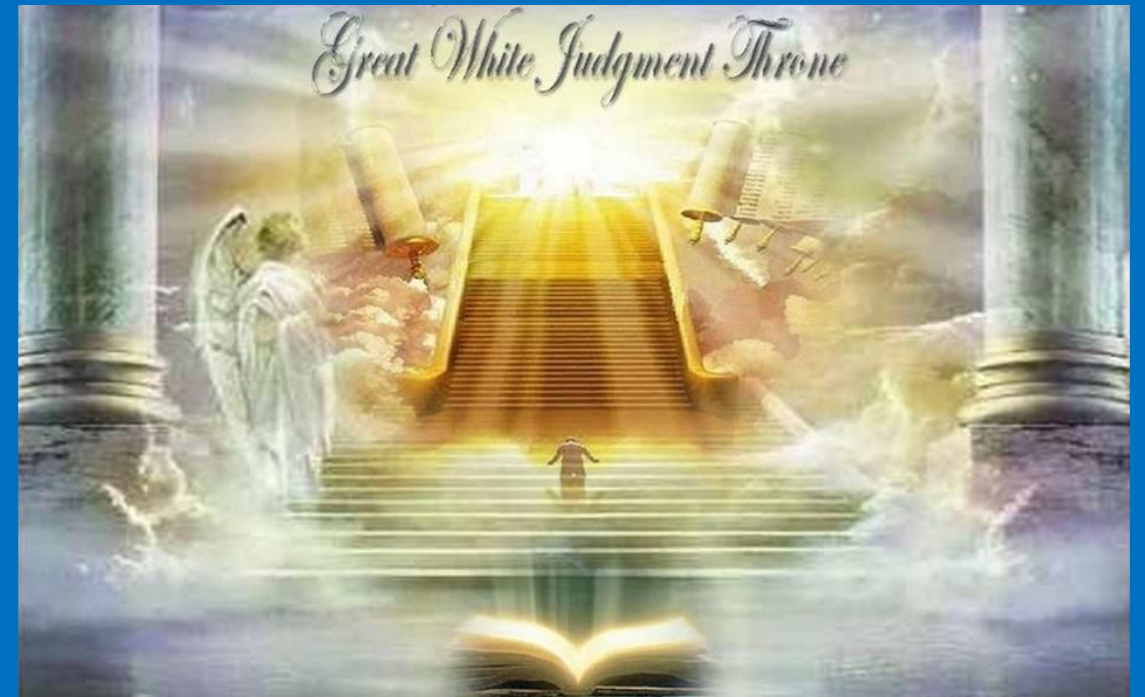
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Judgment Seat of Christ-Believers

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

6 Therefore, being
always of good courage,
and knowing that while
we are at home in the
body we are absent from
the Lord 7 for we walk by
faith, not by sight

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8 we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

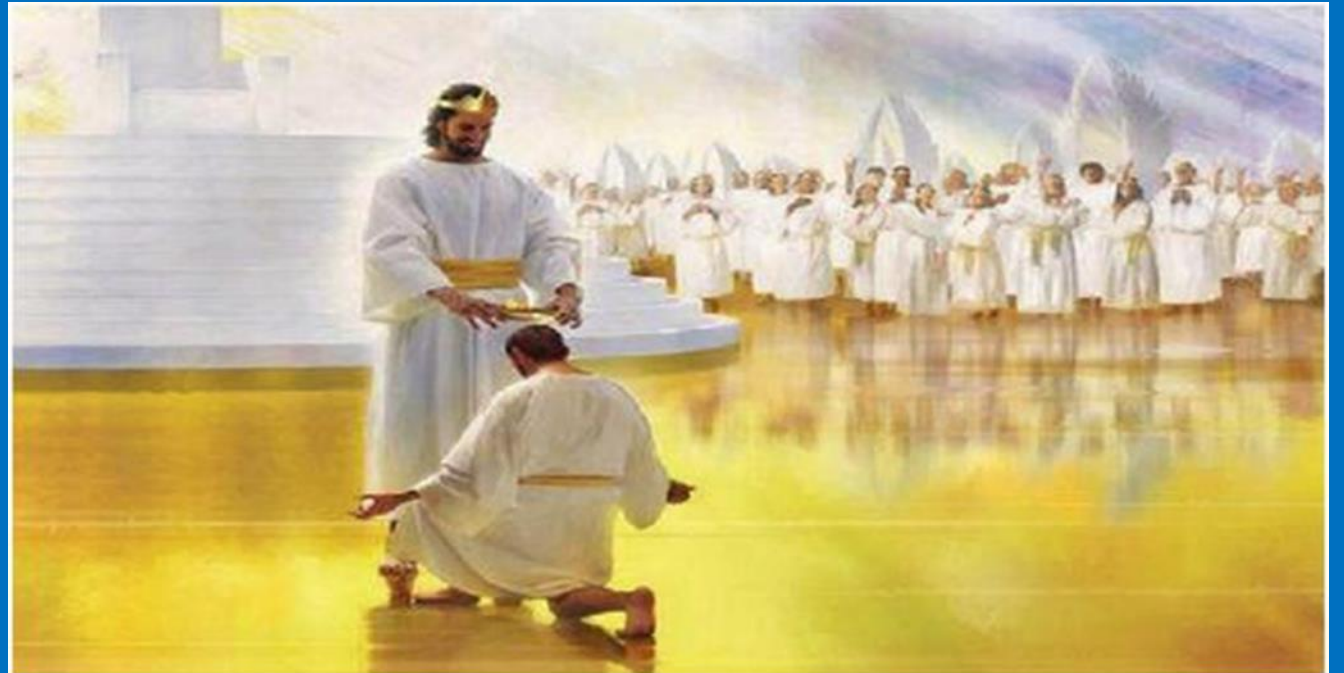
9 Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.



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10 For we must all [Christians] appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

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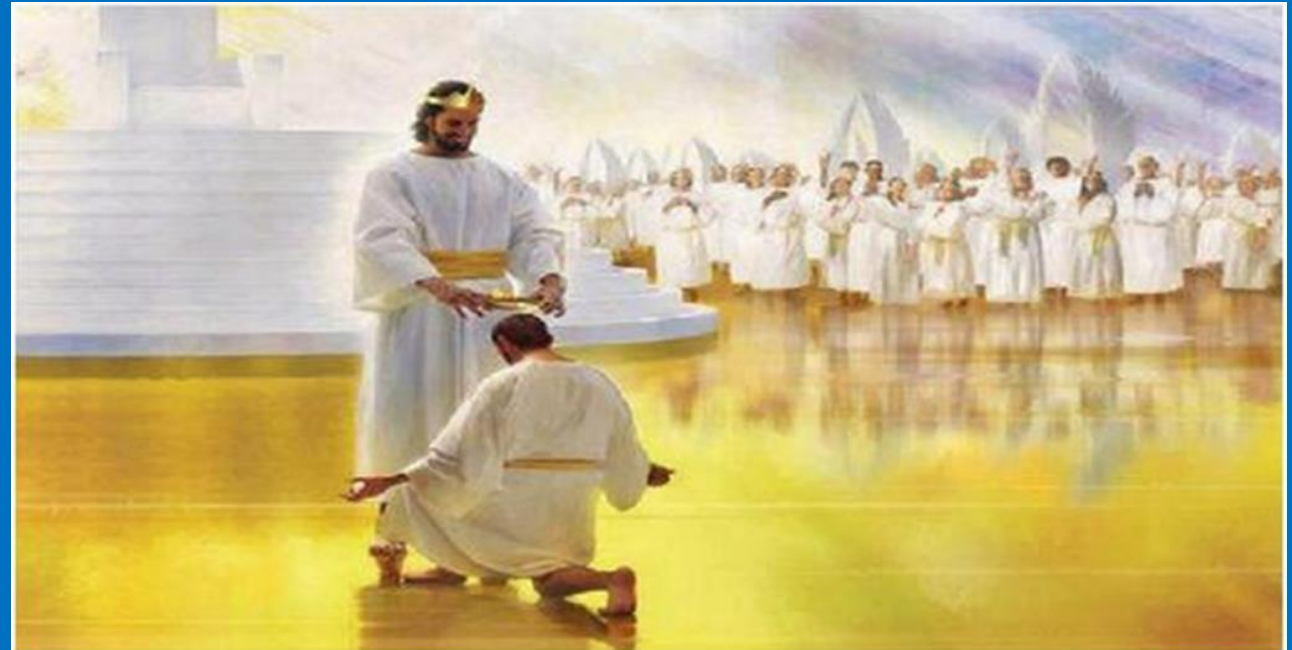


