

## Isaiah Lesson 15

Isaiah Chapters 15

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**Introduction:** Last week in chapter 14 we about the antichrist and his arrival in hell and closed with the judgment against and Israel in the future.

The fifteenth chapter of Isaiah is another 'burden,' this time against Moab. The prophecy is not eschatological. That is, it does not deal with end-time events. Rather, the focus is upon judgment against Moab coming soon.

### I. An Oracle Concerning Moab

*Isa 15:1 The burden of Moab. Because in the night Ar of Moab is laid waste, and brought to silence; because in the night Kir of Moab is laid waste, and brought to silence;*

*Isa 15:2 He is gone up to Bajith, and to Dibon, the high places, to weep: Moab shall howl over Nebo, and over Medeba: on all their heads shall be baldness, and every beard cut off.*

*Isa 15:3 In their streets they shall gird themselves with sackcloth: on the tops of their houses, and in their streets, every one shall howl, weeping abundantly.*

*Isa 15:4 And Heshbon shall cry, and Elealeh: their voice shall be heard even unto Jahaz: therefore the armed soldiers of Moab shall cry out; his life shall be grievous unto him.*

Moab historically was the region just east of the Dead Sea and would be comparable to west central Jordan today. The foretold judgement here is thought to have taken place before the Babylonian captivity of Judah. The Assyrians were used by God to execute judgement against Moab.

The "he" likely is the king of Moab. The various places noted are cities of Moab which were overrun by the Assyrians and over which the Moabites would weep at their defeat. As Moab is chastened by God, the land is humbled and the nation wails in utter defeat. Not only would the cities of Moab mourn at their defeat, even their soldiers would cry out in fear.

*Isa 15:5 My heart shall cry out for Moab; his fugitives shall flee unto Zoar, an heifer of three years old: for by the mounting up of Luhith with weeping shall they go it up; for in the way of Horonaim they shall raise up a cry of destruction.*

The prophet Isaiah himself seems to mourn for what will soon happen to Moab. The refugees thereof would flee to Zoar which was a hamlet on the southern end of the Dead Sea. This is where Lot fled during his time of distress.

## **II. Hay and Grass Fade Away**

*Isa 15:6 For the waters of Nimrim shall be desolate: for the hay is withered away, the grass faileth, there is no green thing.*

*Isa 15:7 Therefore the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have laid up, shall they carry away to the brook of the willows.*

*Isa 15:8 For the cry is gone round about the borders of Moab; the howling thereof unto Eglaim, and the howling thereof unto Beerelim.*

*Isa 15:9 For the waters of Dimon shall be full of blood: for I will bring more upon Dimon, lions upon him that escapeth of Moab, and upon the remnant of the land.*

Isaiah foretells more details of the impending judgment upon Moab. Not only would there be military chastisement from the Assyrians, but other troubles would befall them. Wells and springs would dry up. Crops would wither. Wild lions would attack them. God would judge Moab for their sin and for their harsh attitude toward Israel. Those that turn against Israel in the tribulation will also face judgment from the Lord.

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*Prov 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.*

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