

*Greetings, today our manna is from 2Chron 2; Nahum 1; 1John 2; Luke 17*

## *December 3 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

[Note: I have added emphasis with underlines, highlights, and [brackets] to Scripture for teaching purposes only.]

### **2Chron 2**

Solomon prepares to build a House for the Name of YHWH his Elohim.

#### **Preparing to Build the Temple**

**2Ch 2:1** **And Shelomoh gave word to build a House for the Name of יהוה, and a house for his reign.**

2Ch 2:2 Then Shelomoh enrolled

- ✚ **seventy thousand** men to bear burdens,
- ✚ **eighty thousand** hewing *stone* in the mountains, and
- ✚ **three thousand six hundred to oversee them.**

2Ch 2:3 And Shelomoh sent to Hiram sovereign of Tsor, saying, “As you did for my father Dawid, and sent him cedars to build himself a house to dwell in –

2Ch 2:4 see, **I am building a House for the Name of יהוה my Elohim**, to set it apart to Him, to burn before Him sweet incense, and for the continual showbread, and for the ascending offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new *moons*, and on the appointed times of יהוה our Elohim. This is for Yisra’el forever.

2Ch 2:5 **“And the House which I build is great, for our Elohim is greater than all mighty ones.**

2Ch 2:6 **“But who is able to build Him a House, since the heavens and the heavens of the heavens are unable to contain Him? Who am I then, that I should build Him a House, except to offer before Him?”**

YHWH is Omnipresent.

Isa 66:1 Thus said יהוה, “The heavens are My throne, and the earth is My footstool. Where is this house that you build for Me? And where is this place of My rest?”

2Ch 2:7 “And now, send me at once

- ✚ a man who knows to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze, and in iron, and in purple and crimson and blue, and knowing to engrave with the skilled men who are with me in Yehudah and Yerushalayim, whom Dawid my father has prepared.
- ✚ 2Ch 2:8 “And send me cedar, cypress and algum logs from Lebanon, for I know that your servants know to cut timber in Lebanon. And see, my servants are with

your servants,

- 2Ch 2:9 even to prepare plenty of timber for me, for the House that I am building is great and marvellous.

✚ 2Ch 2:10 “And see, I have given servants to you, the hewers who cut timber, twenty thousand kors of ground wheat, and twenty thousand kors of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil.”

2Ch 2:11 Then Hiram the sovereign of Tsor answered in writing, which he sent to Shelomoh,

✚ “Because יהוה loves His people, He has made you sovereign over them.”

2Ch 2:12 And Hiram said,

✚ “Blessed be יהוה Elohim of Yisra’el, who made the heavens and earth, for He has given Sovereign Dawid a wise son, knowing wisdom and understanding, to build a House for יהוה and a house for his reign!

✚ 2Ch 2:13 “And now I have sent a skilled man having understanding, **Huram-abi**,

- 2Ch 2:14 the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tsor, who knows to work in gold, and in silver, in bronze, in iron, in stone, and in wood, purple and blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson, and to make any engraving and to accomplish any plan that is given to him, with your skilled men and with the skilled men of my master Dawid your father.

1Ki 7:13 And Sovereign Shelomoh sent and brought Hiram from Tsor.

1Ki 7:14 He was the son of a widow from the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tsor, a bronze worker. And he was filled with wisdom and understanding and skill in working with all kinds of bronze work. So he came to Sovereign Shelomoh and did all his work.

1Ki 7:15 And he cast two columns of bronze, each one eighteen cubits high, and a line of twelve cubits measured the circumference of each. ...

✚ 2Ch 2:15 “And now, the wheat and the barley, the oil and the wine which my master has spoken of, let him send to his servants.

✚ 2Ch 2:16 “And let us cut wood from Lebanon, as much as you need, and bring it to you in rafts by sea to Yapho, and you take it up to Yerushalayim.”

2Ch 2:17 And Shelomoh numbered all the men, the strangers who were in the land of Yisra’el, according to the census in which Dawid his father had numbered them, and they were found to be **one hundred and fifty-three thousand six hundred**.

✚ 2Ch 2:18 And he made **seventy thousand of them to bear burdens**, and

✚ **eighty thousand hewers of stone in the mountain**, and

✚ **three thousand six hundred overseers to make the people work**.

