

Nahum 3 God is Just: **Humanism will be Judged**

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Typology : Ancient Assyria is similar to Modern Humanism.

Humanism - is a philosophy (**Col 2:8**) that considers human beings as the starting point for all serious moral and philosophical inquiry (i.e. higher knowledge).

It views humanity as responsible for the promotion and development of individuals.

Humanism rejects God, the Bible, angels, spirits, souls and all supernatural phenomena.

In the mid-1800's French philosopher Auguste Comte, along with Thomas Paine, introduced the idea of a "religion of humanity" based on humanistic tenets.

Then Charles Darwin's theory of evolution (**1 Tim 6:20**), along with Philosophers (e.g.

Ludwig Feuerbach, Friedrich Nietzsche, Karl Marx) coupled with modern Sadducee scribes (e.g. David Strauss, Julius Wellhausen) who viciously attacked Jesus and the Bible, allowed humanism to flourish in the Twentieth Century.

Bertrand Russell's book "Why I am not a Christian" (1933AD) popularized humanism and it's introduction as the foundation of modern education world-wide. Russell wrote that both God and His Bible were superstitious, largely harmful to humanity, and the major cause of wars, oppression, and misery worldwide.

Humanism believes that science, philosophy and technology will enable man to evolve into a higher being and acquire utopia.

Godless humanism gave birth to socialism, communism, fascism, and elitism. In those forms of government : power and wealth is concentrated in the hands of a few, and they exercise tyranny over all others. The ultimate fulfillment of humanism will be found in the Beast's kingdom described in Revelation chapters 13 and 18.

I. The Sins of Humanism

v 1, 4, 11, 16, 18

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| v 1 | 1. Violence & Murder - <i>Woe, to the bloody city</i> | Ex 1:22, Mt 2:16, Gen 6:11 |
| | 2. Deception & Falsehood - <i>all full of lies</i> : secrets, propaganda, conspiracies | Joshua 9:4-6, 2 Kings 15:15 |
| | 3. Fraud & Theft - <i>robbery</i> | Judges 9:25, Amos 3:10 |
| | 4. Pain & Suffering - <i>the prey departeth not</i> | Proverbs 14:31, Eccl 5:8 |
| v 4 | 5. Sorcery - <i>the mistress of witchcrafts</i> | 1 Samuel 28:7 Rev 18:23 & 21:8 |
| | 6. Immorality & Depravity - <i>whoredoms, harlot</i> | Romans 1:24, 2 Peter 2:14 |
| v 11 | 7. Alcoholism - <i>drunken ... seek thy strength</i> | Eccl 10:17, Isaiah 5:11 & 22 |
| v 16 | 8. Emulation - <i>thou hast multiplied</i> | Galatians 5:20 |
| v 18 | 9. Truth is Censored - <i>thy shepherds slumber</i> | Matt 13:3-4, 2 Cor 4:3-4, Acts 7:58 |
| v 14 | 10. Military Spending | Psalm 20:7, Isaiah 31:1 |

II. The Smiting of Humanism

v 2-3, 5-7, 11-19

v 5 A. The Reason : *Behold, I am against thee, saith the LORD of hosts*B. The Results : are according to God's Just Law - **Galatians 6:7**

v 2 1. War - with all it's devastation, terror and horrors note v 10

v 3 2. Widespread Death of it's population

v 5 3. Disgrace & shame **Proverbs 18:3 & 14:34**v 7 4. Abandonment of 'friends' Eccl 4:1, **Lamentations 1:21**v 11-12 5. Impotence & fears from various addictions **Isaiah 33:14 & 66:4**v 13 6. Effeminacy & emasculating of men **Jeremiah 51:30**, Rev 9:7-8

v 15 7. Fire & destruction throughout it's cities

III. A Sign for Humanism & all humanists

v 8 - 10

Numbers & Size : v 8God tells Nahum to remind Assyria of the fall of Egypt and their great city, *No*.*No* was a great city with large population numbers; yet they were destroyed.Man is impressed by his great, big cities; as if size will save them from judgment.**Proverbs 16:5**Geographical boundaries : v 8*Nineveh* trusted in the waters of the Tigris and Euphrates to protect them,
just as *No* trusted in the waters of the Nile delta.

But neither rivers, lakes, nor oceans can deliver a nation from the hand of God's wrath.

Isaiah 43:13Allies & Coalitions : v 9*No* was allied to *Egypt, Ethiopia, Put and Ludim* - all strong allies in their day.

Yet God brought them down to dust and ashes.

Historical Facts:

No fell around 1400 BC, *Nineveh* fell around 600 BC.God's word to humanists: **Ecclesiastes 3:15**

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