

God's Second Message To Nineveh

What do
we know
about the
prophet
NAHUM?



Name: “Nahum” means “The Lord Comforts”

Date of ministry: 635-620 BC

About 150 years after
the prophet Jonah

Nahum’s Vision was
about Nineveh’s fall
(fulfilled in 612BC),
& Judah’s deliverance

Nahum came from
Elkosh... perhaps in Galilee(?)



Jonah was sent to **Nineveh** about 775BC...
The king and the people repented and God forgave them and did not destroy them...



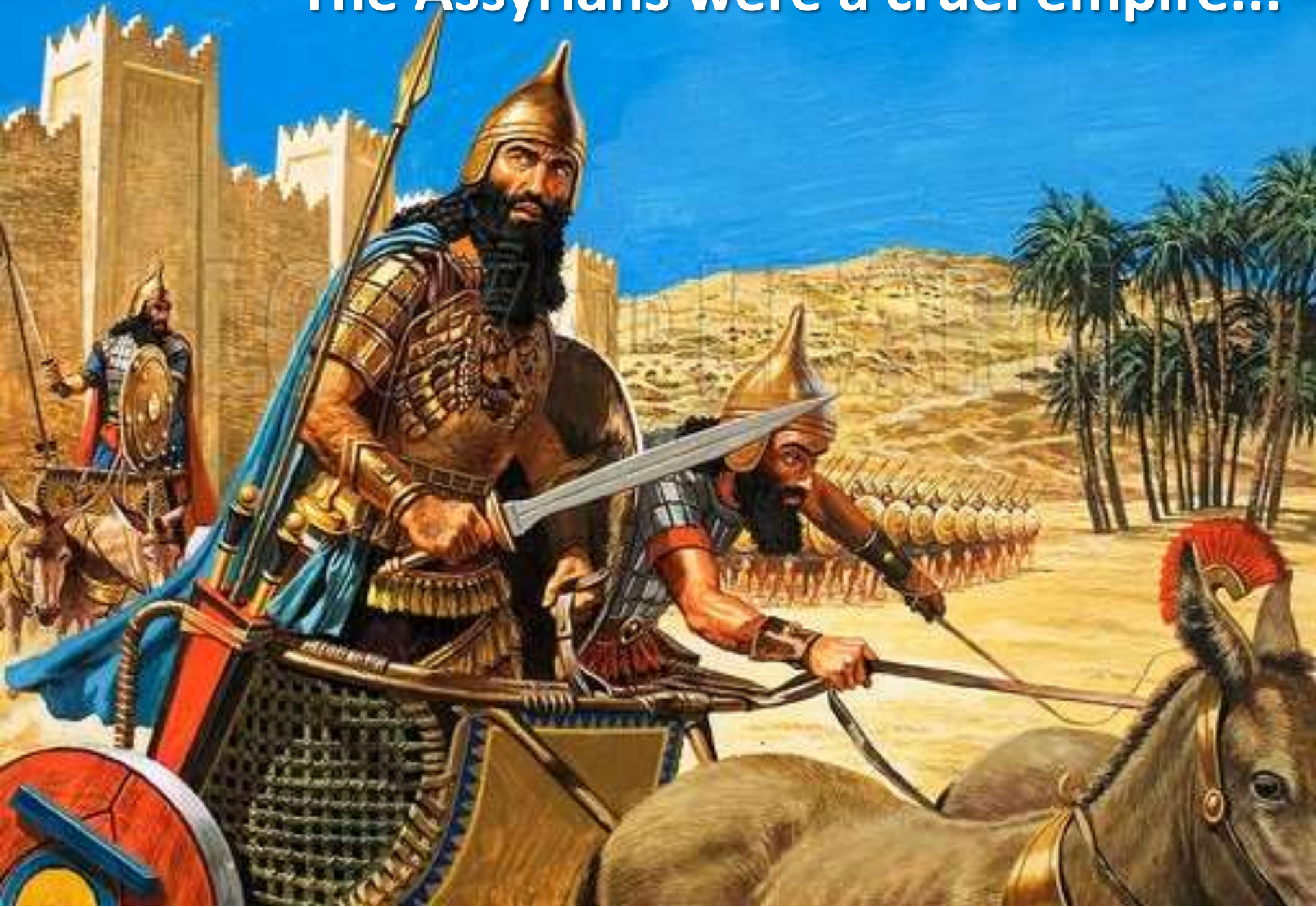
Assyria destroyed Samaria in 721BC, and made **Nineveh its capital around 700BC...**