## Nahum Introduction

### F. B. Meyer Commentary: INTRODUCTION TO NAHUM

The theme of the prophecy of Nahum is the complete and final destruction of Nineveh. Jonah had already warned the city of its danger, and a temporary respite had been gained by repentance. But the people soon returned to their evil ways, and Nahum was sent to declare the doom of the city, without promise of relief.

Nineveh was one of the greatest cities of ancient times, the capital of the flourishing Assyrian empire. At the time when Nahum delivered his prophecy, Assurbanipal was at the height of his power. His capital was the center of the trade and commerce of the world. Yet it was a "bloody city, all full of lies and robbery," having plundered the neighboring nations, and was ripe for destruction. Within a short time the prophet's words came true; the great city was laid low, scattered ruins still marking the place where it stood.

Gen 10:8 [And Kush brought forth Nimrod](#), he began to be a mighty one on the earth.

Gen 10:9 He was a mighty hunter before יהוה, therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before יהוה."

Gen 10:10 And the beginning of his reign was Babel, and Erech, and Akkad, and Kalneh, in the land of Shin'ar.

Gen 10:11 From that land he went to Ashshur and built Nineweh, and Rehoboth Ir, and Kelah,

Gen 10:12 [and Resen between Nineweh and Kelah, the great city.](#)

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Mic 5:6 And they shall shepherd the land of Ashshur with the sword, and the land of Nimrod at its entrances. And He shall deliver us from Ashshur, when he comes into our land and when he treads within our borders.

### **Excerpt from Bible Hub – Encyclopedia on Nimrod (Babylon)**

...The early conquest of the cities of Babylonia, or their federation into one great kingdom, is here ascribed to Nimrod. Whether the founding and colonization of Assyria ([Genesis 10:11](#)) are to be ascribed to Nimrod will be determined by the exegesis of the text. English Versions of the Bible reads: "Out of that land he (i.e. Nimrod) went forth into Assyria, and builded Nineveh," etc., this translation assigning the rise of Assyria to Nimrod, and apparently being sustained by [Micah 5:5, 6](#) (compare J. M. P. Smith, "Micah," ICC, in the place cited.); but American Revised Version, margin renders: "Out of that land went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh," which translation is more accurate exegetically and not in conflict with [Micah 5:6](#), if in the latter "land of Nimrod" be understood, not as parallel with, but as supplemental to, Assyria, and therefore as Babylon (compare commentaries of Cheyne, Pusey, S. Clark, in the place cited.).

**KJV:** Mic 5:6 And they shall waste the [land of Assyria](#) with the sword, and the [land of Nimrod](#) in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver us from [the Assyrian](#), when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.

**BDB Definition:** Asshur or Assyria = "a step"

1) the second son of Shem, eponymous ancestor of the Assyrians (noun proper masculine)

- 2) the people of Assyria (noun proper masculine)
- 3) the nation, Assyria (noun proper locative)
- 4) the land, Assyria or Asshur (noun proper locative)

## **Nahum 1** The message concerning Nineveh...

**Nah 1:1** The message concerning Ninewěh. The book of the vision of Naḥum the Elqoshite.

### **Elohim's Wrath Against Nineveh**

YHWH is...

- ✚ Nah 1:2 יהוה is a jealous and revenging Ĕl,
- ✚ יהוה is a revenger and a possessor of wrath.
- ✚ יהוה takes vengeance on His adversaries, and
- ✚ He watches for His enemies.
- ✚ Nah 1:3 יהוה is patient and great in power, but by no means leaves unpunished.
- ✚ יהוה has His way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet.
- ✚ Nah 1:4 He is rebuking the sea and dries it up.
- ✚ And all the floods He has made dry, Bashan and Karmel are withering, and the flower of Lebanon is languishing.
- ✚ Nah 1:5 Mountains have shaken before Him, and the hills have melted.
- ✚ And the earth is lifted up at His presence, and the world and all who dwell in it.
- ✚ Nah 1:6 Who does stand before His rage? And who rises up in the heat of His displeasure? His wrath is poured out like fire, and the rocks have been broken by Him.
- ✚ Nah 1:7 יהוה is good, as a stronghold in the day of distress. And He knows those who take refuge in Him.

