

An Oracle Concerning Philistia

²⁸ In the year that King Ahaz died came this oracle:

²⁹ Rejoice not, O Philistia, all of you,
 that the rod that struck you is broken,
 for from the serpent's root will come forth an adder,
 and its fruit will be a flying fiery serpent.
³⁰ And the firstborn of the poor will graze,
 and the needy lie down in safety;
 but I will kill your root with famine,
 and your remnant it will slay.
³¹ Wail, O gate; cry out, O city;
 melt in fear, O Philistia, all of you!
 For smoke comes out of the north,
 and there is no straggler in his ranks.

³² What will one answer the messengers of the nation?
 "The LORD has founded Zion,
 and in her the afflicted of his people find
 refuge."

An Oracle Concerning Moab (15.1-16.14)

15 An oracle concerning Moab.

Because Ar of Moab is laid waste in a night,
 Moab is undone;
 because Kir of Moab is laid waste in a night,
 Moab is undone.
² He has gone up to the temple, and to Dibon,
 to the high places to weep;

28 AHAZ DIED CIRCA 720 to 728 B.C.

29 JAMES P. 61 "PHILISTIA IS NOT TO REJOICE IN THE DEATH OF THEIR ENEMY (TIG-LATH-PILESER), THINKING THEY ARE NOW WILL BE SAFE." GOD IS STILL HOLDING THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR SINS.

30 THE POOR WILL WATCH THE RICH & MIGHTY SUFFER, and STAGNATE until there is no one left.

31 THE coming enemy cannot be stopped.

32 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ZION IS FAR BEYOND JERUSALEM. ULTIMATELY IT IS THE CITY OF CHRIST ETERNAL REIGN IN HEAVEN. (REV. 14.1) THE CORNERSTONE OF ZION IS JESUS (SEE 1 PETER 2.6). IT IS HERE IN THE CITY OF CHRIST THAT THE SAVED GATHER AND FIND ETERNAL REFUGE. THEY COULD NOT HAVE KNOWN NOR UNDERSTOOD THE DEEP SPIRITUAL IMPLICATIONS OF ZION.

1 THE DEFEAT IS SUDDEN AND QUICK HAPPENING IN A NIGHT.

2-4 THE SUFFERING IS SO GREAT THE PEOPLE ARE SEEN WEEPING, WAILING w/ PEOPLE WEARING SACKCLOTH. THE SHAVING OF HEAD AND BEARDS IS PROFOUND SORROW AND SHOW TOTAL DEFEAT.

- over Nebo and over Medeba
 Moab wails,
 On every head is baldness;
 every beard is shorn;
- 3 in the streets they wear sackcloth;
 on the housetops and in the squares
 everyone wails and melts in tears.
- 4 Heshbon and Elealeh cry out;
 their voice is heard as far as Jahaz;
 therefore the armed men of Moab cry aloud;
 his soul trembles.
- 5 My heart cries out for Moab;
 her fugitives flee to Zoar,
 to Eglath-selishiyah.
 For at the ascent of Luhith
 they go up weeping;
 on the road to Horonaim
 they raise a cry of destruction;
- 6 the waters of Nimrim
 are a desolation;
 the grass is withered, the vegetation fails,
 the greenery is no more.
- 7 Therefore the abundance they have gained
 and what they have laid up
 they carry away
 over the Brook of the Willows.
- 8 For a cry has gone
 around the land of Moab;
 her wailing reaches to Eglaim;
 her wailing reaches to Beer-elim.

③ THERE IS NO PLACE WHERE THE SUFFERING AND SORROW CANNOT BE FOUND.

⑤ THE PROPHET IS OVERCOME WITH THE PICTURE OF THE COMING SUFFERING. HIS COMPASSION IS MOVED AS HE CANNOT LOOK AWAY FROM THE HUMAN SUFFERING AND CRIES OF PAIN.

⑥ THIS PICTURE IS OF THE WAR'S RESULTS. ALL IS RUINED, ALL IS DESTROYED SO EVEN NATURE IS BURNED AND BRUISED BY WAR.

⑦ THE ENEMY WILL REMOVE EVERYTHING OF VALUE.

⑧ EVERY CITY AND TOWN ARE AFFECTED BY THE COMING ENEMY.

9 For the waters of Dibon are full of blood;
for I will bring upon Dibon even more,
a lion for those of Moab who escape,
for the remnant of the land.

16 Send the lamb to the ruler of the land,
from Sela, by way of the desert,
to the mount of the daughter of Zion. to Jerusalem

2 Like fleeing birds,
like a scattered nest,
so are the daughters of Moab
at the fords of the Arnon.

3 "Give counsel;
grant justice;
make your shade like night
at the height of noon;
shelter the outcasts;
do not reveal the fugitive;

4 let the outcasts of Moab
sojourn among you;
be a shelter to them
from the destroyer.

When the oppressor is no more,
and destruction has ceased,
and he who tramples underfoot has vanished
from the land,

5 then a throne will be established in steadfast
love,
and on it will sit in faithfulness
in the tent of David

① THE BLOOD FLOWS SO FREELY IT FILLS THE RIVER WHICH TURNED.
THE FEW (REMNANT) THAT ESCAPE ARE HUNTED DOWN BY WILD ANIMALS.

① MOAB SENDS EMBASSADERS TO JERUSALEM (JUDAH) ASKING HELP.
LAMB IS TRIBUTE SENT AS A GIFT TO ASK FOR HELP/PART OF TRIBUTE.

② THEY RUN IN FEAR SEEKING HELP OR A PLACE TO HIDE. THEY HAVE
TO LEAVE EVERYTHING BEHIND. NOTHING WILL STOP THEM FROM
TRYING TO GET AWAY WHETHER MANNED OR NATURAL (FORDS).

③ MOAB SEEKS SAFETY FROM JUDAH. ASKING FOR REFUGE FROM THEIR
ENEMIES. ASKING TO BE HIDDEN FROM THOSE WHO SEEK THEM.

④ HERE IS A NATION REDUCED TO REFUGEES ASKING FOR HELP WITH
NOTHING TO OFFER.

⑤ AS OFTEN HAPPENS IN ISAIAH A FUTURE PROMISE, A NEW KINGDOM
IS PRESENTED. ONE BEYOND IMAGINATION WHERE JUSTICE AND
RIGHTEOUSNESS PREVAIL. THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE WITH AN EARTHLY
• HUMAN KINGDOM, BUT WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.

Many see this as referring to an earthly kingdom, but ultimately
all Isaiah's prophecies point to the eternal spiritual kingdom
of Christ where those from any tribe can come and find
shelter, safety, justice, righteousness and the one true King.