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Judgment Seat of Christ

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it.

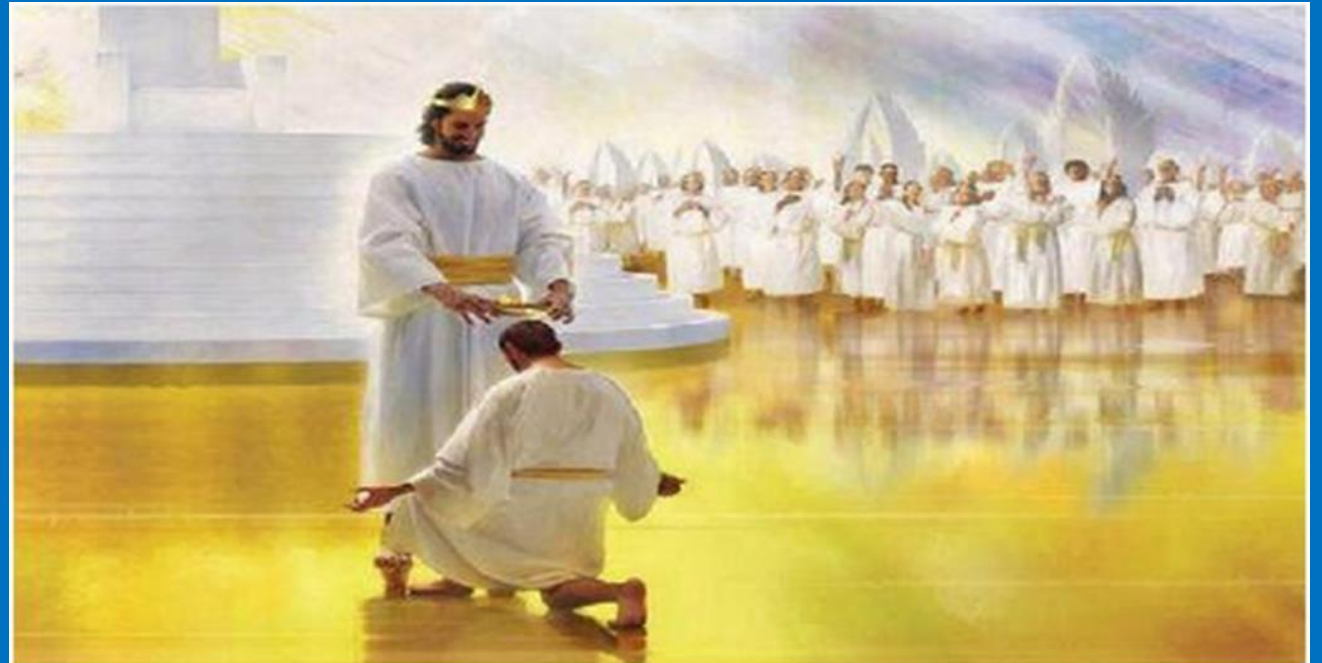


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11 For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

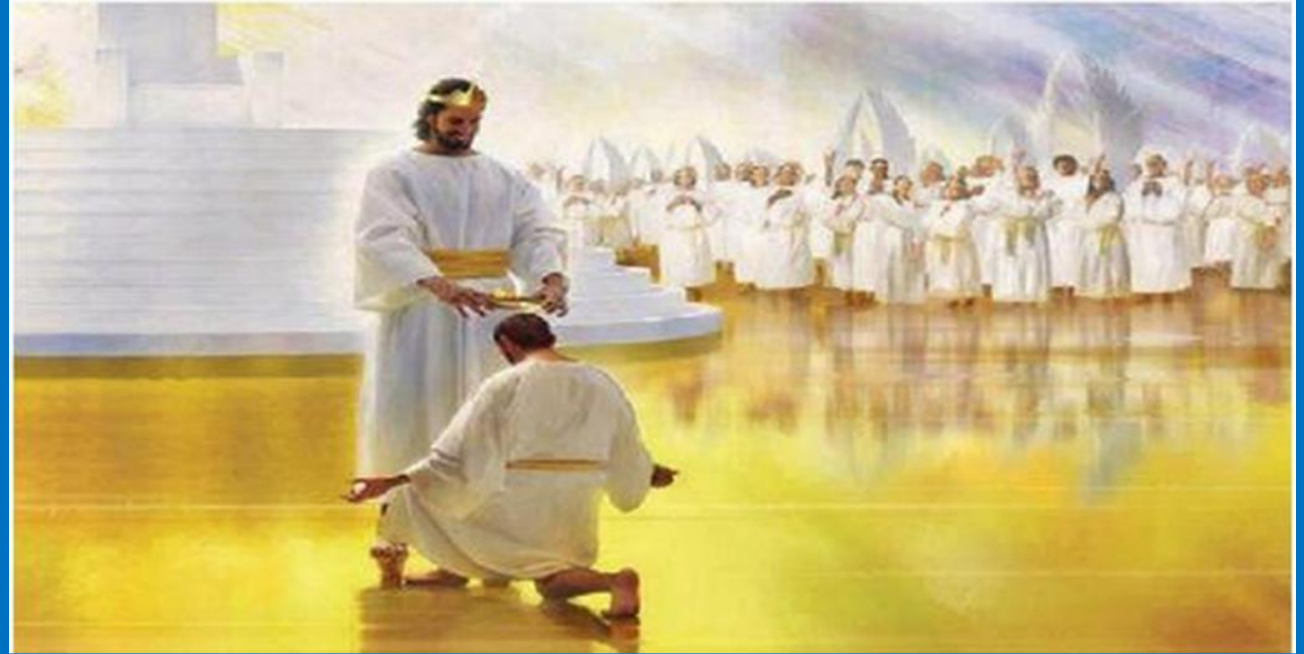
12 Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

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13 each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. 14 If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward.



