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The Word of the LORD concerning MOAB.

Jeremiah 48:1-5 ----- ¹Concerning Moab. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Woe to Nebo, for it is laid waste! Kiriathaim is put to shame, it is taken; the fortress is put to shame and broken down; ²the renown of Moab is no more. In Heshbon they planned disaster against her: 'Come, let us cut her off from being a nation!' You also, O Madmen, shall be brought to silence; the sword shall pursue you. ³"Hark! A cry from Horonaim, 'Desolation and great destruction!' ⁴Moab is destroyed; her little ones have made a cry. ⁵For at the ascent of Luhith they go up weeping; for at the descent of Horonaim they have heard the distressed cry of destruction.

Moab; the child that the eldest daughter had to her father Lot was called Moab; he is the father of the Moabites. The Moabites did not meet Israel with bread and water when they came out of Egypt and Moab hired Balaam against Israel to curse them. The land of Moab was on the East side of the Jordan River (Jerusalem is on the West side).

Nebo; land under control of the Moabites.

Kiriathaim; a fortress of Moab, the exact location is unknown.

Heshbon; a city of the Moabites lying nearly 20 miles east of the Jordan.

Horonaim; a place in Moab, the exact location is uncertain.

Luhith; a town of Moab located on a slope.

Great destruction will come to the towns and cities of Moab they will be laid waste, put to shame, their fortress's broken down and the men of influence and power killed.

Notice; these events are spoken in the present tense, yet they are future events still to take place (v16). This is because Jeremiah is seeing into the future what will happen to Moab and her associated nations he is speaking in the present moment as the future events unfold to him through the word of the LORD. Another reason a prophet can speak of future events in the present tense is because it is the word of the LORD they are speaking and therefore the events are guaranteed to come to pass.

Moab is warned to Flee and Save Themselves!

Jeremiah 48:6-7 ----- ⁶Flee! Save yourselves! You will be like a juniper in the desert! ⁷For, because you trusted in your works and your treasures, you also shall be taken; and Chemosh shall go into exile with his priests and his officials. ⁸The destroyer shall come upon every city, and no city shall escape; the valley shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed, as the LORD has spoken. ⁹"Give wings to Moab, for she would fly away; her cities shall become a desolation, with no inhabitant in them. ¹⁰"Cursed is he who does the work of the LORD with slackness, and cursed is he who keeps back his sword from bloodshed.

Chemosh; was the god of Moab.

Mesha, king of Moab; suffered a great disaster in his rebellion against Israel, in consequence of which he offered his son, the heir to the throne of Moab, as a burnt offering.

The inscription on the Moabite stone; shows that this sacrifice was made to Chemosh, and describes (in terms whose similarity in style to the terms employed by the Israelites of the true God only accentuates the contrast between the two) the help which Mesha believed Chemosh had given his people in war, and the chastisement which Chemosh meted out to them when they were unfaithful (2 Kings 3:4-27).

Moab will become waste, their treasures, their gods, the priests and their officials will be taken, the plains and the valley's will lay waste and no Moabite city will escape the impending destruction.

The destroyer shall come upon every city; (v8) refers to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, his allied nations and their armies.

The following verses show that the focus of Jeremiah is Babylon: -

Jeremiah 51:1 ----- ¹The word that the LORD spoke concerning BABYLON, concerning the land of the CHALDEANS, by Jeremiah the prophet.

Jeremiah 51:60 ----- ⁶⁰Jeremiah wrote in a book all the disaster that should come upon BABYLON, all these words that are written concerning BABYLON.

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Cursed is he who does the work of the LORD with slackness; means those who fight against Moab should fight with zeal, determination, commitment and all the strength and warrior skill they have as opposed to being half hearted.

Moab has been at ease from their Youth.

