

I Can See Clearly Now:
Chapter #8

The Prophet Nahum

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Author:

The prophet *Nahum's* name can be translated as "*Comfort*" or using the root word (*Nehemiah*) that is translated as "*The LORD is Comfort*" or "*Comfort of The LORD*".

This would be a proper and correct name for the prophet *Nahum* knowing the prophetic *Foretelling* of the *Destruction* of the *Assyrians* and the *evil city* of *Nineveh*.

This prophesy from the Hebrew's "*Eternal God*" *Yahweh* would not surprisingly bring *Joyful Celebrations* and *comfort* to the *Hebrew* citizens of *Judah*.

In the time between 722 & 721 B.C. the *Greed driven Assyrians* had already "*Destroyed*" *Samaria* resulting in the *Destruction* and *Captivity* of the *Northern Kingdom* of *Israel*.

The *Blood-Thirsty Assyrians* had *tortured* *tormented* and *killed* the *Hebrew people* for years; the *Painful Death* and *Destruction* of their long-time *enemy* was *incredibly good news*.

The prophet *Nahum* is recorded as living in a town named *Elkosh* a term used as "*Qanno*" (*Jealous, Zealous*) this refers to *Father God's "Zealous Protection"* of His "*Chosen People*" and *His Furious "Righteous Judgment"* against all *His Children's --- Enemies!*

This is most of the available information that is known about the prophet *Nahum* and his life as a *Hebrew prophet* in *Judah*.

The *prophetic visions* from *Father God* are *Nahum's long-lasting* contribution to the "*Recorded Word*" (The Holy Bible) of *The Eternal God --- Yahweh*.

The Prophecy:

Father God gave the prophet *Nahum "Frightening Visions"* of the *Whirlwind* of destructive power and *White-Hot Anger* that would be delivered to the *sinful* and "*Brutally*" *Cruel Assyrians*.

The *decapitated heads* of *Hebrew* citizens piled on the ruins of the *plundered* and *looted* *Hebrew* cities, would soon be repeated in *Nineveh* with the *heads* and *bodies* of the same "*Blood Thirsty*" *Assyrian* men who took *Great Pleasure* in "*Mutilating*" their *Helpless --- Hebrew Victims!*

The major topic of this prophetic book is the "*Qanno*" (*Zealous Protection*) of the *Hebrew* people by their "*Loving*" *God --- Yahweh!*

Yahweh will *Rain Down His "Qanno" Vengeance* on anyone who *Attacks* or *Kills --- His Chosen People!*

This *Zealous Protection* is the "*Eternal Promise*" that *Father God* has given to the *Hebrew People* and all who are "*Grafted*" into the "*True Vine*" by "*Faith*" and "*Belief*" in *Father God's Son --- The LORD, Jesus Christ!*

Nahum 1:1–3 (NLT)

It Is Wise to Fear --- The LORD!

This message concerning Nineveh came as a vision to Nahum, who lived in Elkosh.

The LORD's Anger against Nineveh

² *The LORD is a jealous God,
filled with vengeance and rage.*

*He takes revenge on all who oppose him
and continues to rage against his enemies!*

³ *The LORD is slow to get angry, but his power is great,
and he never lets the guilty go unpunished.*

*He displays his power in the whirlwind and the storm.
The billowing clouds are the dust beneath his feet.*

This first part of Nahum's prophesy Chapter #1:1-3 is a *Powerful Warning* to all who might think that they can *sin* without *Remorse* and go "*Foolishly*" against the "*Written Law*" of Yahweh. *Mistakenly* the *Unrepentant sinners* continue living *sinfully* in a world of "*Illusion*" where they think they will go *Totally --- Unpunished!*

The LORD, God Almighty will have no other god worshiped "*Above*" or "*Before*" Him; of all the *sins* that mankind has *committed* this *sin* is "*First*" on God's list of --- *what not to do!*

The *Pagan Assyrians* have "*Broken*" God's "*First Commandment*" and with this *sin* they have chosen to become "*Enemies*" of Yahweh by *worshipping* their *pagan god's* and "*Attacking*" *Father God's Chosen People!*

Isaiah 37:16–20 (NLT)

His Power Is Great!