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15 If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

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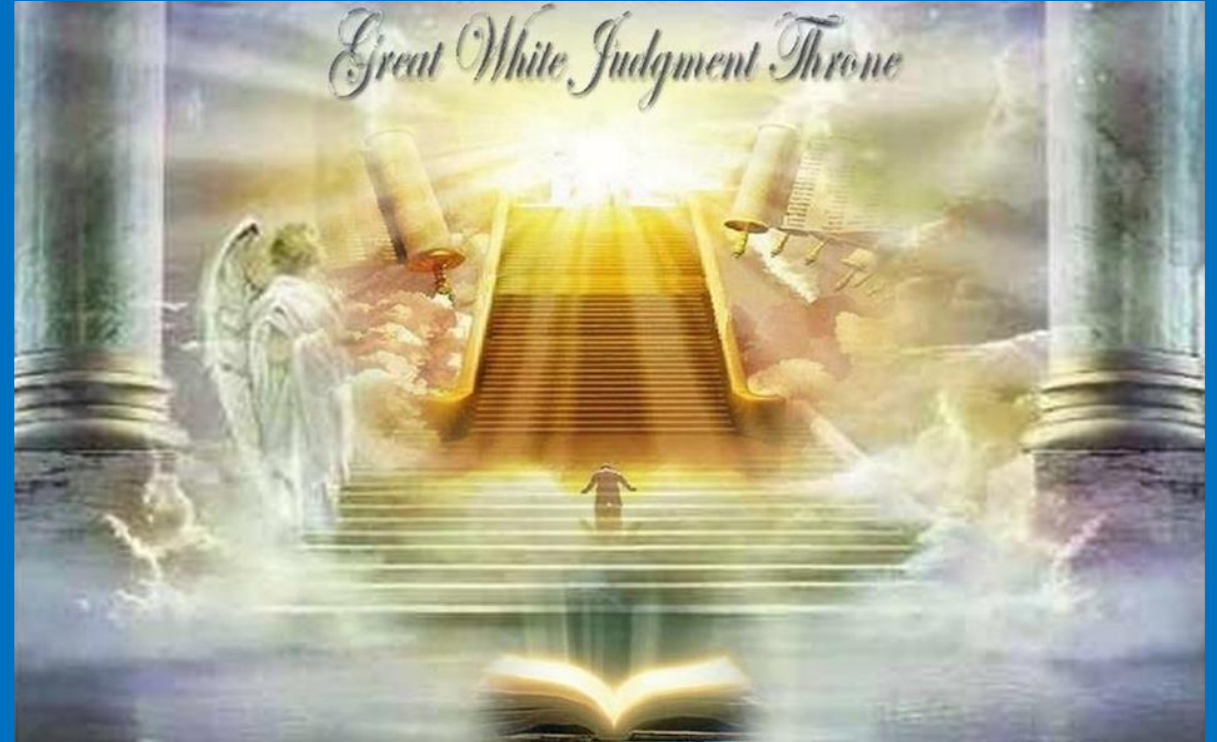


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Great White Throne Judgment-Unbelievers

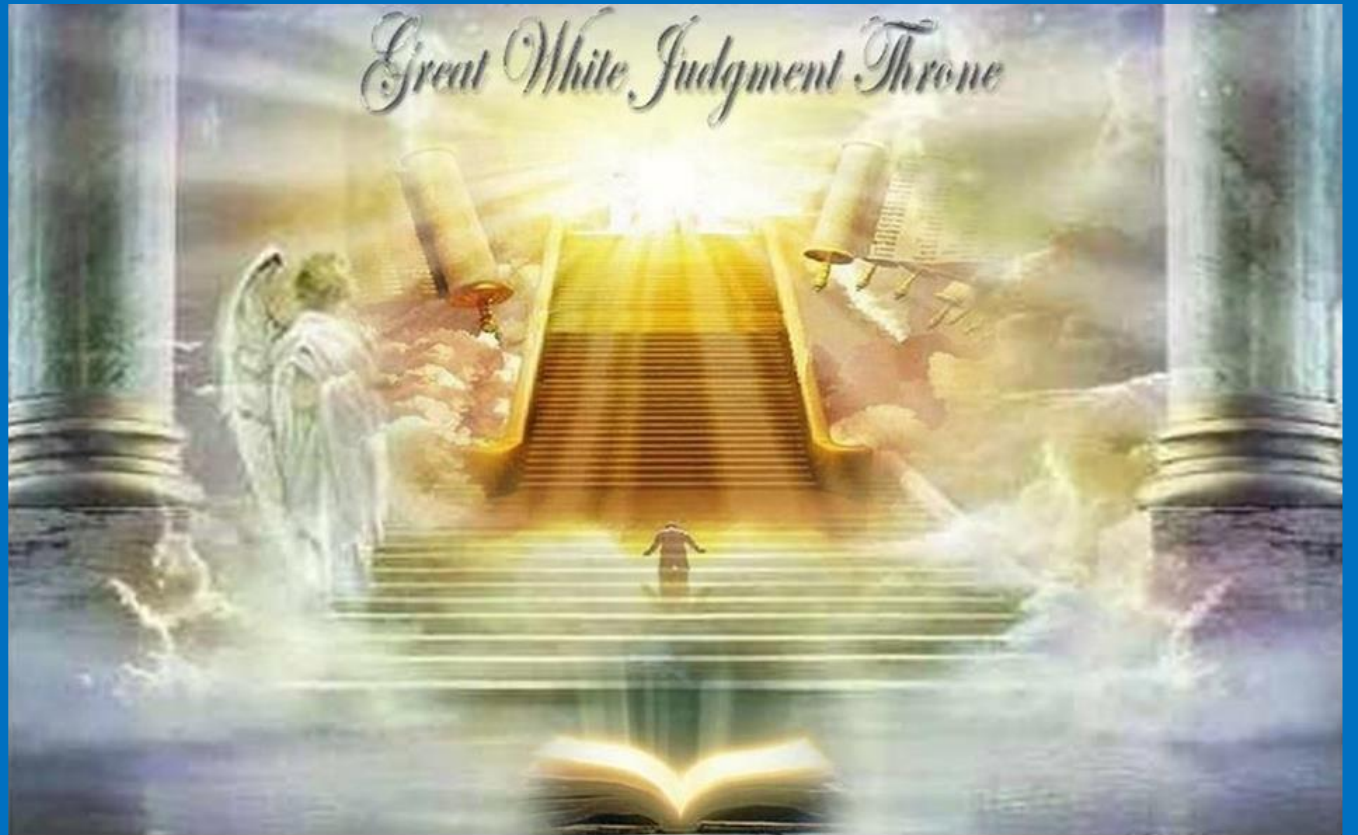
Philippians 2:9-11

- 9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him [Jesus], and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,



