

## Jonah & Nineveh Background NIV Study Bible – Zondervan

Israelites traditionally rejoiced in God's special mercies to Israel, but wished only God's wrath on their enemies. Jonah is sometimes viewed as a representation of Israel, the people called out from the nations by God to be a channel of his redemptive purposes. In this book they are to see themselves as in a mirror: their unique position as the people to whom God had revealed himself in a special way, their particular vocation as God's chosen kingdom people, their stubborn resistance to fulfilling that vocation, the reason Israel must die as a nation (judgment) and be raised up again, refined and renewed.

Internet: Modern Nineveh: On [15 October 2005](#), the province of Nineveh ([Ninawa](#)) cast the deciding votes in the referendum for [Iraq's Constitution](#). One of three mostly Sunni Arab provinces whose veto could defeat the constitution, Nineveh was closely watched through the extended electoral count. Home to a majority Sunni Arab population and ethnically diverse minority which includes Kurds (Yezidi and Sunni) and Assyrian Christians, as well as the oil processing center [Mosul](#) (which is often considered to be modern Nineveh city, and is called so by Aramaic-speakers), Nineveh promises to play a large role in Iraqi politics into the future.