¹⁶ *"O LORD of Heaven's Armies, God of Israel, you are enthroned between the mighty cherubim! You alone are God of all the kingdoms of the earth. You alone created the heavens and the earth. ¹⁷ Bend down, O LORD, and listen! Open your eyes, O LORD, and see! Listen to Sennacherib's words of defiance against the living God.*

¹⁸ *"It is true, LORD, that the kings of Assyria have destroyed all these nations. ¹⁹ And they have thrown the gods of these nations into the fire and burned them. But of course, the Assyrians could destroy them! They were not gods at all—only idols of wood and stone shaped by human hands. ²⁰ Now, O LORD our God, rescue us from his power; then all the kingdoms of the earth will know that you alone, O LORD, are God."*

Psalms 79:1–7 (NLT)

The Wrath of The LORD!

¹ *O God, pagan nations have conquered your land,
your special possession.*

*They have defiled your holy Temple
and made Jerusalem a heap of ruins.*

- ² *They have left the bodies of your servants
as food for the birds of heaven.
The flesh of your godly ones
has become food for the wild animals.*
- ³ *Blood has flowed like water all around Jerusalem;
no one is left to bury the dead.*
- ⁴ *We are mocked by our neighbors,
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.*
- ⁵ *O LORD, how long will you be angry with us? Forever?
How long will your jealousy burn like fire?*
- ⁶ *Pour out your wrath on the nations that refuse to acknowledge you—
on kingdoms that do not call upon your name.*
- ⁷ *For they have devoured your people Israel,
making the land a desolate wilderness.*

Nahum 1:4–6 (NLT)

His Burning Fury!

- ⁴ *At his command the oceans dry up,
and the rivers disappear.
The lush pastures of Bashan and Carmel fade,
and the green forests of Lebanon wither.*
- ⁵ *In his presence the mountains quake,
and the hills melt away;
the earth trembles,
and its people are destroyed.*
- ⁶ *Who can stand before his fierce anger?
Who can survive his burning fury?
His rage blazes forth like fire,
and the mountains crumble to dust in his presence.*

In *Nahum Chapter #1:4-6* the author of this book describes the “Ultimate” Destructive Power of *Yahweh*, who with only His “Words” can “Totally Destroy” anything that has a material physical form.

The vision of oceans and rivers *Drying Up* crops then entire forests *Withered* were *Vivid* examples a preview, only just the start of what *Father God* could and will do --- *Some Day!* Earthquakes volcanos the “*Cascading Destruction*” of the earth and “*It’s People*” (the unsaved and the unrepentant sinners) would *Foretell* the *sad conditions* at the *Devastating End* of --- *The Great Tribulation!*

The prophet then asks “*Who*” can stand up to the “*Righteous*” Anger of *Father God* and “*Survive*” the *Blazing Heat* of *His Power*, when even the mountains *Crumble to dust* before *Him*.

Nahum 1:7–11 (NLT)

A Warning to Enemies of Yahweh!

⁷ *The LORD is good,
a strong refuge when trouble comes.*

He is close to those who trust in him.

⁸ *But he will sweep away his enemies
in an overwhelming flood.*

*He will pursue his foes
into the darkness of night.*

⁹ *Why are you scheming against the LORD?
He will destroy you with one blow;
he won't need to strike twice!*

¹⁰ *His enemies, tangled like thornbushes
and staggering like drunks,
will be burned up like dry stubble in a field.*

¹¹ *Who is this wicked counselor of yours
who plots evil against the LORD?*

When we “Wake Up” and find out that like the *Old Testament* Hebrew people, we are *Neck Deep* in a time of *Great Danger* and *Turmoil* it is long past the “Correct Time” for *tearful prayers* to *Father God* for *His Defense* and *Protection!*

We as *Christians* can be *Blinded* by our own personal *lack of understanding* of how “Urgent” it is for us to always *pray* at the first moment we detect *danger* or find ourselves in *sin!*

Thankfully, our *Father God* is so full of “Grace” (The totally unearned and unmerited forgiveness of all sin) that even this “Failure” on our part will not *Obstruct* or *Stop* our *Father God* from *listening* to our prayers for *His “Forgiveness”* and “Protection”.

