

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, September 18, 2022

Passage: Isaiah 15:1-16:14

Memory Passage: Isaiah 16:3-4a

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 15:1-16:14.** Read this oracle concerning Moab and take notes concerning what you observe about content, structure, change in mood, repeated words or phrases, etc. Also, write down any questions you have as you read.

(b) What do you learn about Moab from the following passages: Gen.19:30-38; Deut. 2:9, 26-29; 23:3-4; Ruth 1:1-4; 4:13-17; 2 Kings 1:1; 3:4-27; 23:36-24:4; & Ez. 25:8-9.

(c) **Read Ezekiel 48:1-47.** What do you learn from Jeremiah's oracle against Moab that you did not know from Isaiah's?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 15:1-16:14.** There are many places mentioned in this oracle, some of which we know their locations and some we do not. If you have an ESV Study Bible, you can find a map on page 1272 that shows the actual and probably (marked with question marks). The mention of "Ar" and "Kir" (Kir most likely refers to "Kir Haraseth") presents a fitting introduction to the purpose of all the places in chapters 15-16: Ar is in the north, Kir is in the south, so complete destruction.

(b) Explain what is happening in Moab in 15:1-4.

(c) Who speaks in 15:5-9, and what emotion is expressed?

(d) What story is told in 15:5-9?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 15:1-16:14.** Who speaks in 16:1-4a?

(b) What is the purpose of sending the lamb, and to whom is it to be sent?

(c) What requests does the speaker(s) make in 16:3-4a?

(d) Why do you think the Moab representatives approach Israel for this help?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read Is. 15:1-16:14.** What characteristics mark the one who will bring security (16:5), who is this person, and what passages have we already studied that make his identity clear?

(b) Who speaks in v. 5, and what do they give as the reason for Moab failing to enter the security offered in v. 5?

(c) Explain who is speaking, what they say, and the purpose for the “therefore” in each of the three “therefore” sections (vs. 7-8, 9-10, & 11).

(d) What will Moab do instead of submitting to the Messiah’s rule, and why will this fail to accomplish their need (v. 12)?

(e) Explain what Yahweh will do “in three years” (v. 13). How does this remnant fare when compared to Judah’s remnant?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read Is. 15:1-16:14.** What do you learn about refugees and God’s attitude toward them in this oracle? How does this inform you concerning how God desires His people to respond to refugees in our day?

(b) What do you learn about God’s compassion in this oracle, even compassion toward His enemies who are suffering from their sin? Who are the enemies of God today, and how does this encourage you to show compassion to them even when they are suffering from the consequences of their sin?

(c) Even while showing compassion, God still calls them to repentance and promises judgment for their sin. How does this inform our gospel preaching ministry to those who are enemies of the cross, enemies we are commanded to love?

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