

due January 22, 2017

The burden of Moab (15:1)
At that day shall a man look to his Maker (17:7)
Isaiah 15-18

“Open thou mine eyes, that I may [regard with pleasure] wondrous things out of thy law” (Ps. 119:18)!

Monday (January 16)—prayerfully read and enjoy Isaiah 15, and answer the following questions.

Please emphasize in class time the questions marked with an asterisk (*), thanks.

1. Isaiah 15 is about what nation (15:1)? _____

(bonus) What do you suppose “burden of Moab” means?

2. What do you suppose are Ar, Kir, Bajith, Dibon, Nebo, Medeba, Heshbon, Elealeh, Jahaz, Zoar, Luhith, Horonaim, Nimrim, Eglaim, Beerelim, and Dimon, all proper names found in this chapter? _____

3. What is the spirit and attitude (emotional state) of the people of this chapter (the Moabites) at this time?

(bonus) Why is this their spirit and attitude (vs. 1, 5, 6, 9)?

*4. What was Isaiah’s attitude regarding their grief (15:5)?

5. Are we told in this chapter what the Moabites had done to bring this destruction upon them, and if so what was it?

6. Take a thought with you for the day from these verses to think about. _____

Tuesday (January 17)—prayerfully read Isaiah 16, and know that it is hard to understand—I think that if you read it continually praying for understanding, and then simply answer the questions, it won’t be that hard!

1. Isaiah 16 continues the burden of (message to) Moab. In verse 1, who is being addressed directly? Verse 3 gives a big hint.

(bonus) In the first five verses of this chapter 16, it seems mercy is being extended to at least some in Moab; considering verses 1 and 5, where does this mercy seem to be coming from? _____

*2. What seems to be the primary sin of Moab, and what are two other sins which seem to be present in him (16:6-7)?

3. Who are the ones punishing Moab (16:8)?

4. What primarily is being broken down and destroyed of Moab (16:9-10)? _____

(bonus) How soon from the time of Isaiah’s giving his message, was this destruction to Moab to happen (16:14)?

5. What is written which indicates that the prophet was moved by compassion toward Moab (16:9)? _____

(bonus) Who (besides Isaiah) cared about this destruction coming to Moab (16:7)? _____

*6. What can you apply to your life from this chapter (and take with you for the day)? _____

Wednesday (January 18)—prayerfully read Isaiah 17:1-8, and answer the following.

1. Isaiah's burden (message) in this chapter pertains to what country? The capitol of the country is given in verse 1 and the country is named in verse 3. _____
2. The glory of this country (Syria) is compared to the glory of what other nation (17:3-6)? _____
- *3. What would God leave in both of these nations (17:3-7)? This will take a little extra thought! _____
- *4. What change will come on at least some of the people (apparently the ones who would be spared) (17:7-8)?

5. Contemplate the picture Isaiah paints for us in these verses (6-8), at least for a little bit of time.
6. Talk to the Lord about your not wanting to trust the work of your hands! Did you? _____

Thursday (January 19)—prayerfully read Isaiah 17:9-14, and answer the following.

- *1. What shall happen in that day to Moab, and why (17:8-9)?

2. What picture did Isaiah paint in the last half of verse 10 and all of verse 11? _____

3. Isaiah seems to expand his point from Moab to all (or many) nations in 17:12-13a; how are these nations pictured?

4. What will happen to these nations, apparently rushing on Israel (Judah) (17:13)? _____

5. What reason is given for the trouble pronounced on Moab and other nations in 17:14? _____

6. Take these thoughts with you today.

Friday (January 20)—prayerfully read Isaiah 18, and answer the following.

1. Assuming the "rivers of Ethiopia" to include the Nile River, what land probably is being addressed in this woe (18:1)?

(bonus) What do you suppose "shadowing with wings" might mean? _____

2. Compare 18:2 and 7, and what they have in common. Who do you suppose is this nation "scattered and peeled"?

3. Who do you suppose is lifting up the ensign in 18:3, and what else is being done in that verse to attract the people who are being called (seemingly)? _____

4. Isaiah 18:4-7 seem to be describing the dispersion of the Israelites (which we know about today because of the rest of the Bible story and through history)—what seems to be the Lord's attitude toward His scattered people in verse 4?

5. What do you suppose is the present in verse 7?

6. Take a thought or a verse with you for the day (perhaps how the LORD grows His precious people, using hardness).

Saturday (January 21)—enjoy your other Bible study today—this is a hard-to-understand section, and I'm sure that you worked hard and need a break!

Sunday (January 22)—prayerfully review Isaiah 15-18.