The *Hebrew Prophet Nahum* underlines the necessity and value of “Trusting” in --- *Yahweh!* It is a *Biblical Fact* that this “Relationship of Closeness” to God is the “Guarantee” of *Father God’s Forgiveness* and --- *Protection!*

Psalms 7:6–9 (NLT)

Defend the Righteous!

⁶ *Arise, O LORD, in anger!
Stand up against the fury of my enemies!*

Wake up, my God, and bring justice!

⁷ *Gather the nations before you.
Rule over them from on high.*

⁸ *The LORD judges the nations.*

*Declare me righteous, O LORD,
for I am innocent, O Most High!*

⁹ *End the evil of those who are wicked,
and defend the righteous.*

*For you look deep within the mind and heart,
O righteous God.*

The Prophet *Nahum* at the end of this section of his prophesy, asks who is so *Foolish* and *Misguided* that they would “*Plot Evil*” against the --- *LORD*?

It must be *True* that all the “*Enemies*” of *God’s Chosen People* and the “*Unsaved*” (Those who have not accepted Jesus Christ as *LORD*, and *Savior*) are *Directed Controlled* and *Inspired* by *Satan* --- “*The father of all lies*”!

After his “*self-imposed*” *Fall from Grace* it has been *Satan’s evil sinful* plan and design to *Destroy* with *physical* and “*Spiritual*” *Death* (*Sin*), all who will *listen to* and *follow* his *evil lies* and instructions.

Satan knows that he can never *Defeat* “*The Eternal God*” *Yahweh*, so he *Relentlessly Attacks* those who lack “*Faith*” and the “*Correct Relationship*” with *The LORD*, *Jesus Christ*, and *Father God*.

Hebrews 11:32–35 (NLT)

By Faith Alone!

³² *How much more do I need to say? It would take too long to recount the stories of the faith of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and all the prophets.* ³³ *By faith these people overthrew kingdoms, ruled with justice, and received what God had promised them. They shut the mouths of lions,* ³⁴ *quenched the flames of fire, and escaped death by the edge of the sword. Their weakness was turned to strength. They became strong in battle and put whole armies to flight.* ³⁵ *Women received their loved ones back again from death.*

But others were tortured, refusing to turn from God in order to be set free. They placed their hope in a better life after the resurrection.

Nahum 1:12–14 (NLT)

Because You Are Despicable!

¹² *This is what the LORD says:*

*“Though the Assyrians have many allies,
they will be destroyed and disappear.*

*O my people, I have punished you before,
but I will not punish you again.*

¹³ *Now I will break the yoke of bondage from your neck
and tear off the chains of Assyrian oppression.”*

¹⁴ *And this is what the LORD says concerning the Assyrians in Nineveh:*

“You will have no more children to carry on your name.

I will destroy all the idols in the temples of your gods.

I am preparing a grave for you

because you are despicable!”

Father God tells the *Hebrew people* not to “Fear” the *Assyrians* and their allies, because they will “Not Exist” when *Yahweh* is done with the *Righteous Judgement* of “His” --- *Enemies!* *Nahum* then documents how *Yahweh* will not at this time *Punish* or take out His “*Righteous Anger*” on His *sinful Unrepentant* children the --- *Jew’s*.

Father God will again “*Rescue*” the *Hebrew people* and remove the yoke of “*Slavery*” and *Oppression* from His “*Misguided*” *Chosen People*.