He makes a complete end of the place of Nineveh.

**Nah 1:8 But with an overwhelming flood He makes a complete end of the place of Ninewěh, and darkness does pursue His enemies.**

**Nah 1:9** What do you plot against יהוה? He makes a complete end of it. **Distress does not rise up a second time.**

**Nah 1:10 Though they are as entangled thorns, and as drunkards with their drink,** they shall be consumed like stubble thoroughly dried.

**Nah 1:11 From you came forth one who plots evil against יהוה, a counsellor of Beliya'al.**

Thus, said YHWH...

Nah 1:12 Thus said יהוה,

- ✚ “Though they are strong and many, even so, they shall be cut off and pass away.
- ✚ Though I have afflicted you, I afflict you no more.
- ✚ Nah 1:13 “So now I break his yoke from you, and tear off your shackles.”

Nah 1:14 And יהוה has commanded concerning you,

- ✚ “Your name shall no longer be sown.
- ✚ From the house of your mighty ones I shall cut off the carved image and the molded image.
- ✚ I shall appoint your burial-site, for you have been of no account.”

Beliya'al, the wicked one, will be cut off completely.

Nah 1:15 **See, on the mountains the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace!**

- ✚ Yehudah, celebrate your festivals,
- ✚ perform your vows.
- ✚ **For Beliya'al shall no more pass through you. He has been cut off completely.**

## 1John 2

NO ONE DENYING THE SON HAS THE FATHER! This is key! Selah!

### YahushaOur Advocate

**1Jn 2:1** My little children, I write this to you, so that you do not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Intercessor with the Father, יהושע Messiah, a righteous One.

**1Jn 2:2** And **He Himself is an atoning offering for our sins, and not for ours only but also for all the world.**

**1Jn 2:3** **And by this we know that we know Him, if we guard His commands.**<sup>a</sup>

Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See [1Jn 3:6](#).

**1Jn 2:4** The one who says, “I know Him,” and does not guard His commands, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

**1Jn 2:5** **But whoever guards His Word, truly the love of Elohim has been perfected<sup>b</sup> in him. By this we know that we are in Him.**<sup>c</sup> Footnotes <sup>b</sup> [Gen 17:1](#), [Psa 119:1](#), [Mat 5:48](#). <sup>c</sup>See [1Jn 3:24](#).

**1Jn 2:6** **The one who says he stays in Him ought himself also to walk, even as He walked.**

We should follow in the footsteps of Yahusha. We are to have the mind of Yahusha; and do the will of the Father.

### The New Commandment

1Jn 2:7 Beloved, I write no fresh command to you, but an old command which you have had from the beginning. **The old command is the Word which you heard from the beginning.**<sup>d</sup> Footnote: <sup>d</sup>See [1Jn 2:24](#).

1Jn 2:8 Again I write you a fresh command, which is true in Him and in you, **because the darkness is passing away, and the true light now shines.**

- ✚ 1Jn 2:9 The one who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in the darkness until now.
- ✚ 1Jn 2:10 The one who loves his brother stays in the light, and there is no stumbling-block in him.
- ✚ 1Jn 2:11 But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

I write to you...

- ✚ 1Jn 2:12 **I write to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of His Name.**
- ✚ 1Jn 2:13 **I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him from the beginning.**
- ✚ **I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one.**
- ✚ **I write to you, little children, because you have known the Father.**
- ✚ 1Jn 2:14 **I wrote to you, fathers, because you have known Him from the beginning.**
- ✚ **I wrote to you, young men, because you are strong, and the Word of Elohim stays in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.**

### Do Not Love the World

1Jn 2:15 **Do not love the world nor that which is in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.**<sup>e</sup> Footnote: <sup>e</sup> [Jas 4:4](#).

1Jn 2:16 **Because all that is in the world** –

- ✚ the lust of the flesh,
- ✚ the lust of the eyes,
- ✚ and the pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world.
- ✚ 1Jn 2:17 And the world passes away, and the lust of it, **but the one doing the desire of Elohim remains forever.**

It is the last hour.

