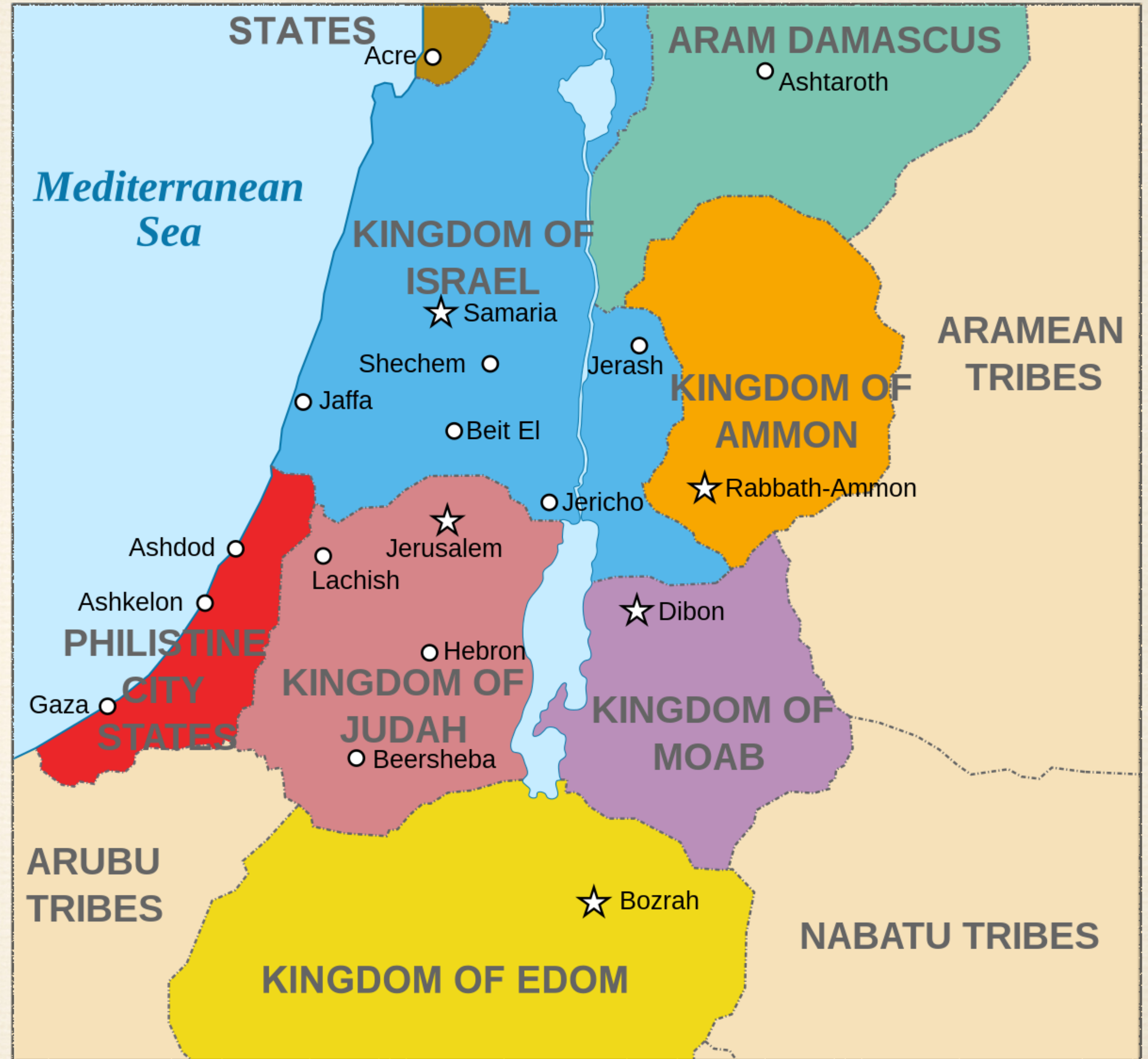


Isaiah 15 & 16



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Moab in OT Times



Moab was
located in
present day
Jordan



History and Background

- ❖ Genesis 19:30-38 (Descendants of Lot and relatives to Abraham)
- ❖ Deuteronomy 2:9 (God allotted land to Moab because they were Lot's descendants)
- ❖ Deuteronomy 34:5-8 (Moses died and was buried in Moab (unknown grave))
- ❖ Ruth 1: 1 (Gave refuge to Israelis during famine)
- ❖ 2 Kings 3 (Gives historical background and understanding of the prophecy)

Isaiah 15:1-4 NKJV

The burden against Moab. Because in the night Ar of Moab is laid waste And destroyed, Because in the night Kir of Moab is laid waste And destroyed, [2] He has gone up to the temple and Dibon, To the high places to weep. Moab will wail over Nebo and over Medeba; On all their heads will be baldness, And every beard cut off. [3] In their streets they will clothe themselves with sackcloth; On the tops of their houses And in their streets Everyone will wail, weeping bitterly. [4] Heshbon and Elealeh will cry out, Their voice shall be heard as far as Jahaz; Therefore the armed soldiers of Moab will cry out; His life will be burdensome to him.

