

Subject: thanks for supporting the Iraqi people
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Dear friends,

Thank you very much for your endorsement of the statement against the imminent assault on Mosul, one of the oldest cities in the World: the old Nineveh, one of the centers of the Assyrian empire. I had the pleasure to visit Mosul and the breathtaking Hatra several times. For the Muslims (and Christians) there's the tomb of Jonah (Nebi Yunus, yes: the one that got swallowed by the whale). I named my son Jonas.



In 1987, the city's population was 664,221 people; the 2002 population estimate was 1,739,800, It is Iraq's second largest city after Baghdad, and substantially larger than Basra, the third largest city of Iraq.

The city of Mosul is home to the University of Mosul, one of the largest educational and research centers in Iraq and the Middle East.

Everything in Mosul breaths history.
Let's hope the new crusaders / mongols won't destroy or harm this city and its people.

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Nineveh

Quinquireme of Nineveh

'Quinquireme of Nineveh, from distant Ophir, rowing home to haven in sunny Palestine, with a cargo of ivory and and apes peacocks, sandalwood, cedar wood and sweet white wine'. wrote [John Masefield](#) (b.1878)

In Mosul irrigation is believed by some to have been developed nearly twelve thousand years ago. The nearby golden temples at Hatra were built at the same time as Petra: 'rose red city, half as old as time.' The winged bulls - humanity's heritage, which guard the palace at Nimrud; archeological pearls abound, strewn before the occupation-born swine. The imagination of the inspired thrown aside with the people whose forbears gifted the world

with beauty, academia and that we call civilised.

Under the west's watch, their descendents are disenfranchised,slaughtered, kidnapped, raped, displaced, degraded.

Am I emotional, as sometimes accused? You bet I am. Just when it seems our shame can be plumbed no deeper another horror in the name of those chilling, nauseating words : 'freedom and democrocy' - which should be banned forthwith from dictionaries, speech and school books - rears its head. That two headed monster, 'Freedom and Democracy' seems to translate directly into state or state condoned terrorism.

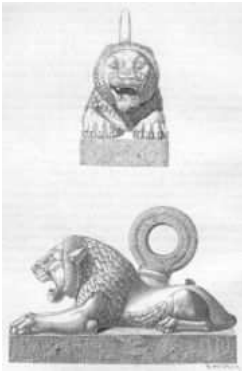
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The king hunting lion from the North Palace, Nineveh seen at the [British Museum](#)



The [Adad Gate](#) at Nineveh. Concrete beams are part of an uncompleted modern reconstruction.



Simplified plan of ancient Nineveh showing city wall and location of gateways.



Mashki Gate. Reconstructed.



Nergal Gate. Reconstructed.



Adad Gate. Reconstructed



Eastern city wall & Shamash Gate.



Halzi Gate excavation.



Kuyunjik from the North.



Sennacherib's palace on Kuyunjik.

Hatra



Greek-style temple facade at Hatra. © ER 2001.



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