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- 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
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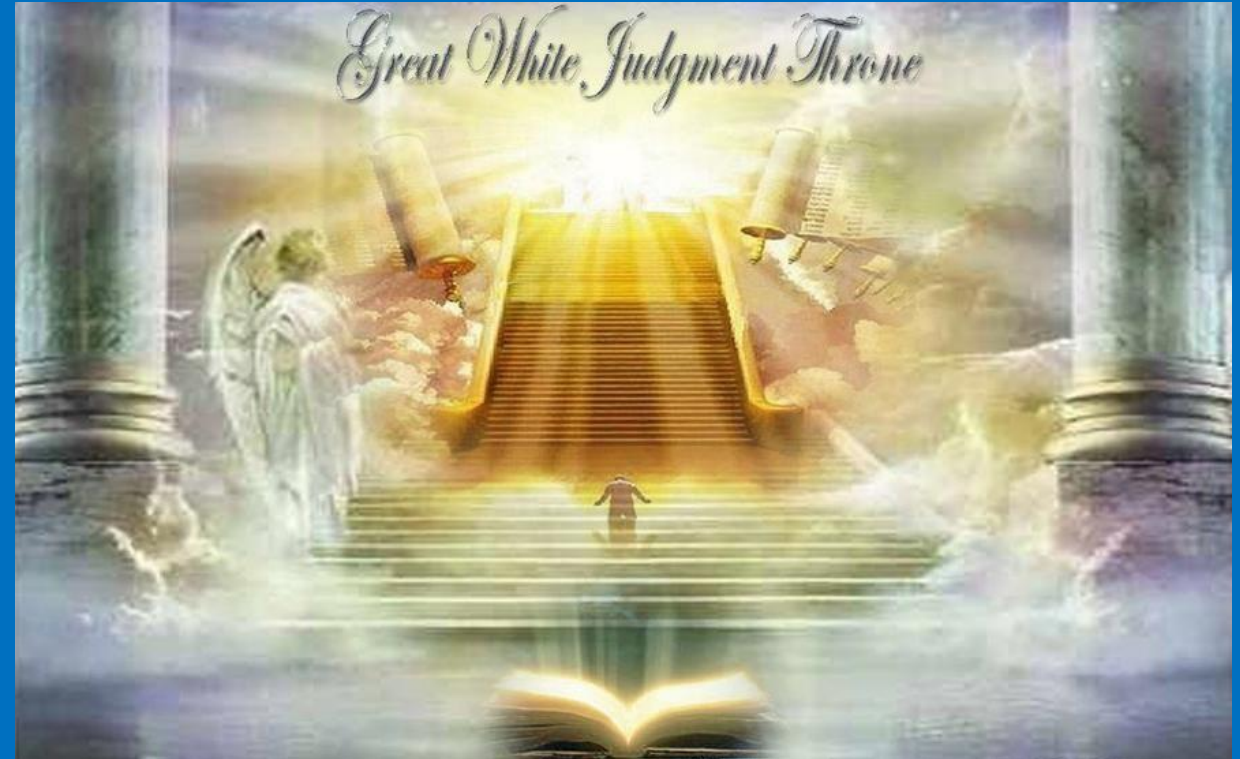
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Great White Throne Judgment-Unbelievers

Revelation 20:11-15

11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.

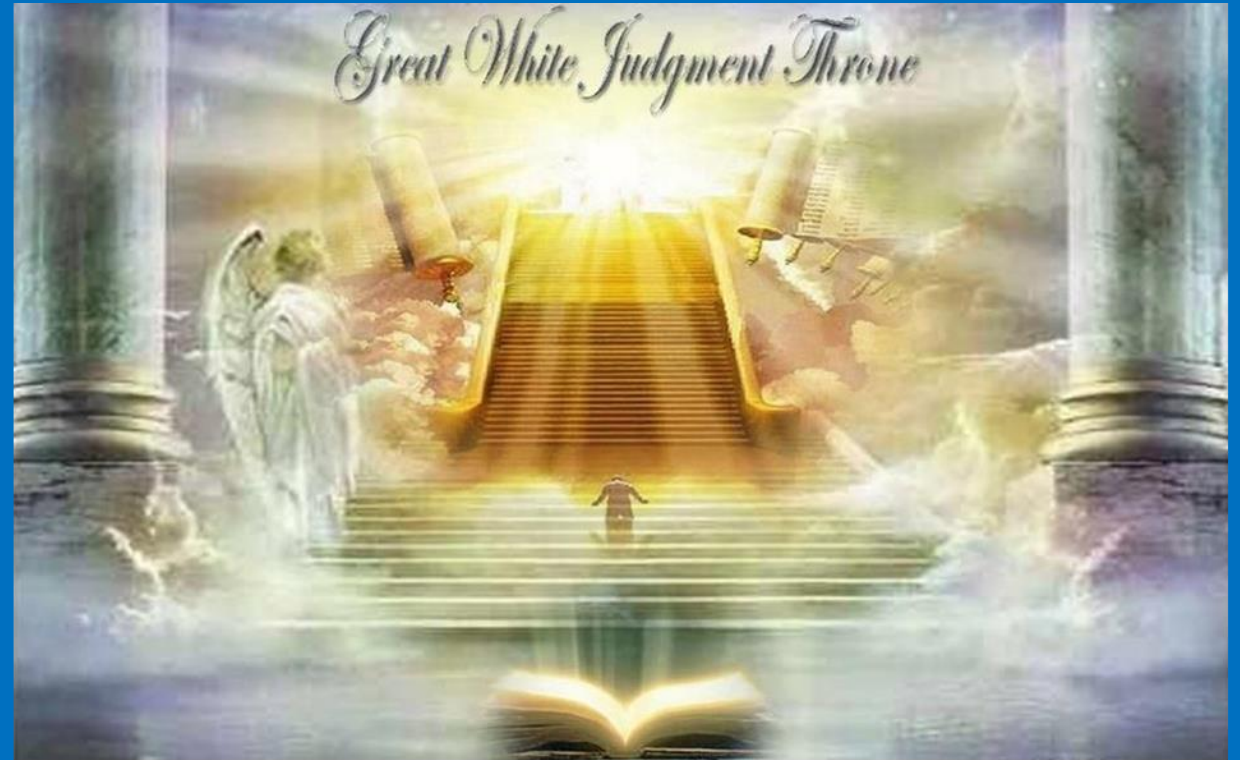
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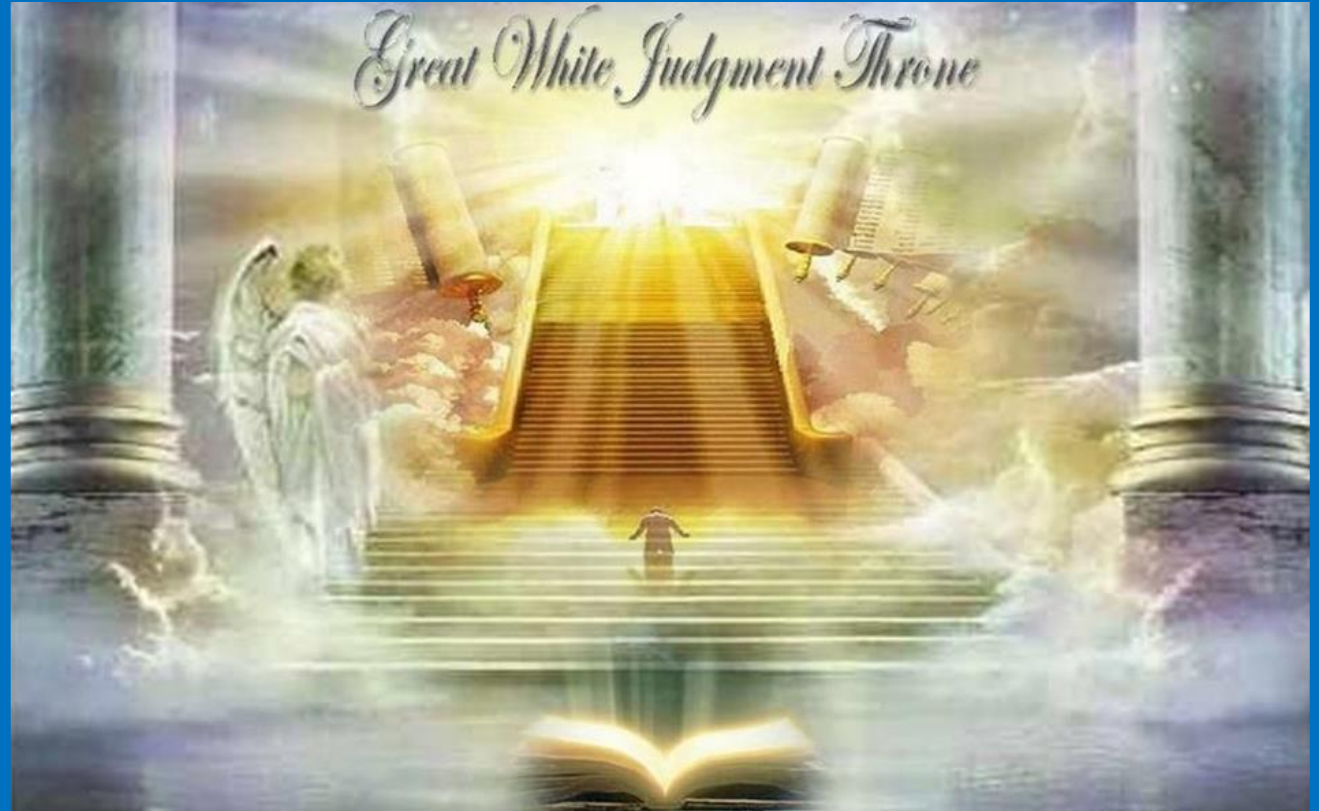
12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

