

# Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

## Part 233 – The Burden Of Moab (Isaiah 15:1-9)

### 1. What was going to happen, in the night, to Ar of Moab?

Laid waste and brought to silence: *“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” (Isaiah 15:1).*

- The Moabites came to be from the daughter of Lot whom he got drunk so that she could get pregnant (**Genesis 19:30-37**).
- Balak, a past king of the Moabites, had fear of Israel (**Numbers 22:3-4**) and thus decided to TRY and curse Israel through Balaam (**Numbers 22:7-23:26**).
- Israel did commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab (**Numbers 25:1**).
- God had promised to judge Moab over these things (**Numbers 24:15-25**).
- He did punish Israel, immediately, for committing physical and spiritual whoredom with the Moabite women (**Numbers 25:1-5**).
- Ar was a Moabite city (**Deuteronomy 2:9**).
- The Lord making causing cities to be laid waste was intended to remind the world of who He is (**Ezekiel 12:20**).

### 2. Did the people of Moab weep to God?

No, they wept to idols: *“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” (Isaiah 15:2).*

- They went to their idols, but it didn’t work (**Isaiah 16:12, Jeremiah 48:1, and Jeremiah 48:18**).
- God said this: *“Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab, saith the LORD, him that offereth in the high places, and him that burneth incense to his gods” (Jeremiah 48:35).*
- It is not wise to seek idolatry for anything (**Isaiah 42:17, Jeremiah 46:25, and Habakkuk 2:18-20**).

### 3. What were the Moabites going to be doing in the streets and on the rooftops?

Howling and weeping abundantly: *“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” (Isaiah 15:3).*

- **Jeremiah 48:38-39**.
- The putting on of sackcloth ties with mourning (**II Samuel 3:31 and Jonah 3:6-8**).
- Wailing on the housetops is a sign of grief (**Isaiah 22:1**).
- Prayer was also offered on housetops (**Acts 10:9**). \*Not that this a pattern that has to be followed (**Matthew 5:6, Matthew 14:23, Matthew 26:36, Mark 1:35, Mark 14:32, Luke 11:1, Luke 18:10, Acts 12:12**, etc.).

4. When the burden of Moab was to occur, were the soldiers going to have peaceful lives?  
 No, they were going to live grievous lives: *“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” (Isaiah 15:4).*
- When fear surrounds people, they often find life too much to bear (**I Kings 19:1-4, Job 3:20-22, Job 7:15, and Jonah 4:3; 8).**
5. Was Isaiah going to celebrate what was going to happen to Moab?  
 No, his heart was going to cry out: *“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” (Isaiah 15:5).*
- **Isaiah 16:9-11 and Jeremiah 48:31-36.**
  - Teachers and prophets should feel sorrow for what is to happen to the lost (**Psalms 119:136, Jeremiah 9:1, Jeremiah 13:17, Luke 19:41-44, Romans 9:1-3, and Philippians 3:18-19).**
6. What was going to happen to the food supplies and abundance of Moab?  
 Desolation: *“(6) For the waters of Nimrim shall be desolate: for the hay is withered away, the grass faileth, there is no green thing. (7) Therefore the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have laid up, shall they carry away to the brook of the willows” (Isaiah 15:6-7).*
- God’s wrath certainly came upon nations in a way to devour (**Jeremiah 50:13 and Zephaniah 1:1-18)** the substance of living (**Jeremiah 32:36, Ezekiel 5:17, and Joel 1:1-20).**
  - Brook of willows (**Psalms 137:1-2).**
7. What went round about the borders of Moab?  
 Crying: *“For the cry is gone round about the borders of Moab; the howling thereof unto Eglaim, and the howling thereof unto Beer–elim” (Isaiah 15:8).*
- **Isaiah 16:7 and Jeremiah 48:39.**
8. Was this burden of Moab escapable?  
 No: *“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 15:9).*
- God sent wild animals as predators as part of His wrath against sinners (**Leviticus 26:22, II Kings 17:25, and Jeremiah 15:3).**
  - The remnant of Moab was going to be small and feeble (**Isaiah 16:14).**