

## The Word Has Been Given

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Nahum 1:9-15

On the east side of the Tigris River, across from Mosul, Iraq, are the dusty ruins of Nineveh. The site bears evidence of human habitation back to 6,000 BC. The area is also prone to deadly earthquakes. Nineveh was the seat of empires. Each seemed to exceed the former in their great cruelty.

The history of Nineveh continues to be written in blood. In 2016-2017 Mosul was the scene of fierce fighting between the forces of ISIS (or ISIL) and the government of Iraq, reinforced by coalition troops. Civilian casualties of the ISIS occupation and coalition assault are estimated into many thousands.

The long sad history of Nineveh has been witness to the great depth of human cruelty and greed. Nahum proclaimed the word of the Lord; the brutal heel of Nineveh would be removed from Judah's neck. God's word was sure. The Lord was already digging Nineveh's grave. Today, we look forward to the coming of the Prince of Peace. Let us worship and celebrate, the word has been given. It will not fail!

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