The prophet *Nahum* foretells the *Destruction Ruin* and “*Painful End*” for the *Assyrians* and their allies who will all “*Die*” and *have no children* to carry on their *blood line* because they are “*Despicable*” --- *idol worshipers* !

Psalm 97:5–7 (NLT)

Every god Must Bow to --- Him!

⁵ *The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the Lord of all the earth.*

⁶ *The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
every nation sees his glory.*

⁷ *Those who worship idols are disgraced—
all who brag about their worthless gods—
for every god must bow to him.*

Nahum 1:15 (NLT)

Jesus Christ Is --- The Good News!

¹⁵ *Look! A messenger is coming over the mountains with good news!*

He is bringing a message of peace.

*Celebrate your festivals, O people of Judah,
and fulfill all your vows,*

for your wicked enemies will never invade your land again.

They will be completely destroyed!

Nahum Chapter #1:15 is an obvious *undeniable prophesy* of the coming future “*Return*” of *The LORD, Jesus Christ* who will eventually bring “*True*” lasting *Peace* to the “*Promised Land*” and *Father God’s Chosen People!*

This *Restoration* of the *Chosen People* and their land will take place after the *Hebrews wicked enemies* are by the *Power of Jesus Christ --- Completely Destroyed!*

This prophesy was written about *Seven Hundred Years* before *Jesus Christ* was born in *Bethlehem*; and over *Two Thousand Years* has passed since *His death* and “*Resurrection*”.

As of this date in time we still await the “*Return*” of *Jesus Christ* who will *Return* to the world as “*The Lion of Judah*”!

This *Glorious Event* will be the time of the “*Revelation*” of *Jesus Christ* as the --- *King of Kings!* *The LORD, Jesus Christ* is the “*Good News*” the “*Living Word of God*”!

Jesus Christ is the “*Living*” link that “*Connects*” and “*Completes*” the *Old Testament* and *New Testament* .

Jesus Christ is the living Messiah the one and only Son of Father God who will “Rule” as LORD, in His “Earthly” Kingdom for One Thousand Years in the --- Millennial age.

Revelation 20:1–4 (NLT)

The Thousand Years

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven with the key to the bottomless pit and a heavy chain in his hand. ² He seized the dragon—that old serpent, who is the devil, Satan—and bound him in chains for a thousand years. ³ The angel threw him into the bottomless pit, which he then shut and locked so Satan could not deceive the nations anymore until the thousand years were finished. Afterward he must be released for a little while.

⁴ Then I saw thrones, and the people sitting on them had been given the authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony about Jesus and for proclaiming the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his statue, nor accepted his mark on their forehead or their hands. They all came to life again, and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Nahum 2:1–6 (NLT)

The Fall of Nineveh

¹ Your enemy is coming to crush you, Nineveh.

Man the ramparts! Watch the roads!

Prepare your defenses! Call out your forces!

*² Even though the destroyer has destroyed Judah,
the LORD will restore its honor.*

*Israel’s vine has been stripped of branches,
but he will restore its splendor.*

³ Shields flash red in the sunlight!

See the scarlet uniforms of the valiant troops!

*Watch as their glittering chariots move into position,
with a forest of spears waving above them.*

*⁴ The chariots race recklessly along the streets
and rush wildly through the squares.*

They flash like firelight

and move as swiftly as lightning.

⁵ The king shouts to his officers;

they stumble in their haste,

rushing to the walls to set up their defenses.

⁶ The river gates have been torn open!

The palace is about to collapse!

The *Fall and Destruction of Nineveh in 612 B.C.* is documented and recorded by the prophet *Nahum* years before it even occurred.

The *Assyrians* were *Foolishly* building up their defenses, but this *building up* of defenses would not save them from *Yahweh's "Wrath"* because they would not *"Repent"* (turn away from sin) by *turning away from evil* and the *worshipping* of idols.