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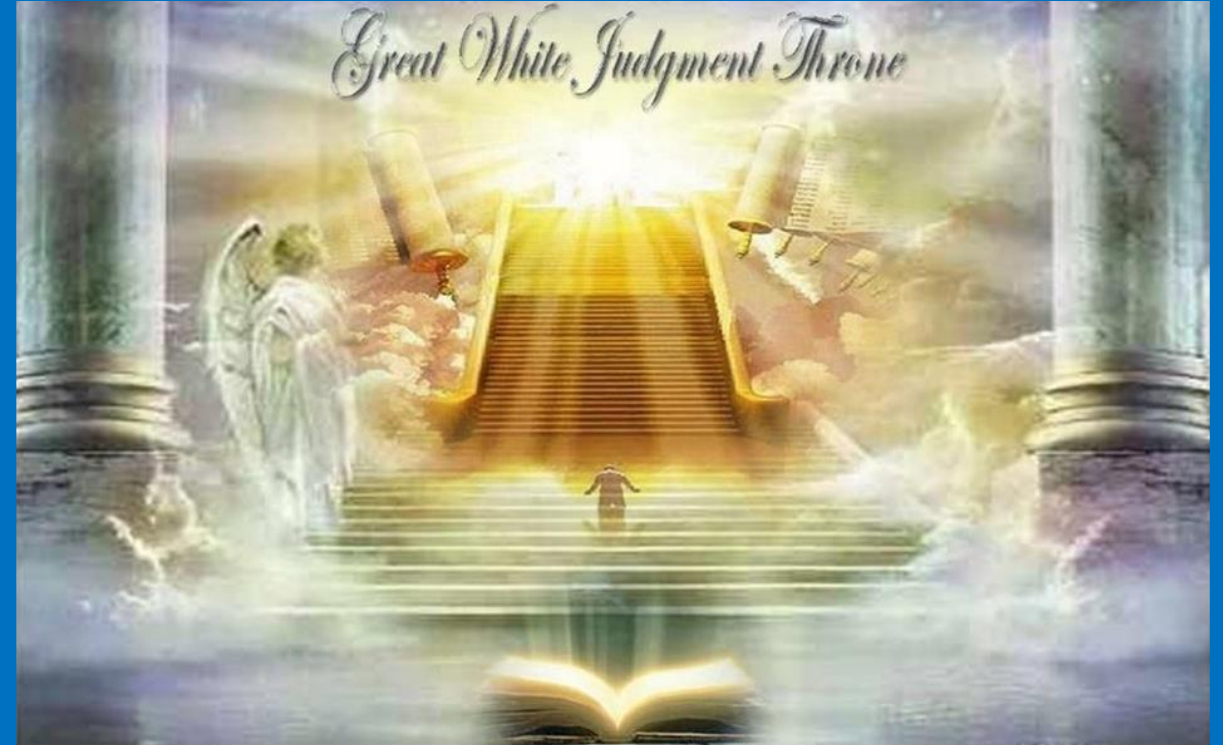
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13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades [body and spirit] gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.



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14 Then death and Hades [body and spirit] were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death [first death-death of body; second death-death spiritually and eternally separated from God in...], the lake of fire. 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.



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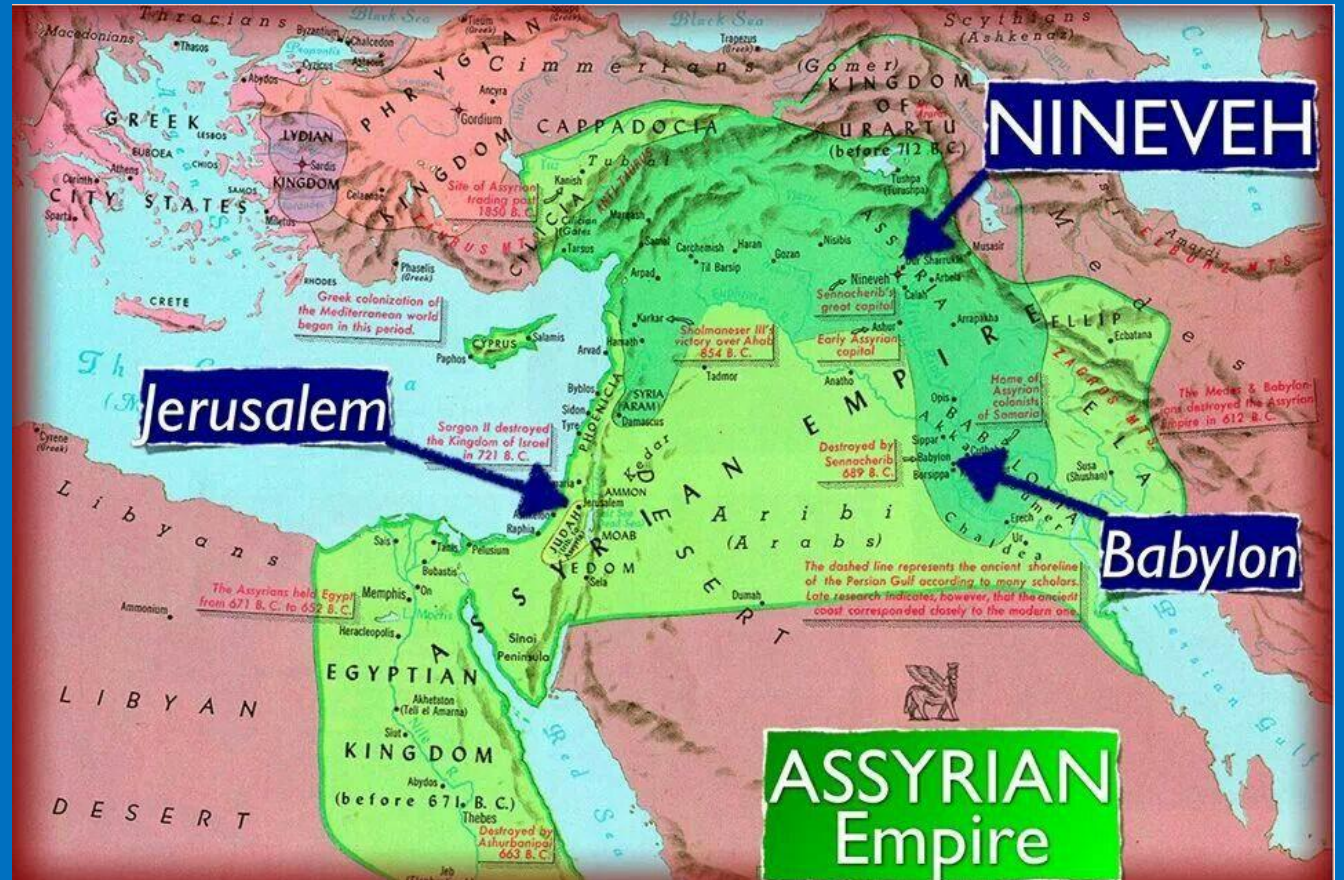
Introduction-(Ryrie)

