

Discussion Questions for Isaiah 15 and 20

Note: Isaiah 13:1–23:18 is a collection of woes against the pagan nations around Judah.

15:1–16:14 deals with Moab

- The Lord judged Moab's pride (see 16:6) by destruction. Still, how did He feel about the suffering people (see 15:5; 16:9, 11)?
- The Lord counseled the stricken Moabites to send tribute to Jerusalem as a sign of humbling themselves as subjects (see 16:1). How can Jerusalem be a hope for Moab (see 16:3–5)?
- Consider how Jerusalem is supposed to treat the refugees (see 16:1–5). Are there any implications here for the way the church treats unbelievers who seek mercy? If so, what are they?

17:1–14 deals with Damascus

- When God's people try to produce good things while ignoring the Lord, what happens (see 17:10–11)?

18:1–7 deals with Cush

- What does 18:3–7 tell you about God's methods, character, and abilities?

19:1–25 deals with Egypt

- What does 19:1–15 show about worldly wisdom and organization?
- What does 19:16–25 tell you about God's power and ultimate aims?

20:1–6 deals with Egypt and Cush together

- Consider the potential results of disobeying God in a crisis. Is there a lesson here for Christians?
- Think about Isaiah's method of communicating God's message (see 20:2). What do you think is the purpose of this approach?