Jeremiah 48:11-13 --- ¹¹"Moab has been at ease from his youth and has settled on his dregs; he has not been emptied from vessel to vessel, nor has he gone into exile; so his taste remains in him, and his scent is not changed. ¹²"Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I shall send to him pourers who will pour him, and empty his vessels and break his jars in pieces. ¹³Then Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of Bethel, their confidence.

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Exiles (Stranger KJV) from Strong's Concordance means: -

- An alien alongside.
- A resident foreigner.
- Pilgrim or stranger.

Exile from the English Dictionary means: -

- The unwilling absence from a home country or place of residence, whether enforced by a government or court as a punishment, or self-imposed for political or religious reasons.
- Somebody living outside their own country.
- A citizen of one country who is forced or chooses to live in another.
- The official expulsion from a home, country, or area, sometimes to a particular place, as a punishment.
- To order somebody to leave and stay away from his or her own country or home.

Moab will be ashamed of Chemosh; as the house of Israel was ashamed of Bethel; their confidence refers to the worship centre and the golden calf Jeroboam had set up in the land of Bethel. The LORD had told Jacob to build an altar at Bethel. This altar was not built as an altar for sacrifice, but to be a monument that God had appeared to Jacob there. Many years later Jeroboam foolishly built a worship center there containing a golden calf, and an altar to offer sacrifices to God. Assyria invaded the land destroyed the worship center and took the people of Israel captive because they had put their confidence in this altar and the golden calf rather than the word of the LORD. This was the sin of Jeroboam which made Israel (the Ten Tribes in the land of Samaria) to sin (2 Kings 3:3), thus the LORD is saying to Moab that the same destruction will come to them and their god Chemosh.

The Calamity of Moab is near at Hand.

Jeremiah 48:14-18 --- ¹⁴"How do you say, 'We are heroes and mighty men of war'?" ¹⁵The destroyer of Moab and his cities has come up, and the choicest of his young men have gone down to slaughter, declares the King, whose name is the LORD of hosts. ¹⁶The calamity of Moab is near at hand, and his affliction hastens swiftly. ¹⁷Grieve for him, all you who are around him, and all who know his name; say, 'How the mighty scepter is broken, the glorious staff.' ¹⁸"Come down from your glory, and sit on the parched ground, O inhabitant of Dibon! For the destroyer of Moab has come up against you; he has destroyed your strongholds.

Dibon; is a place in the high plain of Moab under king Mesha. After the death of Ahab Mesha rebelled against Israel, and set up a stone slab at Dibon with engraving on it boasting of his defeating Ahab (the famous "Moabite stone"). See Chemosh (Jeremiah 48:6-7).

The people of Moab; are prideful believing and boasting that they are undefeated heroes and mighty men of war who are indestructible, but the LORD says, even the best of their men will be slaughtered.

Notice; the LORD tells the surrounding nations of Moab to grieve for the people of Moab in their defeat and horror. It is against the LORD'S heart and grieves Him to see people gloating and mocking a defeated enemy, the correct response is to have compassion because they have lost their families, husbands, children and everything they held precious, they are in extreme torment and agony themselves, they have been punished, defeated and humbled, mocking and gloating over people in this condition comes from a heart full of pride, hatred and revenge none of which are of the Spirit of the LORD.

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The Cities of Moab are laid Waste.

Jeremiah 48:19-24 --- ¹⁹Stand by the way and watch, O inhabitant of Aroer! Ask him who flees and her who escapes; say, 'What has happened?' ²⁰Moab is put to shame, for it is broken; wail and cry! Tell it beside the Arnon, that Moab is laid waste. ²¹"Judgment has come upon the tableland, upon Holon, and Jahzah, and Mephaath, ²²and Dibon, and Nebo, and Beth-diblathaim, ²³and Kiriathaim, and Beth-gamul, and Beth-meon, ²⁴and Kerioth, and Bozrah, and all the cities of the land of Moab, far and near.

Aroer; a town located just across from Moab its inhabitants are told to watch those fleeing from Moab as they pass by.