- We know little about Nahum, whose name means “consolation.”
- Nahum came from Elkosh, the possible the town of Capernaum.



Capernaum

- The theme of Nahum centers on the destruction of Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrians.
- This is much like the book of Obadiah prophesying against Edom.



- Nahum delivered his message prior to 612 B.C. (650 B.C.) He only addressed Judah since Samaria, the capital of Israel, had already fallen in 722 B.C.
- Most verses in Nahum reference Nineveh's destruction.

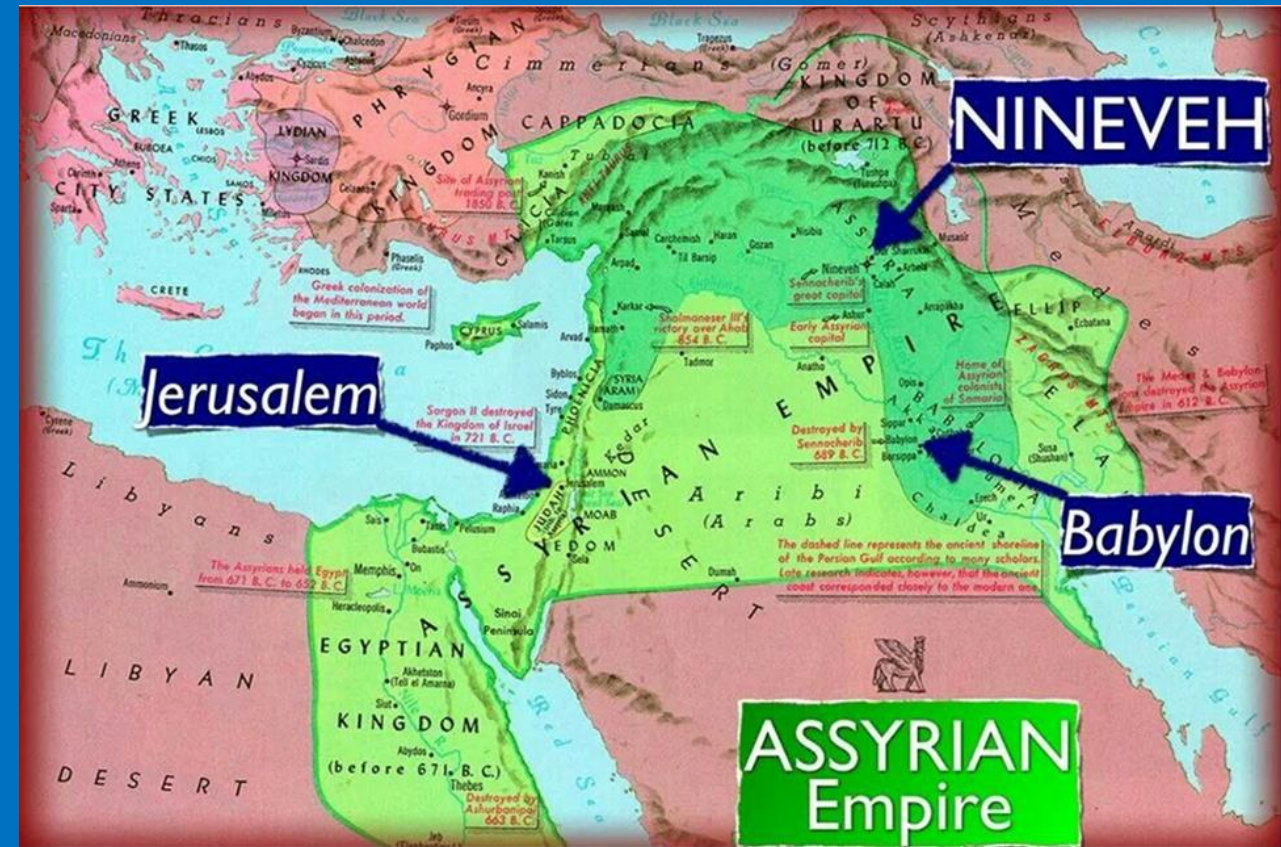


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- It appears the Assyrian's repentance had a temporary effect..(**Jonah 760 B.C.**)
 - The Assyrians went on to destroy Samaria in **722 B.C.** (42 years after **Jonah**) and nearly captured Judah in 701 B.C. (Matthew 13:20-21)
- []



- God destroyed Nineveh in **612 B.C.** by the Babylonians.
- “God is slow to anger and full of mercy” appears as an important theme in Nahum 1:3 [] (Psalm 103:8; 145:8). []



