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 - a. The severity of the devastation, **(Ch. 15)**.
 - b. An offer of mercy made to Moab on condition that she return to her allegiance to the house of David, **(16:1-5)**.
 - c. Seemingly Moab rejects the offer, **(vv. 6-12)**.
 - d. The time is fixed for the visitation, **(vv. 13-14)**.
 - 3. Damascus, Israel, Assyria--a complete overthrow, **(Ch. 17)**.
 - a. Burden of Damascus: a ruinous heap, **(vv. 1-3)**.
 - b. Denunciation and woe on Israel, **(vv. 4-11)**.
 - c. Prophecy against Assyria (possibly against Sennacherib's men), **(vv. 12-14)**

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 - 4. Oracles concerning Ethiopia and Egypt, **(Chs. 18-20)**.
 - a. Ethiopia's homage to Jehovah, **(Ch. 18)**.
 - i. Ethiopia summons her people together, **(vv. 1-3)**. (probably at the threat of Sennacherib)
 - ii. God rests calmly in heaven as events are ripening, **(vv. 4-5)**.
 - iii. The enemy is to be given to the fowls of the air – Ethiopia pays its homage to Jehovah, **(vv. 6-7)**.

Questions

1. From whom does Moab descend? (cf. Genesis 19:37)
2. The scope of Moab's destruction is noted by the listing of 15 Moabite cities. What are they? (15:1-9)
3. What hope did Moab have? (16:1-5)
4. What was heard concerning Moab? (16:6)
5. What will become of Damascus? (17:1)

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6. How had Israel forsaken God? (17:7-11)

7. Who are the “multitude of many people” who plunder God’s people?

What will happen to them? (17:12-14) (cf. 10:5, 10-11)

8. What did the ambassadors of Ethiopia seek, and what was Isaiah’s answer to them? (18:1-6)

9. As Ethiopia panics from the threat of Assyria, what is God doing? (18:4)

Thought Question:

Why is Israel mentioned alongside Syria in this section? (17:3-11) What does this say about how God views His people when they act like the world around them? Will God spare His people when they act like the world? (cf. Hebrews 10:26-31)

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