

Isaiah 16:1-14 **Moab appointed to destruction**

Moab Destroyed

1 Send the lamb to the ruler of the land, From Sela to the wilderness, To the mount of the daughter of Zion. 2 For it shall be as a wandering bird thrown out of the nest; So shall be the daughters of Moab at the fords of the Arnon.

3 "Take counsel, execute judgment; Make your shadow like the night in the middle of the day; Hide the outcasts, Do not betray him who escapes. 4 Let My outcasts dwell with you, O Moab; Be a shelter to them from the face of the spoiler. For the extortioner is at an end, Devastation ceases, The oppressors are consumed out of the land.

5 In mercy the throne will be established; And One will sit on it in truth, in the tabernacle of David, Judging and seeking justice and hastening righteousness."

6 We have heard of the pride of Moab — He is very proud — Of his haughtiness and his pride and his wrath; But his lies shall not be so.

7 Therefore Moab shall wail for Moab; Everyone shall wail. For the foundations of Kir Hareseth you shall mourn; Surely they are stricken.

8 For the fields of Heshbon languish, And the vine of Sibmah; The lords of the nations have broken down its choice plants, Which have reached to Jazer And wandered through the wilderness. Her branches are stretched out, They are gone over the sea.

9 Therefore I will bewail the vine of Sibmah, With the weeping of Jazer; I will drench you with my tears, O Heshbon and Elealeh; For battle cries have fallen Over your summer fruits and your harvest.

10 Gladness is taken away, And joy from the plentiful field; In the vineyards there will be no singing, Nor will there be shouting; No treaders will tread out wine in the presses; I have made their shouting cease.

11 Therefore my heart shall resound like a harp for Moab, And my inner being for Kir Heres.

12 And it shall come to pass, When it is seen that Moab is weary on the high place, That he will come to his sanctuary to pray; But he will not prevail.

13 This is the word which the Lord has spoken concerning Moab since that time.

14 But now the Lord has spoken, saying, "Within three years, as the years of a hired man, the glory of Moab will be despised with all that great multitude, and the remnant will be very small and feeble."

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Facts Revealed:

✧ Send the lamb to the ruler of the land, From Sela to the wilderness, To the mount of the daughter of Zion.

For it shall be as a wandering bird thrown out of the nest; So shall be the daughters of Moab at the fords of the Arnon. [\[Isaiah 16:1-2\]](#)

✧ The message is to both the nations of Israel and Moab, the border between them is the Arnon river south of the Israeli tribe of Reuben.

- ✧ "Take counsel, execute judgment; Make your shadow like the night in the middle of the day; Hide the outcasts, Do not betray him who escapes. Let My outcasts dwell with you, O Moab; Be a shelter to them from the face of the spoiler. For the extortioner is at an end, Devastation ceases, The oppressors are consumed out of the land. [\[Isaiah 16:3-4\]](#)
- ✧ Israel is about to be destroyed by the Assyrians and Yahweh is making appeal for Moab to be receptive and provide shelter for the remnant of Israel that may escape the destruction.
- ✧ The oppressors mentioned are the ungodly rulers of Israel that have set their land up for the judgment of God and are the cause of the coming destruction.

Coming Kingdom

- ✧ In mercy the throne will be established; And One will sit on it in truth, in the tabernacle of David, Judging and seeking justice and hastening righteousness." [\[Isaiah 16:5\]](#)
- ✧ As with all prophecies regarding pending wrath and judgment of God, Yahweh is always faithful to give a light at the end of the tunnel so the people will not entirely lose hope.
- ✧ The light of hope is the reference to the coming Kingdom age when Messiah will be King of kings and Lord of lords in a perfectly righteous government covered with the blessings of God that accompany true righteousness.

Foreknown Failure of Moab [\[Isaiah 16:6—13\]](#)

- ✧ We have heard of the pride of Moab — He is very proud — Of his haughtiness and his pride and his wrath; But his lies shall not be so. [\[Isaiah 16:6\]](#)
- ✧ Pride, haughtiness, and wrath are the problems of Moab that bring the wrath of God against the nation.
- ✧ Lamentation for the plagues of Moab are expressed in the description given. [\[Isaiah 16:7-12\]](#)
- ✧ This is the word which Yahweh (the Lord) has spoken concerning Moab since that time. [\[Isaiah 16:13\]](#)
- ✧ The time of the destruction described in the lamentation will be the time of final judgment of the nations. It has been shown for some time already.
- ✧ At that time his prayers to Chemosh the god of Moab will not be heard, nor will Moab find deliverance when Yahweh brings on him the destruction of His wrath.

Imminent judgment of Moab

- ✧ But now Yahweh (the Lord) has spoken, saying, "Within three years, as the years of a hired man, the glory of Moab will be despised with all that great multitude, and the remnant will be very small and feeble." [\[Isaiah 16:14\]](#)
- ✧ Within three years Moab will be overrun and only a small feeble remnant will be left.