Again, *Nahum* explains that the *Destruction of Judah* and the loss of its *Honor and Splendor* would not be *permanent* he explains both will be *"Restored"* by *The LORD, God*, who is a *Loving Father* and *He* always *Protects and Restores --- His children*.

The attack on *Nineveh* will strike with the speed of *Flashing Lighting* driven on by the *overpowering numbers* of *Blood-Thirsty Revenge* driven warriors.

The king of *Nineveh* would try to inspire his troops with his *Loud "hollow words"* of encouragement, but the gates of *Nineveh* and his palace will *Collapse* into rubble with the same *Blood-Thirsty* violence the *Ninevites* delivered to the *helpless people* they *plundered* in the past.

Nahum 2:7–13 (NLT)

I Am Your Enemy!

⁷ *Nineveh's exile has been decreed,
and all the servant girls mourn its capture.*

*They moan like doves
and beat their breasts in sorrow.*

⁸ *Nineveh is like a leaking water reservoir!
The people are slipping away.*

*"Stop, stop!" someone shouts,
but no one even looks back.*

⁹ *Loot the silver!
Plunder the gold!*

*There's no end to Nineveh's treasures—
its vast, uncounted wealth.*

¹⁰ *Soon the city is plundered, empty, and ruined.
Hearts melt and knees shake.*

*The people stand aghast,
their faces pale and trembling.*

¹¹ *Where now is that great Nineveh,
that den filled with young lions?
It was a place where people—like lions and their cubs—
walked freely and without fear.*

¹² *The lion tore up meat for his cubs
and strangled prey for his mate.*

*He filled his den with prey,
his caverns with his plunder.*

¹³ *"I am your enemy!"
says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.*

*“Your chariots will soon go up in smoke.
 Your young men will be killed in battle.
 Never again will you plunder conquered nations.
 The voices of your proud messengers will be heard no more.”*

The now *“Enslaved”* women and survivors of the *“Fall of Nineveh”* will be *chained and dragged* away by their noses as they *painfully cry and moan* like doves.

The life of the once *“Mighty City”* will flow out in a *River of Blood* no one will even look back as the *sinful city “Burns”* in flames under *Yahweh’s --- Anger!*

The vast wealth of gold and silver stored in *Nineveh* will be *plundered and removed* just as the *Assyrians plundered and ruined* their *helpless victims!*

The once *powerful king of Nineveh* and his followers who were considered *“Ferocious Lions”* are now *“Rotting Corpses”*, they have *no power to hunt or kill.*

The *“Roar”* of the *Assyrian Lions* will be heard no more, the *proud* will be *humbled* by the *Eternal God --- Yahweh!*

The *sinful idol worshipping Ninevites* have been *“Crushed”* by the *Unstoppable Power* of the *True “LION KING”* because the *Assyrians* made the *“Fatal” Mistake* of becoming the *“Enemy”* of the *LORD of Heaven’s Armies---* *Yahweh!*

Nahum 3:1–4 (NLT)

The LORD’s Judgment against Nineveh

¹ *What sorrow awaits Nineveh,
 the city of murder and lies!
 She is crammed with wealth
 and is never without victims.*

² *Hear the crack of whips,
 the rumble of wheels!
 Horses’ hooves pound,
 and chariots clatter wildly.*

³ *See the flashing swords and glittering spears
 as the charioteers charge past!
 There are countless casualties,
 heaps of bodies—
 so many bodies that
 people stumble over them.*

⁴ *All this because Nineveh,
 the beautiful and faithless city,
 mistress of deadly charms,
 enticed the nations with her beauty.
 She taught them all her magic,
 enchanting people everywhere.*

The Assyrians nation and the sinful city of Nineveh were built on the foundation of "Plundered" and "Stolen" wealth, this gold and silver was all "Stained" with the "Blood" of their Brutalized victims!

