

Jeremiah 48

King James Version (KJV)

48 Against Moab thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Woe unto Nebo! for it is spoiled: Kiriathaim is confounded and taken: Misgab is confounded and dismayed. (God's message to Moab) (Nebo= prophet; Kiriathaim= the twin cities; Misgab= the high fort)

² There shall be no more praise of Moab: in Heshbon they have devised evil against it; come, and let us cut it off from being a nation. Also thou shalt be cut down, O Madmen; the sword shall pursue thee. (Madmen = dunghill, in the Hebrew manuscripts – bad translation) (They are descendants of Lot. God punished them for idolatry, and for not letting the Israelite pass through their land on their way to the Promised Land. God condemned all the men of Moab for this, but not the women. Ruth was a Moabitess. She was in the lineage of Jesus)

³ A voice of crying shall be from Horonaim, spoiling and great destruction. (Horonaim= the two caverns. This was a place where they worshipped idols)

⁴ Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard. (They don't have God's blessings)

⁵ For in the going up of Luhith continual weeping shall go up; for in the going down of Horonaim the enemies have heard a cry of destruction.

⁶ Flee, save your lives, and be like the heath in the wilderness. (A heath is a small bush in the desert that struggles to survive, with goats and other animals stripping it continually)

⁷ For because thou hast trusted in thy works and in thy treasures, thou shalt also be taken: and Chemosh shall go forth into captivity with his priests and his princes together. (Chemosh <the subduer> - one of their idol deities)

⁸ And the spoiler shall come upon every city, and no city shall escape: the valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed, as the LORD hath spoken. (Past – Nebuchadnezzar; future- antichrist)

⁹ Give wings unto Moab, that it may flee and get away: for the cities thereof shall be desolate, without any to dwell therein. (Today, this is a part of the muslim countries. They hate God and kill Christians)

(God expects us to make a stand against antichrist; not to run away)

¹⁰ Cursed be he that doeth the work of the LORD deceitfully, and cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood. (his sword- this is symbolic for the truth – the Word of God; people will need to hear the truth in the end times. Those who teach deceitfully will be cursed)

¹¹ Moab hath been at ease from his youth, and he hath settled on his lees, and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity: therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent is not changed. (a play on winemaking – emptying it from vessel to vessel gets rid of the sediment; Moab has been comfortable, never gone to war, never been tested)

¹² Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will send unto him wanderers, that shall cause him to wander, and shall empty his vessels, and break their bottles. (He will be tested and spoiled by the wanderers <tilters>; they will tilt his wine bottles. These will be Kenites and the locust army in the end days)

¹³ And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of Bethel their confidence. (Bethel was the place Jeroboam put up one of the golden calves for them to worship)

¹⁴ How say ye, We are mighty and strong men for the war? (Never practiced, never been tried, never been tested)

¹⁵ Moab is spoiled, and gone up out of her cities, and his chosen young men are gone down to the slaughter, saith the King, whose name is the LORD of hosts.

¹⁶ The calamity of Moab is near to come, and his affliction hasteth fast.

¹⁷ All ye that are about him, bemoan him; and all ye that know his name, say, How is the strong staff broken, and the beautiful rod! (How did all of this become nothing, vanity? Because it was fit for nothing; today, islam keeps these people from discovering the true God. If they try to leave islam, they are murdered for it)

¹⁸ Thou daughter that dost inhabit Dibon, come down from thy glory, and sit in thirst; for the spoiler of Moab shall come upon thee, and he shall destroy thy strong holds. (Dibon = the wasting; the spoiler is a term for antichrist and his locust army)

¹⁹ O inhabitant of Aroer, stand by the way, and espy; ask him that fleeth, and her that escapeth, and say, What is done? (Aroer = the ruins) (espy – to look around; to discover)

²⁰ Moab is confounded; for it is broken down: howl and cry; tell ye it in Arnon, that Moab is spoiled, (Moab = of his own father; Arnon = the roaring river; they destroyed themselves through corruption and idolatry)

²¹ And judgment is come upon the plain country; upon Holon, and upon Jahazah, and upon Mephaath, (Jahazah = the trodden; Mephaath = the splendor of it) (God's judgment comes down on them)

²² And upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, and upon Bethdiblathaim, (Bethdiblathaim= the house of fig cakes)

²³ And upon Kiriathaim, and upon Bethgamul, and upon Bethmeon, (Kiriathaim = twin cities; Bethgamul=house of camels; Bethmeon= Belmeon- worshippers of Bel)

²⁴ And upon Kerioth, and upon Bozrah, and upon all the cities of the land of Moab, far or near. (Kerioth = city builders; Kenites were called builders of cities in Genesis)

