

### Prophecy of Moab's Devastation

16:1 <sup>a</sup>SEND the *tribute* lamb to the ruler of the land,  
From <sup>1</sup> <sup>b</sup>Sela by way of the wilderness to the <sup>c</sup>mountain of the daughter of Zion.  
2 Then, like <sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>fleeing birds *or* scattered <sup>2</sup> nestlings,  
The daughters of <sup>b</sup>Moab will be at the fords of the <sup>c</sup>Arnon.  
3 “<sup>1</sup>Give *us* advice, make a decision;  
<sup>2</sup>Cast your <sup>a</sup>shadow like night <sup>3</sup>at high noon;  
<sup>b</sup>Hide the outcasts, do not betray the fugitive.  
4 “Let the <sup>1</sup>outcasts of Moab stay with you;  
Be a hiding place to them from the destroyer.”  
For the extortioner has come to an end, destruction has ceased,  
<sup>a</sup>Oppressors have completely *disappeared* from the land.  
5 A <sup>a</sup>throne will even be established in lovingkindness,  
And a judge will sit on it in faithfulness in the tent of <sup>b</sup>David;  
Moreover, he will seek justice  
And be prompt in righteousness.

6 <sup>a</sup>We have heard of the pride of Moab, an excessive pride;  
*Even* of his arrogance, pride, and fury;  
<sup>b</sup>His idle boasts are <sup>1</sup>false.  
7 Therefore Moab shall wail; everyone of Moab shall wail.  
You shall moan for the <sup>a</sup>raisin cakes of <sup>b</sup>Kir-hareseth  
As those who are utterly stricken.  
8 For the fields of <sup>a</sup>Heshbon have <sup>1</sup>withered, the vines of <sup>b</sup>Sibmah *as well*;  
The lords of the nations have trampled down its choice clusters  
Which reached as far as Jazer *and* wandered to the deserts;  
<sup>c</sup>Its tendrils spread themselves out *and* passed over the sea.  
9 Therefore I will <sup>a</sup>weep bitterly for Jazer, for the vine of Sibmah;  
I will drench you with my tears, O <sup>b</sup>Heshbon and Elealeh;  
For the shouting over your <sup>c</sup>summer fruits and your harvest has fallen away.  
10 And <sup>a</sup>gladness and joy are taken away from the fruitful field;  
In the <sup>b</sup>vineyards also there will be no cries of joy or jubilant shouting,  
No <sup>c</sup>treader treads out wine in the presses,  
*For* I have made the shouting to cease.  
11 Therefore my <sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>heart intones like a harp for Moab,  
And my <sup>2</sup> inward feelings for Kir-hareseth.  
12 So it will come about when Moab <sup>a</sup>presents himself,  
When he <sup>b</sup>wearies himself upon *his* <sup>c</sup>high place,  
And comes to his sanctuary to pray,  
That he will not prevail.

13 This is the word which the LORD spoke earlier concerning Moab. 14 But now the LORD speaks, saying, “Within three years, as <sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>a hired man would count them, the glory of <sup>b</sup>Moab will be degraded along with all *his* great population, and *his* remnant will be very small *and* <sup>2</sup>impotent.”

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<sup>a</sup> 2 Kin. 3:4; Ezra 7:17

<sup>1</sup> I.e., Petra in Edom

<sup>b</sup> 2 Kin. 14:7; Is. 42:11

<sup>c</sup> Is. 10:32

<sup>1</sup> Or, *fluttering*

<sup>a</sup> Prov. 27:8

<sup>2</sup> Lit., *nest*

<sup>b</sup> Jer. 48:20, 46

<sup>c</sup> Num. 21:13, 14

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *Bring*

<sup>2</sup> Lit., *Set*

<sup>a</sup> Is. 25:4; 32:2

<sup>3</sup> Lit., *in the midst of the noon*

<sup>b</sup> 1 Kin. 18:4

<sup>1</sup> So the versions; M.T., *My outcasts, as for Moab*

<sup>a</sup> Is. 9:4; 14:4; 49:26; 51:13; 54:14

<sup>a</sup> Is. 9:6, 7; 32:1; 55:4; Dan. 7:14; Mic. 4:7; Luke 1:33

<sup>b</sup> Is. 9:7

<sup>a</sup> Jer. 48:29; Amos 2:1; Obad. 3, 4; Zeph. 2:8, 10

<sup>b</sup> Jer. 48:30

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *not so*

<sup>a</sup> 1 Chr. 16:3

<sup>b</sup> 2 Kin. 3:25; Jer. 48:31

<sup>a</sup> Is. 15:4

<sup>1</sup> Or, *languished*

<sup>b</sup> Num. 32:38

<sup>c</sup> Jer. 48:32

<sup>a</sup> Jer. 48:32

<sup>b</sup> Is. 15:4

<sup>c</sup> Jer. 40:10, 12; 48:32

<sup>a</sup> Is. 24:8; Jer. 48:33

<sup>b</sup> Judg. 9:27; Is. 24:7; Amos 5:11, 17

<sup>c</sup> Job 24:11; Amos 9:13

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *entrails murmur*

<sup>a</sup> Is. 15:5; 63:15; Jer. 48:36; Hos. 11:8; Phil. 2:1

<sup>2</sup> Lit., *inward part*

<sup>a</sup> Num. 22:39-41; Jer. 48:35

<sup>b</sup> 1 Kin. 18:29

<sup>c</sup> Is. 15:2

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *the years of a hireling*

<sup>a</sup> Job 7:1; 14:6; Is. 21:16

<sup>b</sup> Is. 25:10; Jer. 48:42

<sup>2</sup> Lit., *not mighty*

<sup>i</sup> *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.