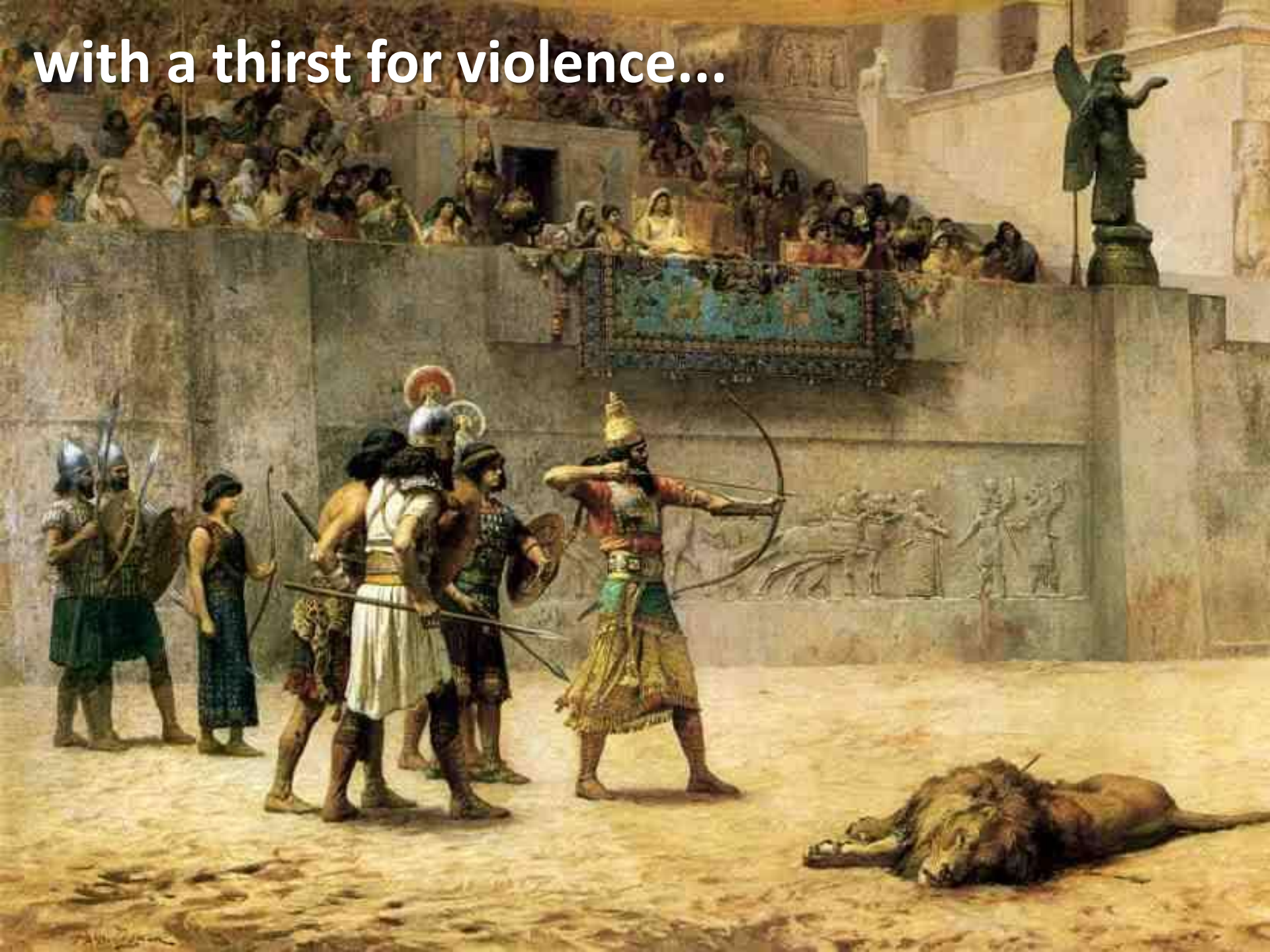
The Assyrian Empire continued to expand, engulfing Judah and surrounding Jerusalem



The Assyrians were a cruel empire...



