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## **New book reveals the calamitous events after the 2003 US invasion of Iraq and the fall of Saddam Hussein**

*Frederick Aprim announces the release of "The Betrayal of the Powerless: Assyrians after the 2003 US Invasion of Iraq"*

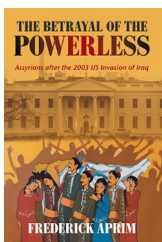
MODESTO, California – In 2003, Frederick Aprim published a booklet titled "Indigenous People in Distress." In 2004, his book "Assyrians: The Continuous Saga" followed. In 2006, his next book "Assyrians: From Bedr Khan to Saddam Hussein" was published. Now, he is back in the publishing scene with the release of "The Betrayal of the Powerless: Assyrians after the 2003 US Invasion of Iraq" ([published by Xlibris](#)), his fourth book.

In this book, Aprim reveals the calamitous events after the 2003 U.S. invasion of Iraq and the fall of Saddam Hussein, which resulted in the most deplorable treatment of the 'powerless' ethnic and religious minorities in that country. He reminds readers that the Americans should have ended this cycle of tyranny and usher in a new beginning for the Iraqi people but instead, he believes Washington's failed policy in Iraq betrayed the Iraqi people, leaving them vulnerable to Iranian, Turkish and ISIS warlords. In turn, the new sultans of the three former Ottoman vilayets are now betraying their own powerless citizens.

Aprim also brings attention from Washington's failure in Iraq to the emerging power in the north, the historic Assyrian lands between ancient Nineveh (modern Mosul), Arbil (Erbil) and Kirkuk. He also takes readers to the regional and national elections to show how KRG and KDP used their political pawns - members of the Assyrian communities - to influence political agenda and the judiciary.

"The U.S. foreign policy is based on economic benefits. If a catastrophic situation somewhere around the world benefits the U.S. economically, the U.S. interferes, militarily as well if needed. However, if there is no such benefit, chances are that the U.S. will not interfere even if many people are subject to massacre and persecution. The administration and the State Department might issue statements, but it stops there. Of course, there is always the exception," Aprim points out.

"The Betrayal of the Powerless: Assyrians after the 2003 US Invasion of Iraq" is a must read for anyone interested in the study of ethno-religious conflicts. It serves as a starting point and is critical to the formulation of an Assyrian policy toward the opportunities and challenges rising in Iraq, Syria, Turkey and Iran in the Moslem countries.



### **The Betrayal of the Powerless:**

Assyrians after the 2003 US Invasion of Iraq

By Frederick Aprim

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