

# Isaiah 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.

<sup>2</sup> He has gone up to the temple, and to Dibon,  
to the high places to weep;

over Nebo and over Medeba  
Moab wails.

On every head is baldness;  
every beard is shorn;

<sup>3</sup> in the streets they wear sackcloth;  
on the housetops and in the squares  
everyone wails and melts in tears.

<sup>4</sup> Heshbon and Elealeh cry out;  
their voice is heard as far as Jahaz;  
therefore the armed men of Moab cry aloud;  
his soul trembles.

<sup>5</sup> 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;

<sup>6</sup> the waters of Nimrim  
are a desolation;  
the grass is withered, the vegetation fails,  
the greenery is no more.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore the abundance they have gained  
and what they have laid up  
they carry away  
over the Brook of the Willows.

<sup>8</sup> For a cry has gone  
around the land of Moab;  
her wailing reaches to Eglaim;  
her wailing reaches to Beer-elim.

<sup>9</sup> 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.

## Isaiah 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.

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

<sup>3</sup> “Give counsel;  
grant justice;  
make your shade like night  
at the height of noon;  
shelter the outcasts;  
do not reveal the fugitive;

<sup>4</sup> 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,

<sup>5</sup> then a throne will be established in steadfast love,  
and on it will sit in faithfulness  
in the tent of David  
one who judges and seeks justice  
and is swift to do righteousness.”

<sup>6</sup> 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.

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

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> And joy and gladness are taken away from the fruitful field,  
and in the vineyards no songs are sung,  
no cheers are raised;  
no treader treads out wine in the presses;  
I have put an end to the shouting.

<sup>11</sup> Therefore my inner parts moan like a lyre for Moab,  
and my inmost self for Kir-hareseth.

<sup>12</sup> And when Moab presents himself, when he wearies himself on the high place, when he comes to his sanctuary to pray, he will not prevail.

<sup>13</sup> This is the word that the LORD spoke concerning Moab in the past. <sup>14</sup> 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.”

## **Isaiah 17**

### **An oracle concerning Damascus (Syria)**

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Behold, Damascus will cease to be a city  
and will become a heap of ruins.

<sup>2</sup> The cities of Aroer are deserted;  
they will be for flocks,  
which will lie down, and none will make them afraid.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> And in that day the glory of Jacob will be brought low,  
and the fat of his flesh will grow lean.

<sup>5</sup> And it shall be as when the reaper gathers standing grain  
and his arm harvests the ears,  
and as when one gleanes the ears of grain  
in the Valley of Rephaim.

<sup>6</sup> Gleanings will be left in it,

as when an olive tree is beaten—  
two or three berries  
in the top of the highest bough,  
four or five  
on the branches of a fruit tree,  
declares the LORD God of Israel.

<sup>7</sup> In that day man will look to his Maker, and his eyes will look on the Holy One of Israel.  
<sup>8</sup> He will not look to the altars, the work of his hands, and he will not look on what his own fingers have made, either the Asherim or the altars of incense.

<sup>9</sup> In that day their strong cities will be like the deserted places of the wooded heights and the hilltops, which they deserted because of the children of Israel, and there will be desolation.

<sup>10</sup> For you have forgotten the God of your salvation  
and have not remembered the Rock of your refuge;  
therefore, though you plant pleasant plants  
and sow the vine-branch of a stranger,  
<sup>11</sup> though you make them grow on the day that you plant them,  
and make them blossom in the morning that you sow,  
yet the harvest will flee away  
in a day of grief and incurable pain.

<sup>12</sup> Ah, the thunder of many peoples;  
they thunder like the thundering of the sea!  
Ah, the roar of nations;  
they roar like the roaring of mighty waters!

<sup>13</sup> The nations roar like the roaring of many waters,  
but he will rebuke them, and they will flee far away,  
chased like chaff on the mountains before the wind  
and whirling dust before the storm.

<sup>14</sup> At evening time, behold, terror!  
Before morning, they are no more!  
This is the portion of those who loot us,  
and the lot of those who plunder us.

