

NAHUM / *Nahum 1*

Served as a prophet to Judah from 663–612 B.C.

Climate of the times Manasseh, one of Judah's most wicked kings, ruled the land. He openly defied God and persecuted God's people. Assyria, the world power at that time, made Judah one of its vassal states. The people of Judah wanted to be like the Assyrians, who seemed to have all the power and possessions they wanted.

Main message The mighty empire of Assyria that oppressed God's people would soon tumble.

Importance of message Those who do evil and oppress others will one day meet a bitter end.

Contemporary prophets Zephaniah (640–621 B.C.)