

⁶For the waters of Nimrim will be a wasteland,
for the grass is withered,
the vegetation fails,
there is nothing green.

⁷Therefore the riches that they have made and laid up,
they will carry away to the brook of the willows.

⁸For the cry has reached the borders of Moab;
her {Moab's} wailing as far as Eglaim,
her wailing—to Beer-elim.

The LORD ⁹For the waters of Dibon will be full of blood,
(to Moab) yet I will bring more upon Dibon,
a lion—to the one who escapes Moab,
and to the remnant of the land.

MOAB SEEKS REFUGE IN JUDAH (16:1-5)

Moabites **16** Send lambs to the ruler of the land from the rock of
the wilderness,
to the mountain of the daughter of Zion.

²And it will come to pass, that at the fords of Arnon the
daughters of Moab
will be like a fleeing bird,
cast out of the nest.

³Bring forth counsel,
make a decision;
make your shadow
like night in the midst of noonday;
hide the refugees;
do not betray the fugitives.

⁴Let my Moabite refugees dwell with you;
be a hiding place to them from the destroyer.
When the oppressor comes to an end,
destruction ceases,
and the trampler is finished from the land;

⁵then the throne will be established with loving-kindness,
and one will sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David,
judging, and seeking justice,
and being quick to do righteousness.

LAMENT FOR MOAB (16:6-14)

**Leaders/
People of
Judah** ⁶We have heard of the pride of Moab,
of his arrogance and his pride, [for he is very proud]¹⁰⁷, and his
rage, his lies [and all his evil works].

⁷Therefore Moab will wail for Moab;
all of it will wail.

For the raisin cakes of Kir-hareseth will you mourn,
stricken with grief.

⁸For the fields of Heshbon wither,
the vines of Sibmah;

the lords of the nations have broken down its choice vines,
which reach as far as Jazer, and spread to the wilderness;

her shoots spread abroad,
passing across the sea.

**The LORD?
Isaiah?** ⁹Therefore I weep, as Jazer weeps, for the vines of Sibmah;
I water you with my tears, O Heshbon and Elealeh,
because over your summer fruits
and over your harvest—the shout has fallen.

¹⁰And rejoicing is taken away,
and joy from the fruitful field,
and no singing gladly in the vineyards,
no shout in jubilation.

No one treads wine in the wine presses;
I have caused the jubilant shout to cease.

¹¹Therefore my bowels moan like a lyre for Moab
and my innermost being for Kir-haresh.

The LORD ¹²And it will come to pass,
when Moab appears at the high place, it will wear itself out;
when it comes to its temple to pray, it will be to no avail.

Isaiah ¹³This was the word that the LORD spoke concerning Moab in
the past. ¹⁴But now the LORD has spoken, saying,

The LORD “Within three years, as a hired worker considers them,
the glory of Moab with its large population will be lightly
esteemed, and the remnant will be very few and insignificant.”

107. Bracketed words in verse 6 are taken from the JST.