

Jeremiah 48

King James Version (KJV)

(God cursed all Moabite males, but not their women)

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)

²There 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)

NOTES: (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)

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

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

⁵For 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. (False religion leads people to hard times and weeping. They don't receive God's blessings)

⁶Flee, save your lives, and be like the heath in the wilderness. (The heath is a small bush in the desert. It struggles to survive, with the wild goats and other grazing animals continually stripping it bare. It never amounts to anything)

(On a spiritual level, false religions strip the worshippers of all of God's blessings. They never amount to anything)

⁷For 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> - was one of their idol deities)

(The people trusted in their earthly wealth and their own works, instead of trusting in God. These were Adamic people. Lot was Abraham's nephew. They had no excuse for not knowing God)

⁸And 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)

⁹Give wings unto Moab, that it may flee and get away: for the cities thereof shall be desolate, without any to dwell therein. (God expects us to make a stand against antichrist; not to run away. Today, Moab is a part of the Muslim nations)

(They hate God and kill Christians and Jews. Their Koran even states that Jesus will return; admit He was wrong; and then worship Allah. This is an insult to God <Yahoveh> of the highest order. Like all other blasphemers, God will avenge His name upon them)

¹⁰Cursed 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) Revelation-19:15

(People will need to hear the truth in the end times. Those who teach deceitfully will be cursed) see Ezekiel-13

¹¹Moab 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. (This verse is 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)

¹²Therefore, 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. (wanderers = tilters <in the Hebrew manuscripts>)

(Moab will be tested and spoiled by the wanderers <the tilters>. They will tilt his wine bottles. They will strip him bare. The good times will end abruptly. These tilters will be the Kenites, along with 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) (Chemosh = a Maobite deity. He can't save them)

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. (They were later overrun by Islam. Today, they continually fight against the world and against each other – Shia vs Sunni vs Christian. They have no peace, by their own doings. Look at Lebanon, today. Beirut continues to be in a state of war. Jordan is not much better off)

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 or vanity? That's because it was fit for nothing to begin with)

NOTE: (Today, Islam keeps these people from discovering the true God. If they try to leave Islam, and convert to Christianity, they are murdered by their own neighbors)

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)

(Antichrist will come in peacefully and prosperously, to deceive the whole world into worshipping him, as if he were Jesus) see Daniel-8:23-35, 11:24

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 idol worship)

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 will come down on them. There is no more splendor there)

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. He will be mocked for it)

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 at the end)

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? We call ourselves "exceptional", in our pride and arrogance. We will also be corrected for it)

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. His lies won't stand)

³¹ Therefore will I howl for Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab; mine heart shall mourn for the men of Kirheres. (Kirheres = a fortress)

(God cursed the males of Moab, but not the females)

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 your 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. Satan, as antichrist, will deceive and control Christians around the world for five months)

(The waters will be made desolate by the desolator <antichrist>. His false religion will confuse and deceive the people. Only Jesus Christ can provide the living waters that feed and enlighten people) see John-4:10-14

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 – the sacrifice of their own children by burning them alive to Moloch, their heathen 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) (The riches of this world amount to nothing in the end)

³⁷ For every head shall be bald, and every beard clipped: upon all the hands shall be cuttings, and upon the loins sackcloth. (These are all 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 – for their idolatry, for working against Israel through the centuries, for 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. (They will be 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. (Past - he was the king of Babylon; future - he will be Satan, posing 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 pangs, 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, Moab is through; however any individual <man or woman> who repents and returns 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 upon them)

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. They are the locust army of the end times – the Muslims, the communists and the Kenites)

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. (This is God's judgment. It will happen and no one can change it or stop it)