Arnon; arnon was an Israelite town on the north boundary of Moab.

Holon; a town in the plain of Moab.

Jahaz; (also Jahzah), city of Moab and stronghold.

Mephaath; Transjordanian town and Levitical city allotted to Reuben.

Dibon; see (Jeremiah 48:18).

Nebo; see Nebo (Jeremiah 48:1-5).

Beth-diblathaim; a Moabitish town, it is mentioned on the Moabite Stone.

Kiriathaim; a Transjordanian town assigned to Reuben.

Beth-gamul; was a Moabitish city.

Beth-meon; a city of Moab, it is the same as Beth-baal-meon.

Kerioth; a city of Moab.

Bozrah (Edom); in Jeremiah the word refers to a town in Moab. It lies about 75 miles S of Damascus, and was enlarged and beautified by the emperor Trajan, who made it the capital of the province of Arabia.

The Horn of Moab is Cut off, and his Arm is Broken.

Jeremiah 48:25-31 --- ²⁵The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, declares the LORD. ²⁶"Make him drunk, because he magnified himself against the LORD, so that Moab shall wallow in his vomit, and he too shall be held in derision. ²⁷Was not Israel a derision to you? Was he found among thieves, that whenever you spoke of him you wagged your head? ²⁸"Leave the cities, and dwell in the rock, O inhabitants of Moab! Be like the dove that nests in the sides of the mouth of a gorge. ²⁹We have heard of the pride of Moab—he is very proud—of his loftiness, his pride, and his arrogance, and the haughtiness of his heart. ³⁰I know his insolence, declares the LORD; his boasts are false, his deeds are false. ³¹Therefore I wail for Moab; I cry out for all Moab; for the men of Kir-hareseth I mourn.

Kir-hareseth; was a Moabite city.

The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken; means the king, and all those with power and authority are destroyed.

The Sins of Moab: -

- They magnified themselves against the LORD.
- They were full of pride and self-exaltation.
- They were arrogant and insolent.
- They boasted of achievements that were false.

Was not Israel derision to you? (v27) refers to Moab mocking, scorning and taunting Israel when they were defeated by their enemies.

Notice; God does not Delight in the Destruction of the Wicked.

The LORD is about to bring utter destruction upon the cities and land of Moab because of their wickedness, yet Jeremiah pictures God mourning, weeping and crying over the people of Moab (Jeremiah 48:31).

Jeremiah 48:31 ----- ³¹Therefore I (the LORD) wail for Moab; I cry out for all Moab; for the men of Kir-hareseth I mourn.

Wickedness Cannot Dwell with the LORD.

Psalms 5:4 ----- ⁴For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.

God hates wickedness because it brings harm to innocent humans, physically, financially, sexually, emotionally and spiritually, thus wickedness cannot dwell with the LORD. However the LORD is patient and longsuffering giving everyone grace and time to acknowledge God and turn from their wrong doing, but eventually mankind's wickedness reaches a depth of cruelty, pride and evil that God is forced to intervene and judge, nevertheless the following verses show that He takes no pleasure or delight in bringing suffering and sorrow to the human race.

Ezekiel 18:23 ----- ²³Have I (the LORD) any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord GOD, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?

Ezekiel 18:32 ----- ³²For I (the LORD) have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

Ezekiel 33:11 ----- ¹¹Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

This is the reason why it is so offensive to God when people, especially His people mock and scorn their enemies when they are defeated or harm has come to them. Justice must be done, but mocking and taunting those who have been punished, defeated and humbled and gloating over them when they are suffering comes from a heart full of pride, hatred and revenge none of which are of the Spirit of the LORD.

The LORD Weeps over the Cities of Moab.