²⁵ The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, saith the LORD. (horn is symbolic for strength and power; God is through with them)

²⁶ Make ye him drunken: for he magnified himself against the LORD: Moab also shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision. (He degrades himself)

²⁷ For was not Israel a derision unto thee? was he found among thieves? for since thou spakest of him, thou skippedst for joy. (They denied Israel safe passage through their land; and worked against them ever since; they were happy at hearing of Israel's demise)

²⁸ O ye that dwell in Moab, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock, and be like the dove that maketh her nest in the sides of the hole's mouth. (Sela- a city built into the side of a cliff, like Petra)

²⁹ We have heard the pride of Moab, (he is exceeding proud) his loftiness, and his arrogancy, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart. (Pride was also Satan's sin) Ezekiel-28 (Is this a lesson for the US today?)

³⁰ I know his wrath, saith the LORD; but it shall not be so; his lies shall not so effect it. (He's going nowhere)

³¹ Therefore will I howl for Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab; mine heart shall mourn for the men of Kirheres. (God cursed the males of Moab, not the females) (Kirheres= a fortress)

³² O vine of Sibmah, I will weep for thee with the weeping of Jazer: thy plants are gone over the sea, they reach even to the sea of Jazer: the spoiler is fallen upon thy summer fruits and upon thy vintage. (The spoiler has your wine and summer harvest – this is prophecy for antichrist)

³³ And joy and gladness is taken from the plentiful field, and from the land of Moab, and I have caused wine to fail from the winepresses: none shall tread with shouting; their shouting shall be no shouting. (They won't have anything to celebrate)

³⁴ From the cry of Heshbon even unto Elealeh, and even unto Jahaz, have they uttered their voice, from Zoar even unto Horonaim, as an heifer of three years old: for the waters also of Nimrim shall be desolate. (Heshbon = stronghold; Elealeh = the ascension or coming down of God <El>; Jahaz = the trodden down; Zoar = smallness; Horonaim = twin caverns, where they worshipped idols; Nimrim = pure) (The three year old heifer is tame and can easily be controlled)

³⁵ 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. (These people practiced Molochism –sacrifice their own children by burning them alive to Moloch, their deity)

³⁶ Therefore mine heart shall sound for Moab like pipes, and mine heart shall sound like pipes for the men of Kirheres: because the riches that he hath gotten are perished. (pipes = these are funeral pipes; Kirheres = a fortress)

³⁷ For every head shall be bald, and every beard clipped: upon all the hands shall be cuttings, and upon the loins sackcloth. (Symbols of mourning and disgrace)

³⁸ There shall be lamentation generally upon all the housetops of Moab, and in the streets thereof: for I have broken Moab like a vessel wherein is no pleasure, saith the LORD. (God is very angry at Moab –

idolatry, working against Israel through the centuries, human sacrifice of their children and many other trespasses)

³⁹ They shall howl, saying, How is it broken down! how hath Moab turned the back with shame! so shall Moab be a derision and a dismaying to all them about him. (a laughing stock to other nations)

⁴⁰ For thus saith the LORD; Behold, he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread his wings over Moab. (He is the king of Babylon; future- he will be Satan as antichrist)

⁴¹ Kerioth is taken, and the strong holds are surprised, and the mighty men's hearts in Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs. (Kerioth= cities) (Future- pangs as in labor pang giving birth to a new age- The Lord's Day)

⁴² And Moab shall be destroyed from being a people, because he hath magnified himself against the LORD. (As a nation, they are through; any individual who turns back to God will be saved upon repentance)

⁴³ Fear, and the pit, and the snare, shall be upon thee, O inhabitant of Moab, saith the LORD. (The snare of the end times will be deception – believing that antichrist is Jesus, returned)

⁴⁴ He that fleeth from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that getteth up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for I will bring upon it, even upon Moab, the year of their visitation, saith the LORD. (There is no escape) (The cup of God's wrath will be poured out)

⁴⁵ They that fled stood under the shadow of Heshbon because of the force: but a fire shall come forth out of Heshbon, and a flame from the midst of Sihon, and shall devour the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the tumultuous ones. (Heshbon was a brick fortress, a stronghold; a place of safety) (Sihon = the warrior; the tumultuous ones – the swarmers, the mobs – the locust army of the end times. These are the muslims in the end times)

⁴⁶ Woe be unto thee, O Moab! the people of Chemosh perisheth: for thy sons are taken captives, and thy daughters captives. (Chemosh= the subduer)

⁴⁷ Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, saith the LORD. Thus far is the judgment of Moab.