Chapter 1:1-14-The Majesty of God

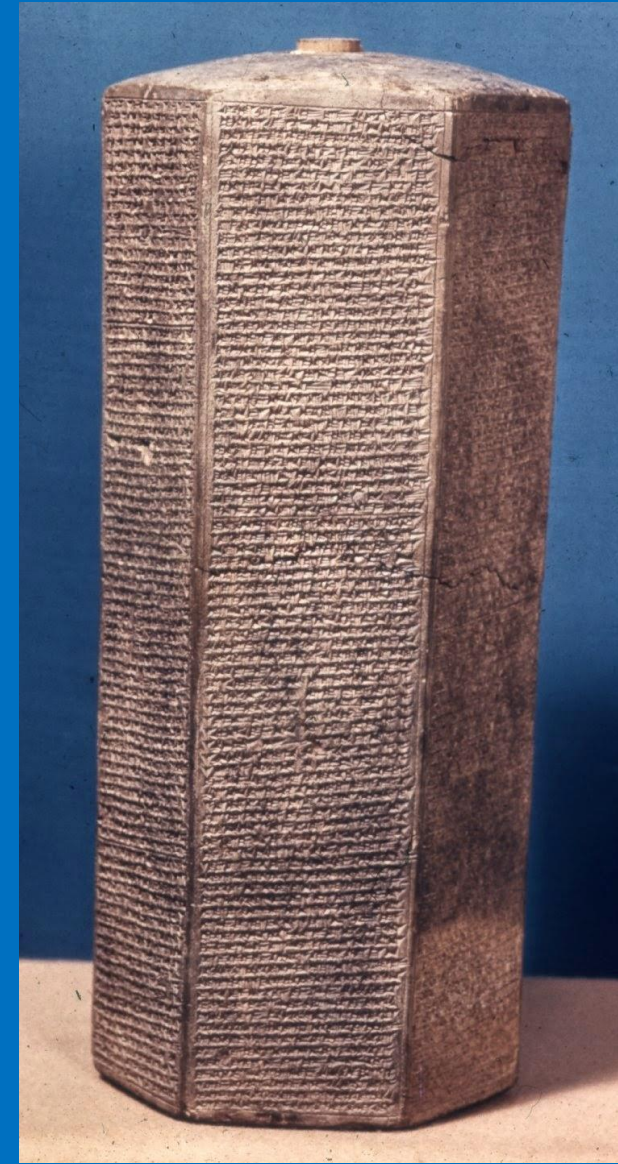
- God blesses both the just and the unjust (Matthew 5:44-45). []
- Nahum states God will take vengeance on His adversaries (1:1-2). []



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Neo-Assyrian cuneiform tablet, 7th century BC from Nineveh, describing observations of Venus.

- God does not want us to deliver vengeance. God will deliver vengeance at His time. (Romans 12:17-21). []
- The Lord is slow to anger (1:3). [] This does not mean God has forgotten wrongdoing, wickedness, or evil behavior. It does not mean God will not avenge.



- However, God gives one every opportunity to repent before He incurs judgment.
- The lands of Bashan, Carmel, and Lebanon were known for their lush pastures, vineyards, and choice trees.
- God dried them up (1:4). [*]



- God remembered Sennacherib, King of Assyria (Nahum 1:6), when he challenged the power God about 100 years earlier (2 Kings 18:35). []
- Nahum referenced Sennacherib's evil plot against Jerusalem (1:11). []
- This plot took place in 701. B.C.



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Nineveh

- Nahum's judgment took place prior to 612 B.C.
- God brought total judgment to Nineveh, and it never rose to power again (1:9). []
- God pronounced judgment upon Sennacherib (1:14; 2 Kings 19:37). []



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Chapter 1:15-3:19-Judgment Proclaimed and Predicted

- One will often hear Nahum 1:15 quoted. []
- Many would rejoice when hearing about Nineveh's defeat.
- Nahum 2:1 referred to Cyaxares the Mede and Nabopolassar the Babylonian. These two conquered Nineveh in 612 B.C. []



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Nineveh

- Notice the completeness and accuracy of Nahum's prophecy in describing the attack by the Medes and the Babylonians (2:1-13). []



<https://informationaboutgod.blogspot.com/2014/10/sennacherib-cylinder-confirm-biblical.html>

- Ryrie states, “The Medes and Babylonians made their shields red by painting them or overlaying them with copper; their tunics were scarlet; their chariots flashed with steel because they attached scythes at right angles to the axles. They also used cypress spears.”



<https://shield-shop.com/home/babylon-b-from-side/>

- The Assyrian king set up some kind of movable protective shield (2:5). []
- Flood gates controlled the [Khoser River](#) that flowed through Nineveh. (2:6) []. Ryrie notes these gates were closed at the beginning of the siege which backed the water up into reservoirs. When the gates were opened a flood of water destroyed the palace.



https://www.reddit.com/r/papertowns/comments/gmatkw/view_of_ancient_babylon_originally_founded_in/

- The Medes and Babylonians came with great speed (3:1-3). []
- Nahum 3:11 relates the burial of Nineveh. The site of Nineveh stayed hidden until its discovery in 1842. []



- Nahum predicted a fire would consume the city (3:13) []. Ryrie notes archaeology has confirmed a fire did help in destroying the city.
- God destroyed Nineveh, and many rejoiced over its downfall (3:19). []



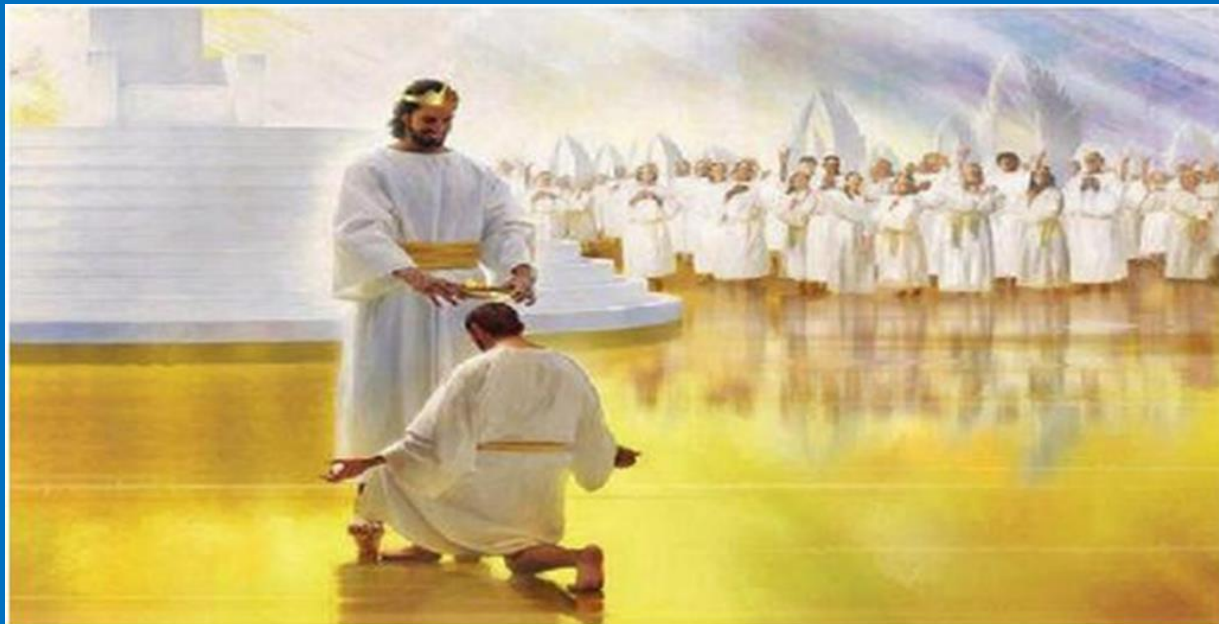
Summary

- God does not forget injustice, nor does He refuse to punish injustice.
- God wants the job of avenging since His timing is always right.
- It took almost 100 years for God to bring judgment upon Nineveh even though Nineveh had already captured Samaria and had threatened to capture Jerusalem.
- God did not forget Nineveh's actions. However, He did wait for Nineveh to repent.

