

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 EMBASSADIES 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.

one who judges and seeks justice
and is swift to do righteousness."

6 We have heard of the pride of Moab—
how proud he is!—
of his arrogance, his pride, and his insolence;
in his idle boasting he is not right.

7 Therefore let Moab wail for Moab,
let everyone wail.
Mourn, utterly stricken,
for the raisin cakes of Kir-hareseth.

8 For the fields of Heshbon languish,
and the vine of Sibmah;
the lords of the nations
have struck down its branches,
which reached to Jazer
and strayed to the desert;
its shoots spread abroad
and passed over the sea.

9 Therefore I weep with the weeping of Jazer
for the vine of Sibmah;
I drench you with my tears,
O Heshbon and Elealeh;
for over your summer fruit and your harvest
the shout has ceased.

10 And joy and gladness are taken away from the
fruitful field,
and in the vineyards no songs are sung,
no cheers are raised;

MOAB'S
PAIN AS
SHE IS
PUNISHED
&
DESTROYED

ISAIAH
JOINS
IN
WEEPING
FOR
MOAB

6 Isaiah shows the nature of Moab. Why she is being judged. She sees herself as above others. The attitude of Moab is the very words that condemn them to judgment.

7-12 Pairs of verses showing what happens to Moab because of her sinful pride. Each section starts w/therefor or because.

7-8 Everyone in Moab is reduced to extreme grief. The raisin cakes are famous in Moab, but they stop because the vineyards are destroyed. The grapes, wine, and raisins were a source of income sold near and far. This has stopped with the complete annihilation of the country.

9-10 Isaiah joins the weeping for the people who have suffered such a great loss. The joy of the people has been removed. Everything they held precious is destroyed. There is absolutely nothing left to bring joy or hope. In the end the suffer in silence completely defeated. The fields of grapes are destroyed, the wine presses are empty.
• Though Moab had been an enemy, Isaiah finds no joy in their suffering.

ISAIAH'S
PAIN
AT
MOAB'S
DESTRUCTION

11 no treader treads out wine in the presses;
I have put an end to the shouting.
Therefore my inner parts moan like a lyre for
Moab,
and my inmost self for Kir-hareseth.

12 And when Moab presents himself, when he wears himself on the high place, when he comes to his sanctuaries to pray, he will not prevail.

13 This is the word that the LORD spoke concerning Moab in the past. 14 But now the LORD has spoken, saying, "In three years, like the years of a hired worker, the glory of Moab will be brought into contempt, in spite of all his great multitude, and those who remain will be very few and feeble."

An Oracle Concerning Damascus

17 An oracle concerning Damascus.

Behold, Damascus will cease to be a city and will become a heap of ruins.
2 The cities of Aroer are deserted; they will be for flocks, which will lie down, and none will make them afraid.
3 The fortress will disappear from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus; and the remnant of Syria will be like the glory of the children of Israel, declares the LORD of hosts.

11-12 Israel show God's compassion and his own inner turmoil at the suffering of Moab. Isaiah grieves for their suffering. What he sees coming is so terrible he dreads to see it even in a vision.

inner parts Hebrews saw this, and not the heart, as the seat of emotions. Here at the center of the person was the heart of their being. Here we see God takes no joy in punishment of the wicked. His hope is they repent and call on Him for help.

12 1 Peter 3:12 God hears the prayers of the righteous but the wicked's request He rejects. This applies to Moab. No matter how long or profound the prayers they cannot be answered because of their wickedness and arrogant pride.

13 Moab has been warned before and did not listen. This judgment could have been avoided, but that time has passed.

14 Israel set a deadline showing God's intentions to act in 3 years. Her greatness will be removed & people reduced to a few.

1) Isaiah returns to Damascus (SYRIA) WHICH WAS 1ST MENTIONED IN ISA. 7:1-3 and was conquered by Assyria in 732 B.C. ISRAEL HAD SEEN DAMASCUS AS THEIR HOPE & PROTECTION AGAINST SYRIA AS THEY TURNED AWAY FROM TRUSTING GOD.

2) AROER cannot be identified. It was totally destroyed.

3) All earthly hope of help is removed and Assyria will be able to walk over Judah. They turned from God and when judgment approach they still refused to turn back to Him. Trusting in military alliances they could see over faith in the invisible God.