Jeremiah 48:32-34 ---- ³²More than for Jazer I weep for you, O vine of Sibmah! Your branches passed over the sea, reached to the Sea of Jazer; on your summer fruits and your grapes the destroyer has fallen. ³³Gladness and joy have been taken away from the fruitful land of Moab; I have made the wine cease from the winepresses; no one treads them with shouts of joy; the shouting is not the shout of joy. ³⁴"From the outcry at Heshbon even to Elealeh, as far as Jahaz they utter their voice, from Zoar to Horonaim and Eglath-shelishiyah. For the waters of Nimrim also have become desolate.

Jahaz; (called Jahzah), city of Moab and stronghold north of the Arnon River.

Sibmah; a town located on the E of the Jordan River and belonging originally to Moab. It was finally taken by the Amorites but, was later captured and given to the tribe of Reuben, it was famous for its luxurious vines and fruits.

Heshbon; means reckoning, it was a city of the Moabites lying nearly 20 miles east of the Jordan, it still stands, but it is a ruin. (it is known as Hesban).

Elealeh; a town (in the tribe of Reuben) always mentioned with Heshon because it is located about a mile north of it, the modern site is marked by ruins and called El Ah.

Zoar; original name was Bela, meaning little, it was saved from immediate destruction with Sodom and Gomorrah in answer to the prayer of Lot, ("is it not a little one?") and when Moses stood on Mt, Pisgah to view the Promised Land, Zoar was at the southern limit of his view.

Horonaim; was a place in Moab, the exact location is uncertain.

Eglath-shelishiyah; a place in Moab.

Nimrim; a place in Moab noted for its waters.

There is no sound of joy or laughter in the cities and land of Moab because their crops, fruit and their vines of grapes, have been destroyed and water is scarce.

The LORD will bring an End to Moab.

Jeremiah 48:35-47 --- ³⁵And I will bring to an end in Moab, declares the LORD, him who offers sacrifice in the high place and makes offerings to his god. ³⁶Therefore my heart moans for Moab like a flute, and my heart moans like a flute for the men of Kir-hareseth. Therefore the riches they gained have perished. ³⁷"For every head is shaved and every beard cut off. On all the hands are gashes, and around the waist is sackcloth. ³⁸On all the housetops of Moab and in the squares there is nothing but lamentation, for I have broken Moab like a vessel for which no one cares, declares the LORD. ³⁹How it is broken! How they wail! How Moab has turned his back in shame! So Moab has become a derision and a horror to all that are around him." ⁴⁰For thus says the LORD: "Behold, one shall fly swiftly like an eagle and spread his wings against Moab; ⁴¹the cities shall be taken and the strongholds seized. The heart of the warriors of Moab shall be in that day like the heart of a woman in her birth pains; ⁴²Moab shall be destroyed and be no longer a people, because he magnified himself against the LORD. ⁴³Terror, pit, and snare are before you, O inhabitant of Moab! declares the LORD. ⁴⁴He who flees from the terror shall fall into the pit, and he who climbs out of the pit shall be caught in the snare. For I will bring these things upon Moab, the year of their punishment, declares the LORD. ⁴⁵"In the shadow of Heshbon fugitives stop without strength, for fire came out from Heshbon, flame from the house of Sihon; it has destroyed the forehead of Moab, the crown of the sons of tumult. ⁴⁶Woe to you, O Moab! The people of Chemosh are undone, for your sons have been taken captive, and your daughters into captivity. ⁴⁷Yet I will restore the fortunes of Moab in the latter days, declares the LORD." Thus far is the judgment on Moab.

Kir-hareseth; was a city of Moab.

The LORD will bring to an end in Moab: -

- Those who offer sacrifice in the high place and make offerings to their god.
- The riches and the wealth the people have acquired.
- Those who magnified themselves up against the LORD.

Moab is pictured as being a people in extreme lamentation, wailing and sorrow, they have shaved their heads, their beards, cut their skin, put on sackcloth, feel ashamed, because of all the harrow that has come to their land, their towns and their cities and their sons and daughters have been taken captive, but the LORD says, in the latter days He will again restore the fortunes of Moab (v47).

End.