### Warning Concerning Antichrists

1Jn 2:18 **Little children, it is the last hour.** And as you have heard that the anti-messiah is coming, even now many anti-messiahs have come. This is how we know that it is the last hour.

1Jn 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us, for if they had been of us, they would have stayed with us – but in order that it might be made manifest that none of them were of us.

1Jn 2:20 And you have an anointing from the Set-apart One, and you know all.

1Jn 2:21 I did not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no falsehood is of the truth.

1Jn 2:22 **Who is the liar, except the one denying that יהושע' is the Messiah? This is the anti-messiah, the one denying the Father and the Son.**

1Jn 2:23 **No one denying the Son has the Father. The one confessing the Son has the Father as well.**

1Jn 2:24 As for you, let that stay in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning stays in you, you also shall stay in the Son and in the Father.

1Jn 2:25 **And this is the promise that He has promised us: everlasting life.**

1Jn 2:26 I have written this to you concerning those who lead you astray.

1Jn 2:27 But **the anointing which you have received from Him stays in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you.** But as the same anointing does teach you concerning all, and is true, and is no falsehood, and even as it has taught you, **you stay in Him.**

“Who is the liar, except the one denying that Yahusha is the Messiah? This is the anti-messiah, the one denying the Father and the Son. No one denying the Son has the Father. The one confessing the Son has the Father as well.”

### Children of Elohim

1Jn 2:28 **And now, little children, stay in Him, so that when He appears, we might have boldness and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.**

1Jn 2:29 If you know that He is righteous, **you know that everyone doing righteousness has been born of Him.**<sup>f</sup> Footnote: <sup>f</sup>See [1Jn 3:7-10](#), [1Jn 5:4](#), [1Jn 5:18](#).

## Luke 17

### Temptations to Sin

Yahusha shares that in this life, stumbling blocks are inevitable; but He gives a 'woe' to those through which they come!

He also reminds us to be willing to lovingly rebuke brethren, seek repentant hearts, and forgive often.

**Luk 17:1** And He said to the taught ones, "It is inevitable that stumbling-blocks should come, but woe to him through whom they come!"

**Luk 17:2** "It would be better for him if a millstone is put around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble."

**Luk 17:3** "Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him.

**Luk 17:4** "And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day comes back to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."

### Increase Our Faith

Yahusha shares that faith even as small as a mustard seed can even command nature to respond to us. In Him, we each have a measure of faith. We need to walk by that faith. Sometimes we have spiritual obstacles; sometimes we have physical obstacles; sometimes psychological obstacles; sometimes we have obstacles of nature. Faith in Yahusha HaMashiach's authority working in us and through us is the way to deal with any obstacle in life.

Just like in Exodus 14:15 when YHWH said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me?" He was saying, I have given you authority; walk in it; speak; lift up your rod; stretch out your hand and divide the sea!

Exo 14:15 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Why do you cry to Me? Speak to the children of Yisra'el, and let them go forward.

Exo 14:16 "And you, lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, and let the children of Yisra'el go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

**Luk 17:5** And the emissaries said to the Master, "Give us more belief."

**Luk 17:6** And the Master said, "If you have belief as a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.



## Unworthy Servants

By His grace we are blessed to be His servants. It is no longer we that live, but His Spirit that lives in us and through us. He is the Potter; we are the clay. We listen and take shape according to the command of the Potter; this is our reasonable service.

**Luk 17:7** “But who of you, having a servant ploughing or shepherding, would say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come immediately and sit down to eat’?”

**Luk 17:8** “But would he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare somewhat for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you shall eat and drink’?”

**Luk 17:9** “Would he thank that servant because he did what he was commanded? I think not.

**Luk 17:10** “So also you, when you have done all that **you were commanded**, say, ‘**We are unworthy servants, we have done what was our duty to do.**’”

## Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

One out of the 10 lepers returned to praise and thank Yahusha! Narrow is the path that leads to life and there are few that find it.

**Luk 17:11** And it came to be, as He went to Yerushalayim, that He passed through the midst of Shomeron and Galil.

**Luk 17:12** And as He was entering into a certain village, He was met by ten leprous men, who stood at a distance.

**Luk 17:13** And they lifted up their voices, saying, “יהושע, Master, have compassion on us!”

**Luk 17:14** And having seen *them*, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And it came to be, that as they were going, they were cleansed.

