

## **Nahum (Hebrew meaning comfort or consolation)**

Nahum is a shortened form of the name Nehemiah (Comfort of Jehovah).

Nahum the Elkoshite (1:1)

Elkosh was probably a city in southern Judah (later called Elcese).

The name Capernaum means ‘city of Nahum’ (Kepharnahum) but there is no evidence of this being associated with the prophet.

Destruction of Thebes happened before Nahum’s prophecy

Nahum 3:8-10 Populous city called No (Thebes)

Fall of Thebes took place in 664 BC

Thebes rebuilt c. 653 BC – this is not mentioned

**Probable date of Nahum between 663 and 653 BC**

## **Prophecy to Nineveh**

One hundred years after Jonah

Nineveh's repentance c. 758 under Ashurdan III (reigned 773 – 755 BC)

## **Sargon II**

Assyria destroyed Samaria 722 BC took Northern Kingdom of Israel into captivity.

## **Sennacherib**

Siege of Judah 701 BC

Siege of Jerusalem ends when Assyrians killed outside Jerusalem – Hezekiah saved.

## **Ashurbanipal (669 – 633 BC)**