This Ill-Gotten wealth along with the power that this wealth provided will soon bring nothing but "Tears" and "Death" to once proud Assyrians.

The Assyrians who are worshipers of pagan gods "Foolishly" place all their wellbeing and fate in their material wealth and pagan gods; they will now find out that they are worshipping the "wrong god".

It is an incredibly sad fact that anyone who worships false gods or idols, which includes anything that they "value more" than Father God will at the end of their physical life feel the "Full Power" of Yahweh's --- Righteous Judgement!

Not only did the Assyrians worship idols and their blood-stained wealth, but they also sinfully tempted the Hebrew people with the pagan temple goddess Ishtar and her temple prostitutes. The "Unfaithful Hebrew men have fallen victim to this form of sinful idol worship in the past and once again they will play the part of the "Unfaithful Wife" and commit --- Spiritual Adultery! This temptation of worshipping Ishtar by having sexual relations with temple prostitutes was more than enough to cause the Hebrew men to sin and "Turn Their Backs" on Yahweh. Father God can and will use violent sinful pagan men to bring about "Repentance"; and with this Punishing Pain turn His sinful children back to Him by allowing the Hebrews enemies to Attack and Enslave His --- Chosen People.

Knowing this True Fact about the "Will" of Father God we must always "Remember" that God alone is "Righteous" and is the "Only One" who has the "Right" to Judge and Correct --- His Children!

Hosea 4:10–14 (NLT)

The Lord's Case Against Israel!

¹⁰ They will eat and still be hungry.

*They will play the prostitute and gain nothing from it,
for they have deserted the LORD*

¹¹ to worship other gods.

*"Wine has robbed my people
of their understanding.*

¹² They ask a piece of wood for advice!

They think a stick can tell them the future!

Longing after idols

has made them foolish.

They have played the prostitute,

serving other gods and deserting their God.

¹³ They offer sacrifices to idols on the mountaintops.

They go up into the hills to burn incense

in the pleasant shade of oaks, poplars, and terebinth trees.

"That is why your daughters turn to prostitution,

and your daughters-in-law commit adultery.
¹⁴ *But why should I punish them
for their prostitution and adultery?
For your men are doing the same thing,
sinning with whores and shrine prostitutes.
O foolish people! You refuse to understand,
so you will be destroyed.*

Nahum 3:11–19 (NLT)

There Will Be --- No Escape!

¹¹ *And you, Nineveh, will also stagger like a drunkard.
You will hide for fear of the attacking enemy.*
¹² *All your fortresses will fall.
They will be devoured like the ripe figs
that fall into the mouths
of those who shake the trees.*
¹³ *Your troops will be as weak
and helpless as women.
The gates of your land will be opened wide to the enemy
and set on fire and burned.*
¹⁴ *Get ready for the siege!
Store up water!
Strengthen the defenses!
Go into the pits to trample clay,
and pack it into molds,
making bricks to repair the walls.*
¹⁵ *But the fire will devour you;
the sword will cut you down.
The enemy will consume you like locusts,
devouring everything they see.
There will be no escape,
even if you multiply like swarming locusts.*
¹⁶ *Your merchants have multiplied
until they outnumber the stars.
But like a swarm of locusts,
they strip the land and fly away.*
¹⁷ *Your guards and officials are also like swarming locusts
that crowd together in the hedges on a cold day.
But like locusts that fly away when the sun comes up,
all of them will fly away and disappear.*
¹⁸ *Your shepherds are asleep, O Assyrian king;
your princes lie dead in the dust.*

*Your people are scattered across the mountains
with no one to gather them together.
19 There is no healing for your wound;
your injury is fatal.
All who hear of your destruction
will clap their hands for joy.
Where can anyone be found
who has not suffered from your continual cruelty?*

The last chapter of the book of *Nahum* points out just how “*Weak*” and “*Defenseless*” the powerful pagan kings and armies are when they are on the “*Wrong Side*” of *Father God’s Anger* and “*Righteous*” *Judgement*.