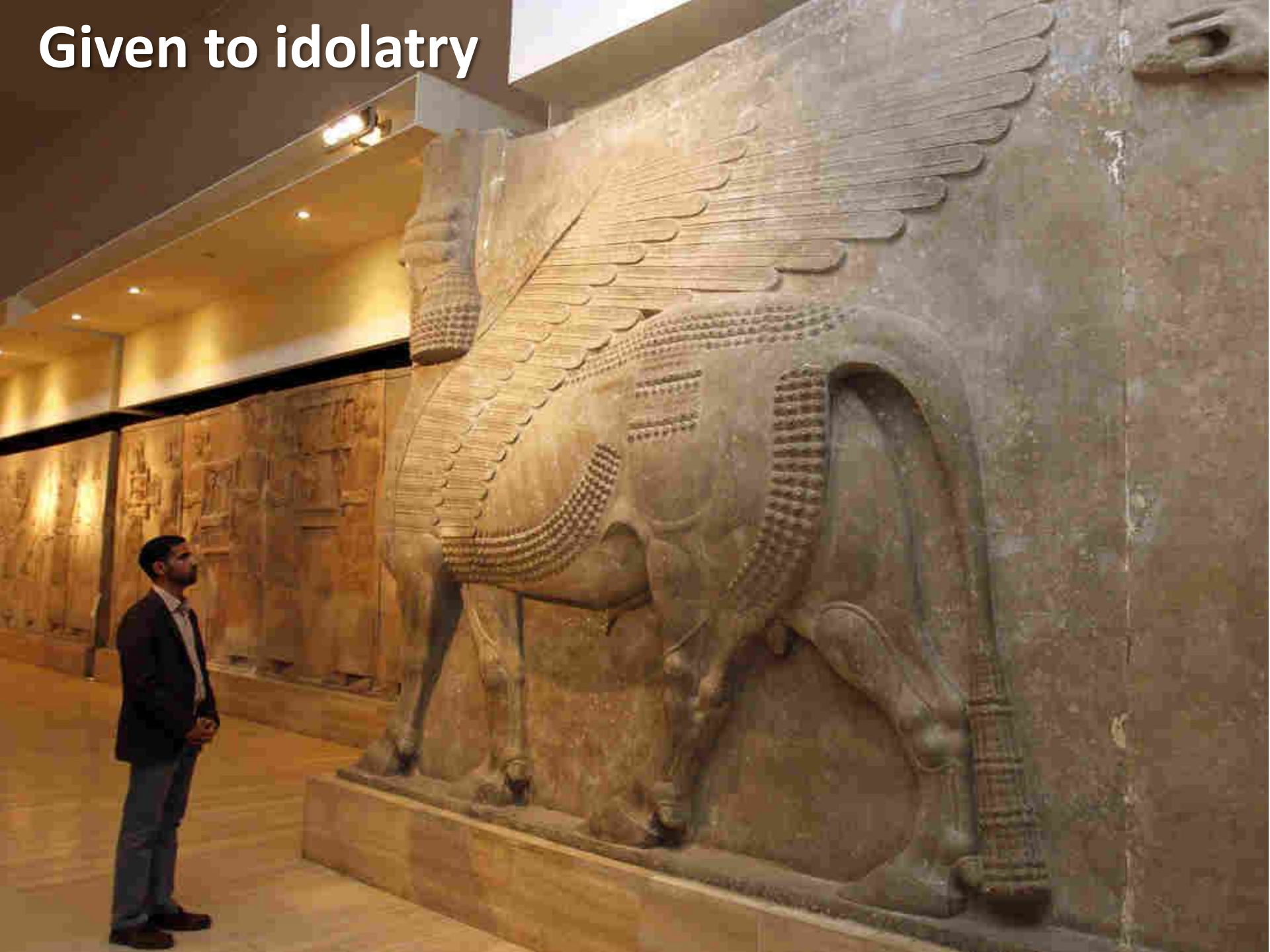
with a thirst for violence...



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- † Both close their books with a question.

Should I not be concerned about that great city?

→ God's Mercy!

Jonah 4:11

Who has not felt your endless cruelty?

→ God's Judgment!

Nahum 3:19



1:1 Nahum's vision regarding Nineveh



1:2-6 God = jealous, avenging, slow to anger, powerful
He will not leave the guilty unpunished...



Jonah 4:2 God = gracious, compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in love... // → **Exodus 34:6-7**

1:7 God is also = Good, a Refuge, Caring...

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble”

Psalm 46:1



1:8-11 Plotting against the Lord is bound to fail!



PLOTTING & SCHEMING

1:12-2:2 **Nineveh's** oppression of Judah will end with its destruction... Free from Yoke... from Shackles... **Judah** will have Good News... Peace... Celebration...



