

## **Nahum; Josiah Repairs Temple & Finds Book of the Law**

God called His prophet Nahum to prophesy about Nineveh. When Jonah had preached to Nineveh, the people had repented and turned to God. The people of Nineveh had since turned away from God and back to their evil ways. God would destroy Nineveh because the people had been cruel. God did not get angry quickly, but it was time for Nineveh to be punished. They devoured people like lions, but now their turn had come to be devoured. Nineveh would be utterly destroyed! God had used Assyria to punish Judah, but now Assyria would be punished. No other nations would be sad to see Nineveh punished because Assyria had been so cruel to everyone.

Josiah had already cleansed the land of idolatry. Now, Josiah began to repair the temple. The workers were faithful in their work. While the work was being done, Hilkiah found the Book of the Law. Shaphan took the scroll with him when he went before King Josiah. Shaphan read the scroll before King Josiah. King Josiah tore his clothes and cried when he heard the words of the Law. He knew that God was very angry with the people and they were about to be punished!

Josiah asked the men to inquire of the Lord for him because he knew that the men before him had not obeyed God. Huldah the prophetess told the men that God was going to punish Judah for all her wickedness. However, because Josiah had humbled himself, Josiah would not see the destruction of the land in his day. Josiah was glad that God would spare him. He redoubled his efforts to serve God and to try to turn the people back to God.

### **Main Points:**

1. God will punish the wicked.
2. We should obey God so we are not punished.
3. God will be with us if we are with Him.

## **Nahum Song**

(To the tune of: "Three Blind Mice")

Nineveh had been wicked.

Nahum said they would be destroyed!

God was not quick to get angry,

But it was time for their punishment.

They had devoured people like lions.

They would be destroyed!

