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(2) Doom to come upon Nineveh because of God's attributes (1:2-8)

- (A) Justice (1:2-3a)

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2 A jealous God, the LORD avenges. The LORD avenges; The Lord is an angry husband. The LORD takes vengeance on his enemies, reserving anger for his adversaries.

2 God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.

(B) Omnipotence (1:3b-6)

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.

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3 The LORD is slow to anger and powerful, and he will never let the guilty go unpunished. The LORD's path is in the windstorm and hurricane; thunderclouds are dust beneath his feet.

3 The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

4 He rebukes the sea and dries it up; He dries up all the rivers. Bashan and Carmel wither, The blossoms of Lebanon wither.

4 He rebukes the sea and makes it dry; He dries up all the rivers. Bashan and Carmel wither; The blossoms of Lebanon wither.

4 He rebukes the sea, and it evaporates; he dries up all the rivers. Bashan and Carmel wither, while the flowers of Lebanon languish.

4 He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth.

5 Mountains quake because of Him, And the hills come apart; Indeed the earth is upheaved by His presence, The world and all the inhabitants in it.

5 Mountains quake because of Him And the hills dissolve; Indeed the earth is upheaved by His presence, The world and all the inhabitants in it.

5 Mountains shake because of him, and the hills melt. The earth goes into upheaval at his presence, as does the world with all of its inhabitants.

5 The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.

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.

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6 Who can stand before his fury? And who can endure his fierce anger? His displeasure pours out like fire, "and rocks are broken to pieces because of him.

6 Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.

(C) Benevolence (1:7)

7 The LORD is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble, And He knows those who take refuge in Him.

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7 The LORD is good— a refuge in troubled times. He knows those who are confiding in him.

7 The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.

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8 But with an overwhelming deluge he will bring utter desolation to Nineveh, and his enemies he will pursue with darkness.

8 But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies.

(3) Doom to come upon Nineveh because of her sins (1:9-15)

(A) Scheming against God (1:9-13)

9 Whatever you devise against the LORD, He will make a complete end of it. Distress will not rise up twice.

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9 What are you scheming against the LORD? He will bring about utter desolation—adversity will not strike twice!

9 What do ye imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time

10 Like tangled thorns, And like those who are drunken with their drink, They are consumed Like stubble completely dried up.

10 Like tangled thorns, And like those who are drunken with their drink, They are consumed As stubble completely withered.

10 Indeed, while tangled as by a thorn bush, while drunken as by a strong drink, the Ninevites will be burned like dry straw.

10 For while they be folden together as thorns, and while they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.

11 From you has gone out One who plotted evil against the LORD, A wicked counselor.

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11 Someone has left you who plans evil against the LORD. He is a demonic counselor.

11 There is one come out of thee, that imagineth evil against the LORD, a wicked counsellor.

The LORD's Rebuke to Assyria

12 This is what the LORD says: "Though *they are at full strength* and so *they are* many, So also they will be cut off and pass away. Though I have afflicted you, I will afflict you no longer.

12 Thus says the LORD, "Though they are at full *strength* and likewise many, Even so, they will be cut off and pass away. Though I have afflicted you, I will afflict you no longer.

12 This is what the LORD says: "No matter how strong they are, and no matter how numerous, they will surely be annihilated and pass away. Though I have afflicted you, I will do so no more.

12 Thus saith the LORD; Though they be quiet, and likewise many, yet thus shall they be cut down, when he shall pass through. Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more.

13 "So now, I will break his yoke from upon you, And I will tear your shackles to pieces."

13 "So now, I will break his yoke bar from upon you, And I will tear off your shackles."

13 Now I will break off Assyria's yoke from you, and tear apart your shackles."

13 For now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder.

(B) Results of Nineveh sin (1:14-15)

(a) God's command for Nineveh's final destruction (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."

14 The LORD has issued a command concerning you: "Your name will no longer be perpetuated. I will cut off idol and image From the house of your gods. I will prepare your grave, For you are contemptible."

14 Now this is what the LORD has decreed about you, Nineveh: "There will be no more children born to carry on your name. I will cut out the graven and molten images from the temples of your gods. I myself will dig your grave, because you are vile."

14 And the LORD hath given a commandment concerning thee, that no more of thy name be sown: out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image and the molten image: I will make thy grave; for thou art vile.

(b) Judah will rejoice over Nineveh's fall (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.

15 Behold, on the mountains the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace! Celebrate your feasts, O Judah; Pay your vows. For never again will the wicked one pass through you; He is cut off completely.

15 Look! There on the mountains! The feet of the one who brings good news, who broadcasts a message of peace. Judah, celebrate your solemn festivals and keep your vows, because the wicked will never again invade you. Nineveh will be completely eliminated!

15 Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.

- "...the wicked" - *beliyaál*, Belial. Used 27x, 16x translated as "Belial"

— An OT allusion to the Antichrist; see [Allusions to the Antichrist](#)