- ❖ All these places were cities of significance in Moab
 - ❖ They are destroyed
 - ❖ They fall quickly
- ❖ They will mourn greatly because the fall of these cities (Did you shed a tear on 9/11/2001?)
 - ❖ Even the hardened soldier will be shocked by the carnage
 - ❖ Some may even mourned that they survived (common in warfare)

Isaiah 15:5-6 NKJV

"My heart will cry out for Moab; His fugitives shall flee to Zoar, Like a three-year-old heifer. For by the Ascent of Luhith They will go up with weeping; For in the way of Horonaim They will raise up a cry of destruction, [6] For the waters of Nimrim will be desolate, For the green grass has withered away; The grass fails, there is nothing green.

❖ “My” whether coming from the prophet or directly from Yahweh offers sympathy. (I think refers to the LORD)

❖ Why?

❖ The historical significance

❖ Relatives of Israel through Abraham/Lot

❖ Ruth is a Moabitess (provided the Davidic line that leads to the Messiah, Jesus Christ)

Isaiah 15:7-9 NKJV

Therefore the abundance they have gained, And what they have laid up, They will carry away to the Brook of the Willows. [8] For the cry has gone all around the borders of Moab, Its wailing to Eglaim And its wailing to Beer Elim. [9] For the waters of Dimon will be full of blood; Because I will bring more upon Dimon, Lions upon him who escapes from Moab, And on the remnant of the land."

- ❖ There will be refugees
- ❖ Wailing and mourning
- ❖ Fleeing for safety
- ❖ Yet the land will be barren and there will be little or no water
- ❖ They will even have to contend with wild beasts
- ❖ They will not be helped as God had helped Israel/Judah in (2 Kings 3)

Isaiah 16:1-5 NKJV

Send the lamb to the ruler of the land, From Sela to the wilderness,
To the mount of the daughter of Zion. [2] For it shall be as a
wandering bird thrown out of the nest; So shall be the daughters of
Moab at the fords of the Arnon. [3] "Take counsel, execute
judgment; Make your shadow like the night in the middle of the day;
Hide the outcasts, Do not betray him who escapes. [4] Let My
outcasts dwell with you, O Moab; Be a shelter to them from the face
of the spoiler. For the extortioner is at an end, Devastation ceases,
The oppressors are consumed out of the land. [5] In mercy the
throne will be established; And One will sit on it in truth, in the
tabernacle of David, Judging and seeking justice and hastening
righteousness."

❖ (V 1) send tribute to Israel.

❖ Sela=Petra (cf. our study in Revelation)

❖ Moab had paid tribute of lambs to Israel in a previous time (cf. 2 Kings 3)

❖ (V 2) These refugees will be seeking a place of shelter from war. (Helpless as birds fallen from the nest)

❖ (V 3) appeal to Israel to take you in and shelter you

❖ (V 4-5) Moab had taken in Israel before

❖ Ruth 1:1-4

❖ 1 Samuel 22:3 (David)

❖ Some of their remnant will be in the millennial kingdom

❖ Descendants

❖ Also brought together through David's line (Ruth)

Isaiah 16:6-9 NKJV

We have heard of the pride of Moab- He is very proud- Of his haughtiness and his pride and his wrath; But his lies shall not be so. [7] Therefore Moab shall wail for Moab; Everyone shall wail. For the foundations of Kir Hareseth you shall mourn; Surely they are stricken. [8] For the fields of Heshbon languish, And the vine of Sibmah; The lords of the nations have broken down its choice plants, Which have reached to Jazer And wandered through the wilderness. Her branches are stretched out, They are gone over the sea. [9] Therefore I will bewail the vine of Sibmah, With the weeping of Jazer; I will drench you with my tears, O Heshbon and Elealeh; For battle cries have fallen Over your summer fruits and your harvest.

Isaiah 16:10-12 NKJV

Gladness is taken away, And joy from the plentiful field; In the vineyards there will be no singing, Nor will there be shouting; No treaders will tread out wine in the presses; I have made their shouting cease. [11]

Therefore my heart shall resound like a harp for Moab, And my inner being for Kir Heres. [12] And it shall come to pass, When it is seen that Moab is weary on the high place, That he will come to his sanctuary to pray; But he will not prevail.

The Mesha Stele

- ❖ The Mesha Stele, also known as the Moabite Stone, is a stele dated around 840 BCE containing a significant Canaanite inscription in the name of King Mesha of Moab.



❖(V 6) The pride of Moab (see handout on the Mesha Stele)

❖(V 7). Their bark is worse than their bite

❖(Vv 8-11) The countries cities will be devastated, crops destroyed as well

❖No celebrations or festivals

❖No more delicacies

❖(V 12) They still won't turn from false gods to the **ONE TRUE GOD**

Isaiah 16:13-14 NKJV

This is the word which the LORD has spoken concerning Moab since that time. [14] But now the LORD has spoken, saying, "Within three years, as the years of a hired man, the glory of Moab will be despised with all that great multitude, and the remnant will be very small and feeble."