## **Lesson 16 Questions: Nahum & Josiah Finds Book of the Law**

1. Who did Nahum prophesy about?

Judah

Nineveh

2. Was God quick to get angry?

Yes

No

3. How had Nineveh treated other nations?

Good

Bad

4. Did Josiah repair the temple?

Yes

No

5. What did they find when they were repairing the temple?

Idols

Book of Law

6. How did Josiah feel when he heard the Book of the Law?

Happy

Sad

7. What did Josiah ask the men to do for him?

Work

Inquire of the Lord

8. Was Judah going to be punished?

Yes

No

9. Was Judah going to be punished in Josiah's day?

Yes

No

10. What did Josiah do that made God spare him?

Worshipped idols

Humbled himself

11. What did Josiah work hard to do after this?

Serve God

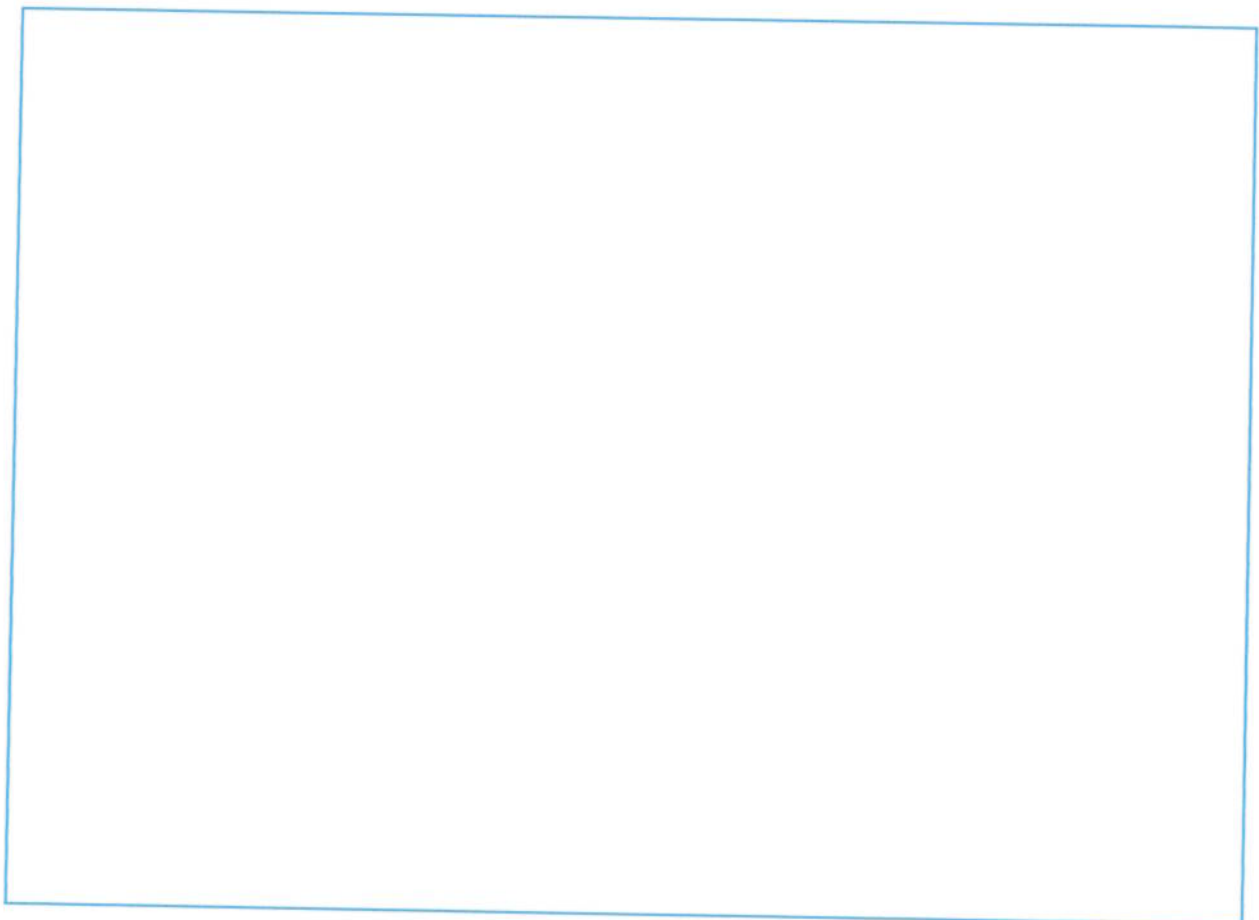
Serve idols

12. God was with Josiah. Will He be with us if we obey Him?

Yes

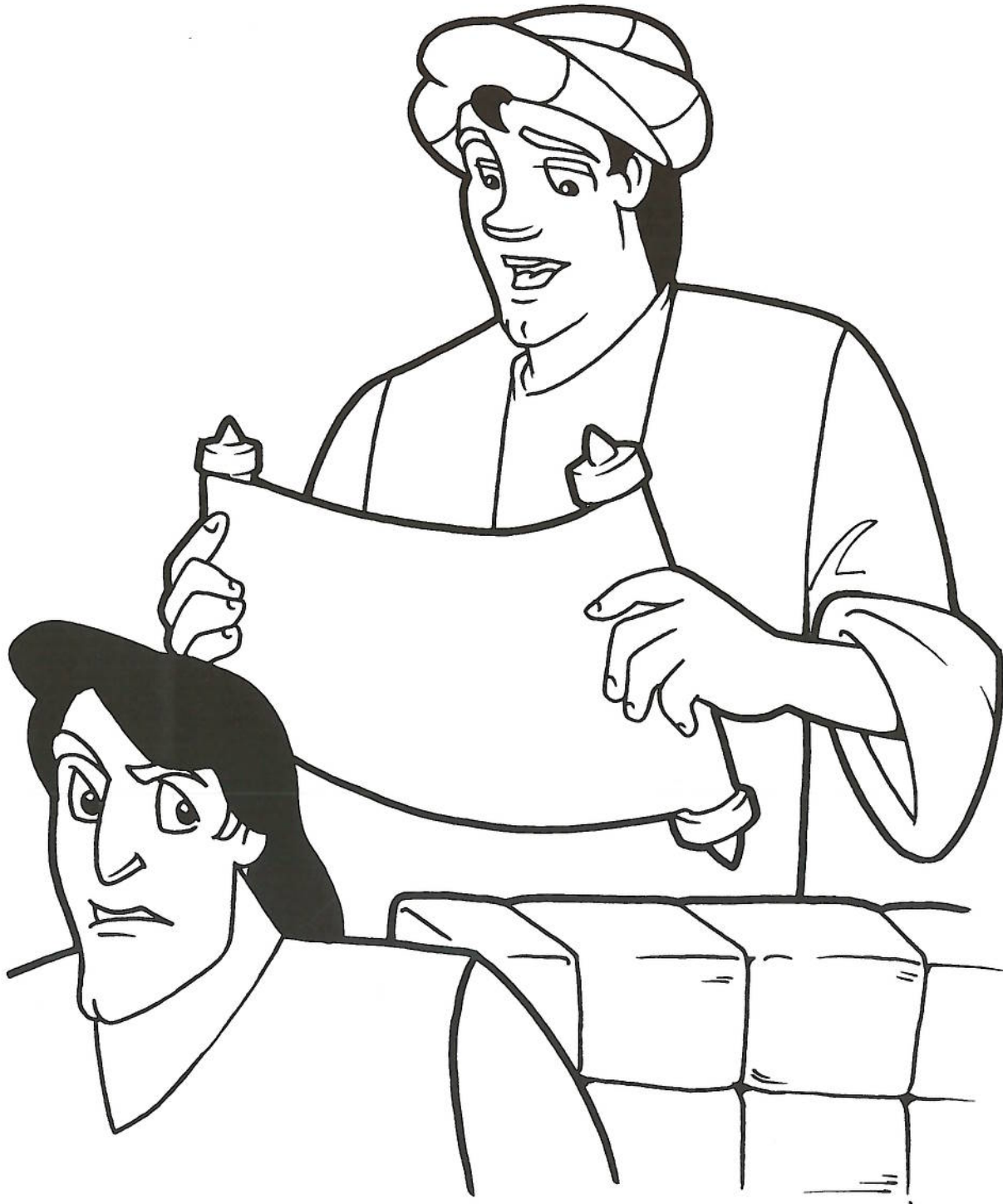
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Draw a picture of what was found in the temple.

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# 117. THE BOOK OF THE LAW IS FOUND

(2 KINGS 22:3-20)



"And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it."

**2 KINGS 22:8**