Isaiah 52:7

&

Romans 10:15

2:3-6 Nineveh's military might and glory will collapse



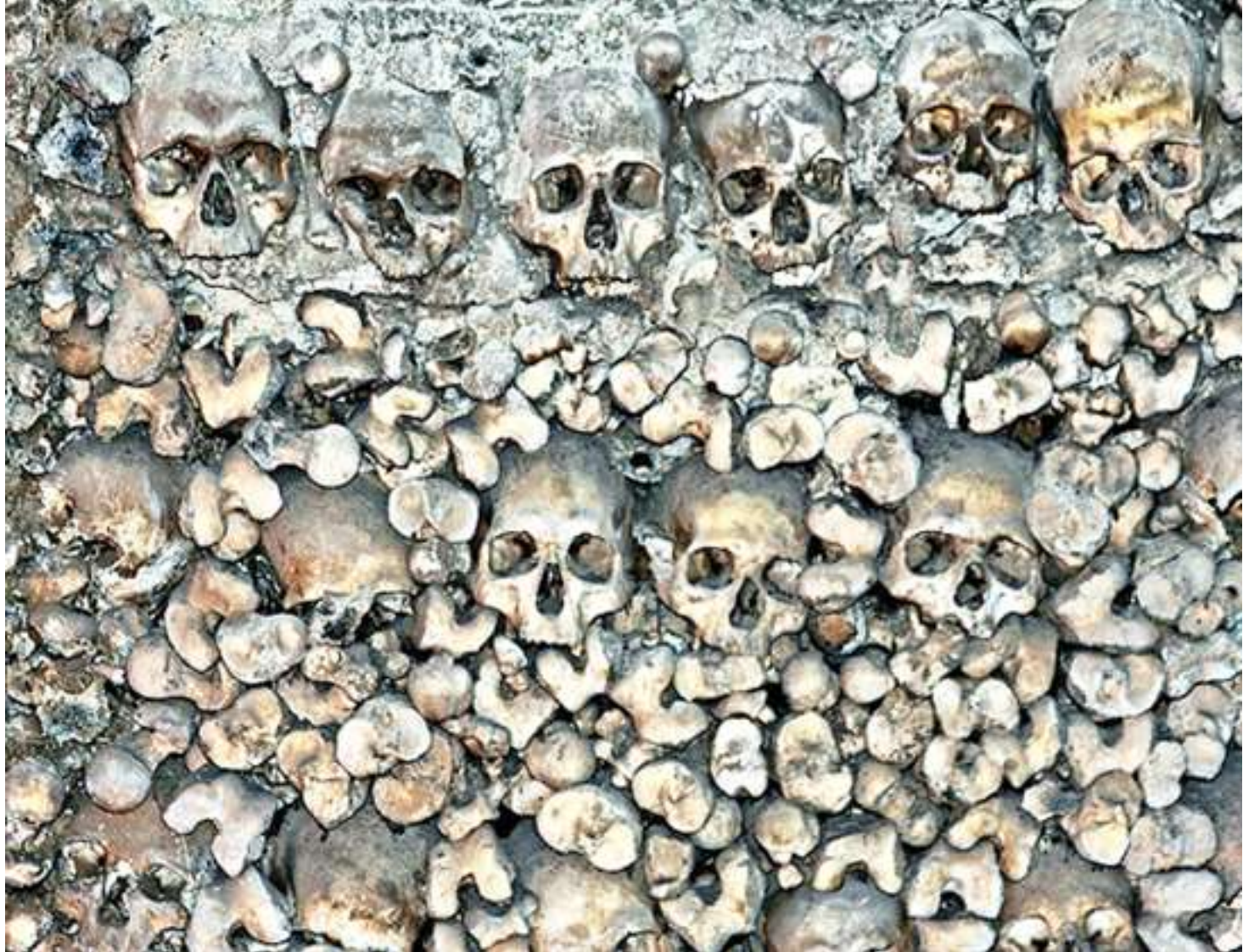
2:6-10 Nineveh // A Pool of Water draining away...



2:11-13 Nineveh // Assyrian Lion to be destroyed...



3:1-3 Nineveh // City of Violence, victims, corpses...



3:4-7 Nineveh // A Prostitute, exposed & shamed



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3:8-10 Thebes: an Example from the past:
City of god Amon = Luxor, destroyed by Assyria 663BC



3:11-14 Nineveh's weakness: Drunk, Ripe Figs, Women soldiers, Open Doors, Broken Walls



3:15-17 Nineveh // Grasshoppers & Locusts



3:18-19 Conclusion: Nineveh's Flock is Scattered, Nineveh's Wound is Incurable & Fatal...



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So what can WE learn from NAHUM ? !

(A) God is Merciful & Forgiving, but He will ultimately Punish all unrepentant sinners, and extract Just Revenge for every unconfessed evil act. → The Choice is ours!

(B) God is a Refuge for those who suffer and are oppressed. One day He will restore his people, and ultimately they will have peace and joy. → The Believer's certain Hope!

(C) God shows us many past examples, so we can take warning and learn from the mistakes and destruction that others have suffered. → Personal Experience is very Costly!

(D) Having accepted God's forgiveness and grace in the past, is no guarantee that I may not become proud & stubborn in the future. → Lord help me to remain Humble & Teachable!



Nahum

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