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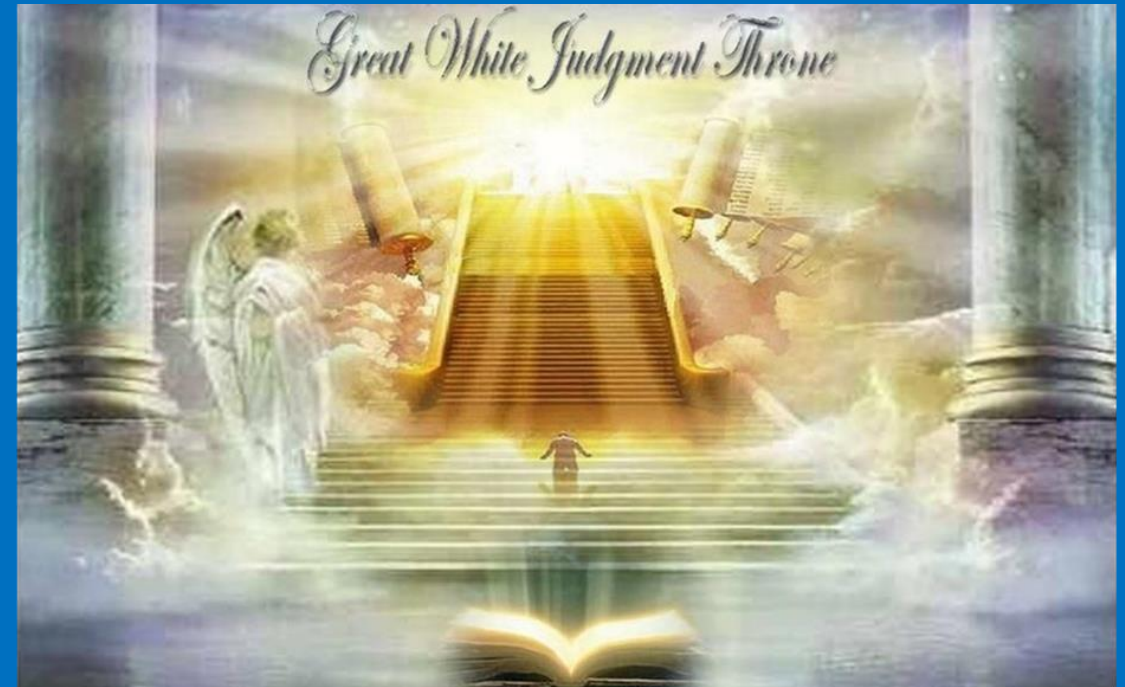
- At God's timing, judgment will eventually come:
 - The Judgment of Christ-rewards for all believers in Christ.
 - The Great White Throne Judgment-punishment for all unbelievers.

Believers



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Unbelievers



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Psalm 103:8

8 The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
Slow to anger and abounding in mercy.

Psalm 145:8

8 The Lord is gracious and compassionate;
Slow to anger and great in mercy. []

Nahum 1:1-2

1 The pronouncement of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite:

2 A jealous and avenging God is the Lord;

The Lord is avenging and wrathful.

The Lord takes vengeance on His adversaries,

And He reserves wrath for His enemies. []

Romans 12:17-21

17 Never repay evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all people. 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all people. 19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written: “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. 20 “But if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. []

Nahum 1:3

3 The Lord is slow to anger and great in power,

And the Lord will by no means leave the guilty unpunished.

In the gale and the storm is His way,

And clouds are the dust beneath His feet. []

Nahum 1:4

4 He rebukes the sea and dries it up;

He dries up all the rivers.

Bashan and Carmel wither,

The blossoms of Lebanon wither. []

Nahum 1:6

6 Who can stand before His indignation?

Who can endure the burning of His anger?

His wrath gushes forth like fire,

And the rocks are broken up by Him.

2 Kings 18:35

35 Who among all the gods of the lands are there who have saved their land from my hand [King Sennacherib], that the Lord would save Jerusalem from my hand?' ” []

Nahum 1:11

11 From you has gone out

One who plotted evil against the Lord,

A wicked counselor. []

Nahum 1:9

9 Whatever you devise against the Lord,

He will make a complete end of it.

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Nahum 1:14

14 The Lord has issued a command concerning you:

“Your name will no longer be perpetuated.

I will eliminate the carved image and the cast metal image

From the house of your gods.

I will prepare your grave,

For you are contemptible.”

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2 Kings 19:37

37 Then it came about, as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer killed him with the sword; and they escaped to the land of Ararat. And his son Esarhaddon became king in his place. []

Nahum 1:15

15 Behold, on the mountains, the feet of him who brings
good news,

Who announces peace!

Celebrate your feasts, Judah,

Pay your vows.

For never again will the wicked one pass through you;

He is eliminated completely. []

Nahum 2:1

1 The one who scatters has come up against you.
Keep watch over the fortress, watch the road;
Bind up your waist, summon all your strength. []

Nahum 2:1-13

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Bind up your waist, summon all your strength.

2 For the Lord will restore the splendor of Jacob

Like the splendor of Israel,

Even though destroyers have laid waste to them

And ruined their vines.

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3 The shields of his warriors are dyed red,
The warriors are dressed in scarlet,
The chariots are fitted with flashing steel
When he is prepared to march,
And the juniper spears are brandished.

4 The chariots drive wildly in the streets,
They rush around in the public squares;
Their appearance is like torches,
They drive back and forth like lightning flashes.
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5 He remembers his officers;
They stumble in their advance,
They hurry to her wall,
And the mantelet is set up.

6 The gates of the rivers are opened
And the palace sways back and forth.

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7 It is set:

She is stripped, she is led away,

And her slave women are sobbing like the sound of doves,

Beating their breasts.

8 Though Nineveh was like a pool of water throughout her days,

Yet they are fleeing;

“Stop, stop,”

But no one turns back.

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9 Plunder the silver,

Plunder the gold!

For there is no end to the treasure—

Wealth from every kind of desirable object.

10 She is emptied! Yes, she is desolate and waste!

Hearts are melting and knees wobbling!

Also trembling is in the entire body,

And all their faces have become pale!

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11 Where is the den of the lions
And the feeding place of the young lions,
Where the lion, lioness, and lion's cub went
With nothing to disturb them?

12 The lion tore enough for his cubs,
Killed enough prey for his lionesses,
And filled his lairs with prey
And his dens with torn flesh.

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13 “Behold, I am against you,” declares the Lord of armies. “I will burn up her chariots in smoke, and a sword will devour your young lions; I will eliminate your prey from the land, and no longer will the voice of your messengers be heard.” []

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Nahum 3:1-3

1 Woe to the bloody city, completely full of lies and pillage;

Her prey does not leave.

2 The sound of the whip,

The sound of the roar of the wheel,

Galloping horses

And bounding chariots!

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3 Horsemen charging,
Swords flashing, spears gleaming,
Many killed, a mass of corpses,
And there is no end to the dead bodies—
They stumble over the dead bodies! []

Nahum 3:11

11 You too will become drunk,

You will be hidden.

You too will search for a refuge from the enemy. []

Nahum 3:19

19 There is no relief for your collapse,
Your wound is incurable.

All who hear about you

Will clap their hands over you,

For upon whom has your evil not come continually? []

Nahum 1:3

3 The Lord is slow to anger and great in power... []

Matthew 5:44-45

44 But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. []

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Matthew 13:20-21

20 The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away. []

Nahum 3:13

...The gates of your land are opened wide to your enemies; Fire consumes your gate bars. []