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Surely This Is Our God; We Trusted In Him 25: 9-12

Surely this is our God, we trusted in Him DIG: What will be the effects of Messiah's reign on those who submit to Him and on those who do not? How is Mo'ab used as an example?

REFLECT: What is your attitude toward Isra'el? Do you pray for the peace of Jerusalem? In whom, or what, have you placed your faith, trust, and belief? How can we keep our lives in true perspective?

This third section is in the form of a song and once again turns to the salvation of some of the nations and to the destruction of others. **Mo'ab** symbolizes the nations who are destroyed. **God** does wish to save all the nations, **not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance (Second Peter 3:9).** But this does not mean all will respond to **His** invitation. For those who refuse to do so, the final grim word is judgment. Those who oppose the will and purposes of **the Lord** with regard to **Isra'el** will eventually be crushed. **They** will live apart from the love of **ADONAI** for all eternity. There is no other way.

In that day, the believing **remnant** will be delivered and **they will** affirm **their** faith, trust, and belief **in the LORD** who **saved them**, saying: **Surely this is our God; we trusted in Him and He saved us.** There is rejoicing, because **salvation** had come from **God** and the enemy of **Isra'el** had been trampled down. In response **they** will say: **This is the LORD, we trusted in Him, let us rejoice and be glad in** the **salvation He** provided **(25:9)**.

Isaiah referred to **Mo'ab** as representing those who oppose **God** and will be judged by **Him**. **The** same **hand of ADONAI** that will lift up **Isra'el** will strike down **Mo'ab (25:10a).** This is not the result of favoritism on **God's** part, but the result of two different attitudes. Those who put **their** faith, trust, and belief in **YHVH** will be lifted up. However, **those** who lift **themselves** up against **God** in **their** own self-sufficiency will, at some point, be crushed under the power of **His hand (Isaiah 16:6; Jeremiah 48:29; Zeph 2:10).** Stated another way, **God's** deliverance *must* come to **those** who trust **Him**, but **those** who oppose **Him** cannot escape **His** judgment.

Here **He** centers **His** attention on **Mo'ab;** because **Mo'ab** can be used as a representative of **Isra'el's** enemies, because **it** is characterized as having a continual hatred of **Isra'el**. **Isaiah** gets very graphic; **he** says: **Mo'ab will be trampled under Him as a straw is trampled down in the manure (25:10b). Madmen** *(madmen)* is the capital city of **Mo'ab** mentioned in **Jeremiah 48:2;** it also rhymes with straw *(matben)*.

They will spread out their hands in it, as a swimmer spreads out his hands to swim (25:11a). As we saw in **Chapters 15-16, Mo'ab** was known for its **pride**. The Bible teaches us that **pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall (Proverbs 16:18).** So here we see **Mo'ab's pride** was destroyed. The picture is one of a man trying **to swim** in a cesspool and the more he struggles, the more he sinks in. **God will bring down their pride despite the cleverness of their hands (25:11b).** The way to avoid **Mo'ab's** fate we must stay humble by continually giving praise to **the LORD**, and deflecting any glory to **Him**. Then we can point others to **ADONAI** and at the same time, keep our lives in true perspective.

He will bring down the **high-fortified walls and lay them low; He will bring them down to the ground to the very dust.** The change from third person to second person in this verse seems to shift the focus from **Mo'ab** back to Babylon, the political/economic capital of the antichrist. **ADONAI** will humble **those who**

dwell on high, He will lay **the lofty city** of Babylon **low. He** will level **it to the ground and** throw **it down to the dust (25:5).** All its towering pride, with its supposedly unshakable walls will be brought down **to the dust (25:12)**. Only **God's** people, both in **Isra'el** and in the world, will enjoy **the LORD's** time of prosperity and blessing.