## Isaiah 18

### An oracle concerning Cush (Ethiopia)

Ah, land of whirring wings  
that is beyond the rivers of Cush,  
<sup>2</sup> which sends ambassadors by the sea,  
in vessels of papyrus on the waters!  
Go, you swift messengers,

to a nation tall and smooth,  
to a people feared near and far,  
a nation mighty and conquering,  
whose land the rivers divide.

<sup>3</sup> All you inhabitants of the world,  
you who dwell on the earth,  
when a signal is raised on the mountains, look!  
When a trumpet is blown, hear!

<sup>4</sup> For thus the LORD said to me:  
“I will quietly look from my dwelling  
like clear heat in sunshine,  
like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.”

<sup>5</sup> For before the harvest, when the blossom is over,  
and the flower becomes a ripening grape,  
he cuts off the shoots with pruning hooks,  
and the spreading branches he lops off and clears away.

<sup>6</sup> They shall all of them be left  
to the birds of prey of the mountains  
and to the beasts of the earth.  
And the birds of prey will summer on them,  
and all the beasts of the earth will winter on them.

<sup>7</sup> At that time tribute will be brought to the LORD of hosts

from a people tall and smooth,  
from a people feared near and far,  
a nation mighty and conquering,  
whose land the rivers divide,

to Mount Zion, the place of the name of the LORD of hosts.

## Cross References

**Genesis 19 v 37:** Thus both the daughters of Lot became pregnant by their father. <sup>37</sup>The firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab. He is the father of the Moabites to this day.

**Numbers 22 v 10 to 12:** And Balaam said to God, “Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent to me, saying, <sup>11</sup> ‘Behold, a people has come out of Egypt, and it covers the face of the earth. Now come, curse them for me. Perhaps I shall be able to fight against them and drive them out.’”

<sup>12</sup> God said to Balaam, “You shall not go with them. You shall not curse the people, for they are blessed.”

**Judges 3 v 12 to 14:** <sup>12</sup> And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done what

was evil in the sight of the LORD. <sup>13</sup> He gathered to himself the Ammonites and the Amalekites, and went and defeated Israel. And they took possession of the city of palms. <sup>14</sup> And the people of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

**2 Samuel 8 v 2:** And he defeated Moab and he measured them with a line, making them lie down on the ground. Two lines he measured to be put to death, and one full line to be spared. And the Moabites became servants to David and brought tribute.

**Deuteronomy 2 v 9:** And the LORD said to me, ‘Do not harass Moab or contend with them in battle, for I will not give you any of their land for a possession, because I have given Ar to the people of Lot for a possession.’

**1 Samuel 22 v 3, 4:** And David went from there to Mizpeh of Moab. And he said to the king of Moab, “Please let my father and my mother stay with you, till I know what God will do for me.” <sup>4</sup> And he left them with the king of Moab, and they stayed with him all the time that David was in the stronghold.

**Daniel 11 v 41:** He shall come into the glorious land. And tens of thousands shall fall, but these shall be delivered out of his hand: Edom and Moab and the main part of the Ammonites.

**2 Kings 3 v 4, 5:** Now Mesha king of Moab was a sheep breeder, and he had to deliver to the king of Israel 100,000 lambs and the wool of 100,000 rams. <sup>5</sup> But when Ahab died, the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

**Revelation 12 v 6, 13, 14:** ... and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days... <sup>13</sup> And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. <sup>14</sup> But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time.

**Psalms 127 v 1, 2:**

Unless the LORD builds the house,  
those who build it labour in vain.  
Unless the LORD watches over the city,  
the watchman stays awake in vain.  
<sup>2</sup> It is in vain that you rise up early  
and go late to rest,  
eating the bread of anxious toil;  
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

**Haggai 1 v 6:** You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes.

**Deuteronomy 8 v 18:** You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

**Psalm 119 v 55:**

I remember your name in the night, O LORD,  
and keep your law.

**Psalm 68 v 29:**

Because of your temple at Jerusalem  
kings shall bear gifts to you.

**Psalm 76 v 11:**

Make your vows to the LORD your God and perform them;  
let all around him bring gifts  
to him who is to be feared...