### Jeremiah

## Chapter 48

1Jehovah of Armies, the God of IsraEl, said this against MoAb:  
  
 ‘Woe to Nebo, for it was destroyed,  
 And KiriAth JaiRim was taken…  
 Their forts were all vanquished and shamed.  
  
2MoAb won’t be dancing in HeshBon,  
 For God has planned many bad things against her.  
  
 ‘Come and cut her out of the nations…  
 Let’s bring her to an end with the sword!’  
  
 3‘From HoroNaim comes the sound of men shouting,  
 For destruction and ruin have arrived,  
 4And MoAb will be wiped away!  
  
 ‘Announce this too in Zogora!  
 5For LuHith is now filled with weeping,  
 And on the road to HoroNaim, they’re crying.  
  
 ‘You can hear the cries of destruction;  
 6So escape, and run for your lives…  
 Go live in the desert like zebras!  
  
 7‘But you’ll be captured because you’ve relied  
 On your treasures and forts.  
 So you’ll be taken away and resettled,  
 Along with your princes and priests.  
  
 8‘To your cities, ruin is coming…  
 None of your towns will be saved.  
 So your valleys will then be destroyed,  
 As will even your plains,’ says Jehovah.  
  
 9‘Post signs over MoAb that say she has the plague;  
 So, soon she’ll have to be burned.  
 Her cities will become unwalked lands,  
 For there’ll be no one living within them.’  
  
10O cursed is the one who’s indifferent  
 When it comes to doing the work of the Lord…  
 Cursed is the one who holds back his sword!  
  
 11‘MoAb has rested since childhood,  
 Relying upon his own glory.  
 He’s never poured dregs from pitcher to pitcher,  
 Nor has he been carried away…  
 So his sense of taste hasn’t left him,  
 And his ability to smell still remains.  
  
 12‘But because of this,’ says Jehovah,  
 ‘{Look!} The days are coming when I will send  
 Those who wish to lean upon him.  
  
 ‘Then, they’ll water [the wine] in his pitchers,  
 And they will break all his trumpets.  
 13MoAb will be disgraced before CheMosh  
 As IsraEl was disgraced before BethEl.  
  
 14‘So, how can you say, ‘We are strong…  
 All our men are mighty for war?’  
 15For, MoAb and his cities are gone…  
 His young men have fallen in slaughter,’  
  
Says the King, Jehovah of Armies.  
  
 16‘MoAb’s day of harm has quickly arrived.  
 17So those around him should all move away,  
 And those who were trusting in him should now ask:  
  
 ‘Who broke this famous one’s staff?’  
 ‘Who broke that magnificent rod?’  
  
 18‘So, descend from your glory and sit where it’s damp,  
 O you daughters of Dibon!  
 For now that MoAb has been destroyed,  
 Someone is coming to you  
 Who will destroy all your forts!  
  
 19‘Stand in the road and then look,  
 All you who are sitting in AroEr,  
 Then ask the fleeing what has happened.  
  
 20‘MoAb is broken and he’s been disgraced.  
 So shriek, cry out, and announce it in Arnon  
 That mighty MoAb has fallen!  
  
 21‘For, judgment has come to the land of Misor…  
 On MephaAth, JaHazah, and Holon,  
 22As well as on Dibon and Nebo,  
 And on the house of the DiblaThaim.  
  
 23‘On KiriAth JaiRim, it has arrived,  
 And on the house of GaMul,  
 As well as on the house of MeOn.  
  
 24‘It has come on KiriAth and BozRah…  
 Upon all the cities of MoAb,  
 Both those who are near and those far away.  
  
 25‘The horn of MoAb has been broken  
 And his mighty arm is now destroyed,’ says Jehovah.  
 26‘So let [all of his people] get drunk;  
 For before them, he made himself great.  
  
 ‘In his own vomit, MoAb will wallow,  
 And he’ll be considered a joke.  
 27O IsraEl; you’re the reason why this came to be…  
 It was your cunning ways that brought this on them,  
 Because they were [your ally] in war.  
  
 28‘The people of MoAb have all fled their towns,  
 And now they must live among rocks…  
 They must live like doves among stones.  
  
 29‘I heard the insolence of MoAb,  
 And he was very insulting…  
 Then his insults and pride raised his heart.  
  
 30‘But I’m aware of the [bad] things he’s done,’ says Jehovah,  
 ‘And from him, I’ve endured far too much…  
 Yes, I know of his [wicked] deeds.  
  
 31‘Because of this, MoAb will shriek,  
 And the men of KeIr will be yelling  
 Because of their squalid conditions!  
  
 32‘The same as I’ve wept over JaZer  
 Is how I’ll cry over you,  
 O great grapevine of SibMah.  
 For your vines have reached to the sea,  
 And they’ve touched the city of JaZer.  
  
 ‘Now, ruin has come to your autumn fruits,  
 And on those who are picking your grapes.  
  
 33‘But at CarMel, there’s reason for shouting and joy;  
 For there’s no one to tread MoAb’s wine vats…  
 Yes, from morning to evening, they’re [shouting in] joy.  
  
 34‘From HeshBon, to ElYaleh, and to JaHaz  
 There now arises a cry;  
 From ZoAr to HoroNaim there’s bleating  
 As though coming from 3-year-old heifers…  
 For the waters at NimRim have dried.  
  
 35‘To MoAb, I will bring destruction,’ says Jehovah…  
 ‘To this one who goes up to his shrines  
 And burns incense there to his gods.  
  
 36‘So like pipes, MoAb’s heart will soon resonate  
 The same as My heart resonates  
 For all the people of KeIr-Aras…  
 Where like pipes, their [hearts] will resonate too,  
 Since the things that they’ve gained will all perish.  
  
 37‘Then all their heads will be shorn,  
 And all their beards will be shaved…  
 They’ll be beating their chests with their hands,  
 And every loin will wear sackcloth.  
  
 38‘[There’ll be wailing] on the rooftops of MoAb,  
 As well as in all of their squares,  
 Because I will have smashed MoAb,’ says Jehovah,  
 ‘Like a pot that is no longer used.  
  
 39‘O how very contrite;  
 O how MoAb’s repented;  
 For, MoAb’s now laughed at and shamed…  
 An object of horror to those [passing by].’  
  
40Jehovah says:  
  
 ‘I’ll spread and stretch out My wings over MoAb…  
 41KiriAth and her forts will be seized.  
 In that day, the hearts of the armies of MoAb  
 Will become like the hearts of their women.  
  
42MoAb will [soon] be destroyed,  
 So he will no longer be many…  
 For against him, Jehovah will prove Himself great.  
  
 43‘Snares, fear, and the pit have arrived  
 Upon you who have settled in MoAb,’ says Jehovah.  
 44‘For those fleeing in fear will fall into pits,  
 And those climbing out will be caught in a snare.  
  
 ‘I’ll be bringing these things upon MoAb  
 In the year that I go there to visit,’ says Jehovah.  
  
 45‘In the shadow of HeshBon, they stopped…  
 The army that was running away.  
 For, fire arose out of HeshBon,  
 And in SiHon’s midst, there were flames  
 That devoured the forehead of MoAb  
 And the scalps of the sons of SiHon.  
  
 46‘Woe upon you, O MoAb!  
 For the people of CheMosh have all been destroyed,  
 And their sons and daughters were carried away.  
 47But the captives of MoAb, I will return  
 In the last days,’ says Jehovah.  
  
This was the judgment upon MoAb.