

# Isaiah 16

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## Moab's Devastation

- <sup>1</sup> Send ye the lamb to the ruler of the land from Sela to the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion.
  - <sup>2</sup> For it shall be, that, as a wandering bird cast out of the nest, so the daughters of Moab shall be at the fords of Arnon.
  - <sup>3</sup> Take counsel, execute judgment; make thy shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; bewray not him that wandereth.
  - <sup>4</sup> Let mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler: for the extortioner is at an end, the spoiler ceaseth, the oppressors are consumed out of the land.
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- <sup>5</sup> And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness.
  - <sup>6</sup> We have heard of the pride of Moab; he is very proud: even of his haughtiness, and his pride, and his wrath: but his lies shall not be so.
  - <sup>7</sup> Therefore shall Moab howl for Moab, every one shall howl: for the foundations of Kir-hareseth shall ye mourn; surely they are stricken.
  - <sup>8</sup> For the fields of Heshbon languish, and the vine of Sibmah: the lords of the heathen have broken down the principal plants thereof, they are come even unto Jazer, they wandered through the wilderness: her branches are stretched out, they are gone over the sea.

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- 9** Therefore I will bewail with the weeping of Jazer the vine of Sibmah: I will water thee with my tears, O Heshbon, and Elealeh: for the shouting for thy summer fruits and for thy harvest is fallen.
- 10** And gladness is taken away, and joy out of the plentiful field; and in the vineyards there shall be no singing, neither shall there be shouting: the treaders shall tread out no wine in their presses; I have made their vintage shouting to cease.
- 11** Wherefore my bowels shall sound like an harp for Moab, and mine inward parts for Kir-haresh.
- 12** And it shall come to pass, when it is seen that Moab is weary on the high place, that he shall come to his sanctuary to pray; but he shall not prevail.
- 13** This is the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning Moab since that time.
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- 14** But now the LORD hath spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of an hireling, and the glory of Moab shall be contemned, with all that great multitude; and the remnant shall be very small and feeble.
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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### **Glory** — כְּבוֹד (Kavod)

Glory, weight, honor

The Hebrew **kavod** (כְּבוֹד) literally means 'weight' or 'heaviness,' metaphorically denoting glory, honor, or majesty. God's glory (Shekinah) filled the tabernacle (Exodus 40:34) and temple (1 Kings 8:11).

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### **Lord** — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

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**Mercy** — רַחֲמִים (Rachamim)

Compassion, mercy

The Hebrew **rachamim** (רַחֲמִים) derives from 'womb' (rechem), suggesting tender, maternal compassion. God's mercies are 'new every morning' (Lamentations 3:23), showing His compassionate nature.

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**Truth** — אֱמֶת (Emet)

Truth, faithfulness

The Hebrew **emet** (אֱמֶת) means truth or faithfulness—reliability and conformity to reality. God is true (emet), utterly faithful to His word and character.

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**Word** — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

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**CROSS REFERENCES**


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**Isaiah 16:1**    **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 10:32; 2 Samuel 8:2; 2 Kings 3:4; 14:7

**Isaiah 16:2**    **Parallel theme:** Judges 11:18; Proverbs 27:8

**Isaiah 16:3**    **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 32:2; 1 Kings 18:4

**Isaiah 16:4**    **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 9:4; 14:4; 51:13; Malachi 4:3

**Isaiah 16:5**    **Kingdom:** 2 Samuel 7:16; Daniel 7:14; 7:27; Micah 4:7. **Righteousness:** Zechariah 9:9. **Grace:** Proverbs 20:28

**Isaiah 16:6**    **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 48:26; 48:42; Amos 2:1

**Isaiah 16:7**    **Parallel theme:** 2 Kings 3:25; Jeremiah 48:20

**Isaiah 16:8**    **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 15:4; Numbers 32:38

**Isaiah 16:9**    **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 40:12

**Isaiah 16:10**    **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 48:33; Amos 5:11; 5:17. **Creation:** Judges 9:27

**Isaiah 16:11**    **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 15:5; 63:15; Jeremiah 31:20; 48:36; Hosea 11:8; Philippians 2:1

**Isaiah 16:12** **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 15:2; Numbers 22:39; 23:14; 23:28; 1 Kings 18:29; Jeremiah 48:35

**Isaiah 16:14** **Glory:** Isaiah 21:16; 23:9. **References Lord:** Jeremiah 48:42

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