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Deep Cuts: Love and Wrath

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Nahum 1:1 (NIV): A prophecy concerning Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

Jonah 1:1-2 (NIV): The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."

Jonah 3:4-5 (NIV): Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

Nahum 1:2 (NIV): The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD takes vengeance and is filled with wrath. The LORD takes vengeance on his foes and vents his wrath against his enemies.

Nahum 1:8 (NIV): ... [W]ith an overwhelming flood he will make an end of Nineveh; he will pursue his foes into the realm of darkness.

Three Windows into God's Wrath

Window #1: The Character of God's Wrath

Nahum 1:2 (NIV): The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD takes vengeance and is filled with wrath. The LORD takes vengeance on his foes and vents his wrath against his enemies.

Nahum 1:3 (NIV): The LORD is slow to anger but great in power; the LORD will not leave the guilty unpunished ...

Window #2: The Target of God's Wrath

Nahum 1:14 (NIV): ... "I will destroy the images and idols that are in the temple of your gods. I will prepare your grave, for you are vile."

Nahum 3:1 (NIV): Woe to the city of blood, full of lies, full of plunder, never without victims!

Nahum 3:19 (NIV): Nothing can heal you; your wound is fatal. All who hear the news about you clap their hands at your fall, for who has not felt your endless cruelty?

Nahum 1:15 (NIV): Look, there on the mountains, the feet of one who brings good news, who proclaims peace! Celebrate your festivals, Judah, and fulfill your vows. No more will the wicked invade you; they will be completely destroyed.

Window #3: The Heart Behind God's Wrath

Nahum 1:6 (NIV): Who can withstand his indignation? Who can endure his fierce anger? His wrath is poured out like fire; the rocks are shattered before him.

Nahum 1:7 (NIV): The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him ...