

Isaiah 15-16
Pride Keeps Moab From God's Amazing Grace

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Israel's Tumultuous Relationship With Moab

Deut. 2:9 "Do not harass Moab..."

- 1406 B.C. Balak asks Balaam to curse Israel
- 1350 Eglon oppressed Israel 18 years
- 1000 David rules over Moab
- 925 Moab revolts against Jeroboam
- 714 Moab seeks help in Zion but rejects King!
- 607 Moab raids Judah for Babylon

Zeph. 2:9 "Surely Moab will be like Sodom..."

Outline: Isaiah 15:1-16:14

- A. Moab's certain ruin (15:1-4)
 - B. The Lord's grief over Moab (5-9)
 - C. Moab's plea for shelter (16:1-4a)
 - D. Security found in Messiah (4b-5)**
 - C. Moab's pride and its results (6-8)
 - B. The Lord's grief over Moab (9-12)
 - A. Moab's imminent ruin (13-14)

The Moabites Mourn

Isaiah 15:1-3 The oracle concerning Moab. Surely in a night Ar of Moab is devastated and ruined; surely in a night Kir of Moab is devastated and ruined. They have gone up to the temple and to Dibon, even to the high places to weep. Moab wails over Nebo and Medeba; everyone's head is bald and every beard is cut off. In their streets they have girded themselves with sackcloth; on their housetops and in their squares everyone is wailing, dissolved in tears.

The Lord Mourns For Moab

Isaiah 15:5, 9 My heart cries out for Moab; his fugitives are as far as Zoar and Eglathshelishiyah, for they go up the ascent of Luhith weeping; surely on the road to Horonaim they raise a cry of distress over their ruin... For the waters of Dimon are full of blood; surely I will bring added woes upon Dimon, **a lion** upon the fugitives of Moab and upon the remnant of the land.

Moab Seeks Shelter In Zion

Isaiah 16:1-4a Send the tribute lamb to the ruler of the land, from Sela by way of the wilderness to the mountain of the daughter **of Zion**. Then, like fleeing birds or scattered nestlings, the daughters of Moab will be at the fords of the Arnon. "Give us advice, make a decision; cast your shadow like night at high noon; hide the outcasts, do not betray the fugitive. Let the outcasts of Moab stay with you; be a hiding place to them from the destroyer."

God Offers Messianic Salvation

Isaiah 16:4b-5 For the extortioner has come to an end, destruction has ceased, oppressors have completely disappeared from the land. A throne will even be established in lovingkindness, and **a judge** will sit on it in faithfulness in the tent of David; moreover, He will seek justice and be prompt in righteousness.

Messianic Salvation For Gentiles

Genesis 22:18 "In **your seed** all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

Isaiah 11:10 Then in that day the nations will resort to the root of Jesse, Who will stand as a signal for the peoples; and His resting place will be glorious.

Moab's Pride Prevents Salvation

Isaiah 16:6-7 We have heard of the pride of Moab, an excessive pride; even of his arrogance, pride, and fury; his idle boasts are false. Therefore Moab will wail; everyone of Moab will wail. You will moan for the raisin cakes of Kir-hareseth as those who are utterly stricken.

God Weeps Over Moab

Isaiah 16:9a, 10 Therefore I will weep bitterly for Jazer, for the vine of Sibmah; I will drench you with my tears, O Heshbon and Elealeh... Gladness and joy are taken away from the fruitful field; in the vineyards also there will be no cries of joy or jubilant shouting, no treader treads out wine in the presses, for I have made the shouting to cease.

God Desires That None Would Perish

Luke 19:41-42 When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If you had known in this day, **even you**, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes...

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, **not wishing** for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

Why Then Do Any Perish?

1. Universalism – none do perish
2. Mankind wills something different
3. God wills something greater

Romans 9:18-19 So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires. You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who resists **His will**?"

God Must Graciously Give Salvation!

Deuteronomy 29:4 Yet to this day the LORD has not given you **a heart to know**, nor eyes to see, nor ears to hear.

Isaiah 46:12-13 *ESV* Listen to me, you **stubborn of heart**, you who are far from righteousness: "I bring near my righteousness; it is not far off, and my salvation will not delay; I will put salvation in Zion, for Israel my glory."

Human Pride Is The Problem

1. Human autonomy (Genesis 3:5)
2. Self righteousness (Isaiah 64:6)

1 Corinthians 1:18-19 For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will set aside."

True Humility: God Did It All

1 Corinthians 1:22-24 For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; but **we preach Christ crucified**, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