All the *Assyrians* preparation for war with the building up of *Walls* and *Defenses* is just physical material work done by men, the *strongest walls* will be “*Blown Away*” in the wind like *Dust* with “*One Word*” from --- *Yahweh!*

Obadiah 2–4 (NLT)

I Will bring You --- Crashing Down!

² *The LORD says to Edom,
“I will cut you down to size among the nations;
you will be greatly despised.
³ You have been deceived by your own pride
because you live in a rock fortress
and make your home high in the mountains.
‘Who can ever reach us way up here?’
you ask boastfully.
⁴ But even if you soar as high as eagles
and build your nest among the stars,
I will bring you crashing down,”
says the LORD.*

The *evil* and *Satanically* inspired *Assyrians* would in just a few years be *helpless victims* of the *All-Consuming Fire* of *Yahweh’s --- Anger!*

The people in *Nineveh* will taste their *own blood* and *Feel* the “*Sharp*” cutting edge of *Father God’s Eternal Words* of --- *Truth!*

Prophetic Frightening words of *Yahweh’s Righteous Judgement* can be found in the “*Prophetic Visions*” recorded in the “*Scrolls*” of the *Old Testament* written by the *Holy Prophet of God Nahum*.

The *Assyrians* will *Fall Victim* to the same “*Cruel*” *heartless violence* they in the past used to conquer others, this “*Turnabout*” of conditions is how *Yahweh “Balances”* out *Good* and *Evil* with *His Never-Ending --- Wisdom*.

Isaiah 14:3–11 (NLT)

Sing Out This --- Joyous Song!

³ *In that wonderful day when the LORD gives his people rest from sorrow and fear, from slavery and chains, ⁴ you will taunt the king of Babylon. You will say,*

“The mighty man has been destroyed.

Yes, your insolence is ended.

⁵ *For the LORD has crushed your wicked power and broken your evil rule.*

⁶ *You struck the people with endless blows of rage and held the nations in your angry grip with unrelenting tyranny.*

⁷ *But finally the earth is at rest and quiet. Now it can sing again!*

⁸ *Even the trees of the forest— the cypress trees and the cedars of Lebanon— sing out this joyous song:*

‘Since you have been cut down, no one will come now to cut us down!’

⁹ *“In the place of the dead there is excitement over your arrival.*

The spirits of world leaders and mighty kings long dead stand up to see you.

¹⁰ *With one voice they all cry out, ‘Now you are as weak as we are!*

¹¹ *Your might and power were buried with you. The sound of the harp in your palace has ceased.*

Now maggots are your sheet, and worms your blanket.’

Anyone who is or seeks to be a “*True Believer*” in the *Gospel of Jesus Christ* can find *Genuine Wisdom* and “*Truth*” by *Praying* for *The Holy Spirit* to guide them with *His --- Truth and Wisdom*. All “*Believers*” are *Blessed* because they have this “*God Given*” ability to go before the “*Throne of Father God*” when they need *Divine Instruction* or *Guidance*.

This wonderful “*Blessing*” can and will happen when you “*Surrender*” and listen for the *soft voice* of *The Holy Spirit* who will deliver *Biblical Wisdom*; you will find your answer.

Read and study the *Holy Bible*, you will find its “*Wisdom*” will bring you *Peace* and *Strength* when the *sinful* *unsaved secular world* closes in around you.

1 Corinthians 2:6–10 (NLT)

God’s Deep Secrets!

⁶ Yet when I am among mature believers, I do speak with words of wisdom, but not the kind of wisdom that belongs to this world or to the rulers of this world, who are soon forgotten. ⁷ No, the wisdom we speak of is the mystery of God—his plan that was previously hidden, even though he made it for our ultimate glory before the world began. ⁸ But the rulers of this world have not understood it; if they had, they would not have crucified our glorious Lord. ⁹ That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”

¹⁰ But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets.

AMEN!