

Isaiah 6-39 God will rule over a new, perfect and eternal creation	Ch 6-12 God will rule with goodness and power, replacing human kings	Ch 13-27 God will destroy evil and dismantle this creation	Ch 28-35 God will instantly reverse bad and sad situations to become happy and glad	Ch 36-39 Human kings cannot enable long-term happiness
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Isaiah 14:24-16:14 (NIVUK)

²⁴ The LORD Almighty has sworn,
 ‘Surely, as I have planned, so it will be,
 and as I have purposed, so it will happen.
²⁵ I will crush the Assyrian in my land;
 on my mountains I will trample him down.
 His yoke will be taken from my people,
 and his burden removed from their shoulders.’
²⁶ This is the plan determined for the whole world;
 this is the hand stretched out over all nations.
²⁷ For the LORD Almighty has purposed,
 and who can thwart him?
 His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?

²⁸ This prophecy came in the year King Ahaz died:
²⁹ Do not rejoice, all you Philistines,
 that the rod that struck you is broken;
 from the root of that snake will spring up a viper,
 its fruit will be a darting, venomous serpent.
³⁰ The poorest of the poor will find pasture,
 and the needy will lie down in safety.
 But your root I will destroy by famine;
 it will slay your survivors.
³¹ Wail, you gate! Howl, you city!
 Melt away, all you Philistines!
 A cloud of smoke comes from the north,
 and there is not a straggler in its ranks.
³² What answer shall be given to the envoys of that nation?
 ‘The LORD has established Zion,
 and in her his afflicted people will find refuge.’

15 A prophecy against Moab:

Ar in Moab is ruined,
 destroyed in a night!
 Kir in Moab is ruined,
 destroyed in a night!

Sunday 5 October 2025

1. Assyria will be destroyed (14:24-27)

- very, very certainly

2. Philistia will be destroyed (14:28-32)

- celebration becomes sorrow (14:28-31)

- God will be known (14:32)

3. Moab will be destroyed (15:1-16:14)

a. starts in the central stronghold cities... (15:1)

Isaiah 13-27 God will destroy evil and dismantle this creation	<u>13:1-14:23</u> Babylon will be destroyed	<u>14:24-27</u> Assyria will be destroyed	<u>14:28-32</u> Philistia will be destroyed	<u>15:1-16:14</u> Moab will be destroyed	<u>17:1-14</u> Israel-Syria will be destroyed	<u>18:1-7</u> Cush will be destroyed	<u>19:1-25</u> Egypt will be destroyed
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...sweeps up to North Moab...
(15:2-4)

² **Dibon** goes up to its temple,
to its high places to weep;
Moab wails over **Nebo** and **Medeba**.

Every head is shaved
and every beard cut off.

³ In the streets they wear sackcloth;
on the roofs and in the public squares
they all wail,
prostrate with weeping.

⁴ **Heshbon** and **Elealeh** cry out,
their voices are heard all the way to **Jahaz**.
Therefore the armed men of Moab cry out,
and their hearts are faint.

...and down to South Moab...
(15:5-8)

⁵ My heart cries out over Moab;
her fugitives flee as far as **Zoar**,
as far as **Eglath Shelishiyah**.

They go up the hill to **Luhith**,
weeping as they go;
on the road to **Horonaim**
they lament their destruction.

⁶ The waters of **Nimrim** are dried up
and the grass is withered;
the vegetation is gone
and nothing green is left.

⁷ So the wealth they have acquired and stored up
they carry away over the **Ravine of the Poplars**.

⁸ Their outcry echoes along the border of Moab;
their wailing reaches as far as **Eglaim**,
their lamentation as far as **Beer Elim**.

...brutal destruction!
(15:9)

⁹ The waters of **Dimon**^a are full of blood,
but I will bring still more upon **Dimon** –
a lion upon the fugitives of Moab
and upon those who remain in the land.

b. Moab's desperate plea...
(16:1-5)

16 Send lambs as tribute
to the ruler of the land,

^a *Dimon*, a wordplay on *Dibon* (see 15:2) sounds like the Hebrew for *blood*.

<u>20:1-6</u> Egypt & Cush will be destroyed	<u>21:1-17</u> Babylon will be destroyed	<u>22:1-25</u> Judah will be destroyed	<u>23:1-18</u> Tyre will be destroyed	<u>24:1-23</u> The earth will be destroyed	<u>25:1-26:6</u> Death will be destroyed	<u>26:7-21</u> Suffering will be destroyed	<u>27:1-13</u> Evil will be destroyed
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For a 2-minute video that
summarises Isaiah 13-27:
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from **Sela**, across the **desert**,
to the mount of Daughter Zion.

² Like fluttering birds
pushed from the nest,
so are the women of Moab
at the fords of the **Arnon**.

³ ‘Make up your mind,’ Moab says.
‘Render a decision.

Make your shadow like night –
at high noon.

Hide the fugitives,
do not betray the refugees.

⁴ Let the Moabite fugitives stay with you;
be their shelter from the destroyer.’

The oppressor will come to an end,
and destruction will cease;
the aggressor will vanish from the land.

⁵ In love a throne will be established;
in faithfulness a man will sit on it –

one from the house^b of David –
one who in judging seeks justice
and speeds the cause of righteousness.

‘Please let us take refuge
with you, Judah...’

‘...because we know God
has promised you good!’

⁶ We have heard of Moab’s pride –
how great is her arrogance! –
of her conceit, her pride and her insolence;
but her boasts are empty.

⁷ Therefore the Moabites wail,
they wail together for Moab.

Lament and grieve
for the raisin cakes of **Kir Hareseth**.

⁸ The fields of **Heshbon** wither,
the vines of **Sibmah** also.

The rulers of the nations
have trampled down the choicest vines,
which once reached **Jazer**
and spread towards the **desert**.

...is refused by Judah.
(16:6-8)

^b Hebrew *tent*

Isaiah 1-5 Introduction How can one be spared judgement and live happily ever after?	Isaiah 6-39 New Creation God will rule over a new, perfect and eternal creation	Isaiah 40-55 New relationship God will restore his people from exile to a permanent relationship	Isaiah 56-66 Who God will choose the humble and reject the proud
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Isaiah reacts to Moab's hopelessness (16:9-12)

Their shoots spread out
and went as far as the sea.^c

⁹ So I weep, as Jazer weeps,
for the vines of Sibmah.

Heshbon and Elealeh,
I drench you with tears!

The shouts of joy over your ripened fruit
and over your harvests have been stilled.

¹⁰ Joy and gladness are taken away from the orchards;
no one sings or shouts in the vineyards;
no one treads out wine at the presses,
for I have put an end to the shouting.

¹¹ My heart laments for Moab like a harp,
my inmost being for Kir Hareseth.

¹² When Moab appears at her high place,
she only wears herself out;
when she goes to her shrine to pray,
it is to no avail.

Historical time marker (16:13-14)

- acknowledges that this prophecy had a temporal function
- gives the reader more certainty of God's coming judgement

¹³ This is the word the LORD has already spoken concerning Moab. ¹⁴ But now the LORD says: 'Within three years, as a servant bound by contract would count them, Moab's splendour and all her many people will be despised, and her survivors will be very few and feeble.'

For reflection

1. [Diagnostic] To what extent do you actively reflect on God dismantling this creation? Why?
2. [Devotional] Are there parts of Isaiah 14:24-16:14 that struck you? Are there parts you need God's help to hear?

Next Sunday (12 October): Isaiah 17-18 | Match day - parking vouchers available

^c Probably the Dead Sea



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