"THE LORD BRINGS VENGENCE ON HIS ADVERSARIES"

The Book of Nahum

Who wrote The Book of Nahum?	The Book of Nahum was written by the Prophet Nahum who lived in the city of Elkosh.
How did The Book of Nahum get its name and/or what does that name mean?	The Book of Nahum was named after its author, Nahum.
When did these events take place?	Nahum prophesied just before the fall of Nineveh in around 600 B.C.
For more about The Book of Nahum:	See page 970 in the Fireside Catholic Youth Bible.

Regardless of the sport, every step in a single elimination tournament is nerve racking. You always hope for the best seeding and for easy opponents, if there is such a thing. One thing is for sure, there is a little rejoicing when you see that two bitter rivals of yours are forced to play each other before either gets the chance to meet you. You figure, at worst, you will have one of them out of the way. But joy at their defeat to someone else doesn't last forever. Especially, if in the next round, you find yourself in the same position.

That's kind of the scenario detailed in The Book of Nahum. This short book of the Bible deals only with one subject, the impending defeat of the evil Assyrians at Nineveh by the equally evil Babylonians. Nether one of these combatants were friends of Israel in 612 B.C. Therefore, Nahum's tone of joy at their coming defeat is understandable. But little did he know that the Babylonians, just 25 years later, would descend on Israel as well.

The lesson in the Book of Nahum is that evil, like it existed in Nineveh, no matter how wide spread or how horrendous, will never last. Consider the tyrants you've studied about in history or even the evil people we see reported on the news each day. Although it seems like they all have their way for a while, eventually, God sees that goodness will win out in the end. All he asked of Israel at the time of Nahum and all He asks of us today is that we seek His will at all times with that goal in mind.

Interesting Fact: Nineveh in Assyria was known as "the blood city" because of the history of torture and ruthless behavior it's citizens had inflicted on all it's enemies in the region.

Bonus Point: What king is represented as a lion?

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