**Luk 17:15** And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, praising Elohim with a loud voice.

**Luk 17:16** and he fell down upon his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Shomeroni.

**Luk 17:17** And יהושע answering, said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?”

**Luk 17:18** “Was no one found to return to give praise to Elohim, except this foreigner?”<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>The Greek word referring to this Shomeroni is *allogenes*, which means “of another race.”

**Luk 17:19** And He said to him, “Rise, go your way. Your belief has made you well.”

## The Coming of the Kingdom

Many will be deceived in the last days. In our day, the Pharisees have been 'intently watching' and growing impatient with their desire to 'usher' in their Messiah and 'his' kingdom. This will be a 'man desired' king, such as was King Saul.

There will be great signs and wonders and people will say look here or look there, but Yahusha is warning us; that that is the counterfeit anti-messianic kingdom.

Luk 17:20 And having been asked by the Pharisees when the reign of Elohim would come, He answered them and said, "The reign of Elohim does not come with intent watching,

Luk 17:21 nor shall they say, 'Look here!' or 'Look there!' For look, the reign of Elohim is in your midst!"

Luk 17:22 And He said to the taught ones, "Days shall come when you shall long to see one of the days of the Son of Adam, but you shall not see it.

Luk 17:23 "And they shall say to you, 'Look here!' or 'Look there!' **Do not go after them, nor follow.**

Luk 17:24 "For as the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Adam shall be in His day.

Luk 17:25 "But first He has to suffer much and be rejected by this generation.

Luk 17:26 "And as it came to be in the days of Noah, so also shall it be in the days of the Son of Adam:

- Luk 17:27 "They were eating,
- they were drinking,
- they were marrying,
- they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah went into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

The atmosphere at the end of days will 'appear' that life goes on as usual! People and nations will be living as if they have all the time in the world; and they will mock those that believe otherwise.

Luk 17:28 "And likewise, as it came to be in the days of Lot:

- They were eating,
- they were drinking,
- they were buying,
- they were selling,
- they were planting,
- they were building,
- Luk 17:29 but on the day Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and sulphur from heaven and destroyed all.

Luk 17:30 **“It shall be the same in the day the Son of Adam is revealed.”**

- Luk 17:31 “In that day, he who shall be on the house-top, and his goods in the house, let him not come down to take them away.
- And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back.
- Luk 17:32 “Remember the wife of Lot.

The following verse reminds us that we are not our own. We are to confess Him and be faithful to Him no matter the cost. We are to heed His warnings; and we should not look back or go back.

- Luk 17:33 “Whoever seeks to save his life shall lose it, and whoever loses his life shall preserve it.

Then, there is a series of people being taken and left behind. Matthew 13:30 tells us that the tares will be gathered first.

Matthew 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: **First collect the weeds** and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat into my barn.” (emphasis mine)

Luk 17:34 **“I say to you,**

- ✚ in that night there shall be two in one bed, the one shall be taken and the other shall be left.
- ✚ Luk 17:35 “Two women shall be grinding together, the one shall be taken and the other shall be left.
- ✚ Luk 17:36 “Two<sup>b</sup> shall be in the field, the one shall be taken and the other shall be left.” Footnote: <sup>b</sup> [Mat 24:40](#). Some manuscripts do not contain this verse, 17:36.

Luk 17:37 And they answering, said to Him, **“Where, Master?”** And He said to them, **“Where the body is, there also the vultures<sup>c</sup> shall be gathered together.”** Footnote: <sup>c</sup>See [Mat 24:28](#).

Zec 13:8 And it shall be throughout all the soil,” declares יהוה, “that two thirds therein are cut off and die, and one third is left therein.

Zec 13:9 “And I shall bring the third into fire, and refine them as silver is refined, and try them as gold is tried. **They shall call on My Name,**<sup>b</sup> and I shall answer them. I shall say, ‘This is My people,’ while they say, ‘יהוה is my Elohim.’” Footnote: <sup>b</sup> [Zep 3:9](#).

*‘Do not go after them, nor follow.’*

~ *Shalom* ~ Libby

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