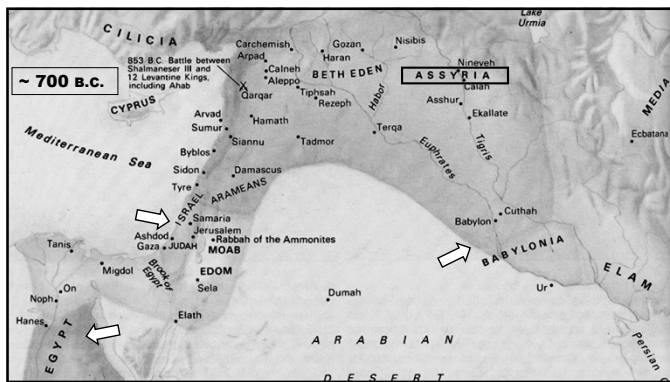




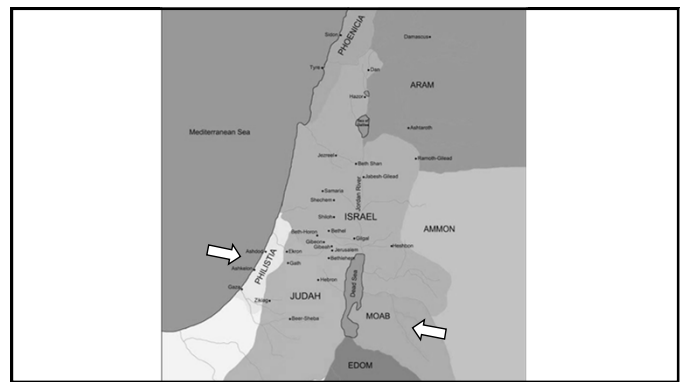
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Refuge in Zion's King

➤ Oracles Concerning Philistia & Moab

In the year that King Ahaz died this oracle came: (14:28)

- 715 B.C. – there is an anti-Assyrian coalition of nations in whom Judah is tempted to trust for deliverance

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- ²⁹ Do not rejoice, O Philistia, all of you,
Because the rod that struck you is broken;
For from the serpent's root a viper will come out,
And its fruit will be a flying serpent.
- ³⁰ Those who are most helpless will eat,
And the needy will lie down in security;
I will destroy your root with famine,
And it will kill off your survivors.

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- ³¹ Wail, O gate; cry, O city;
Melt away, O Philistia, all of you;
For smoke comes from the north,
And there is no straggler in his ranks.
- ³² How then will one answer the messengers of the nation?
That the LORD has founded Zion,
And the afflicted of His people will seek refuge in it.”
(Isaiah 14:29-32)

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Refuge in Zion's King

1. Wail, O Philistia!
- the Lord will use Assyria as His instrument of judgment to devastate Philistia
 - the only and sure refuge for God's people is Zion, the Lord's city (cf. Psalm 46)

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2. Wail and Seek Refuge, O Moab!
- a) Moab's certain ruin and crushing grief (15:1-9)
- a great cry goes up everywhere, from one end to the other – their “high places” are useless
 - the Lord/Isaiah mourns over their plight, even as He smites them to the fullest in judgment

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2. Wail and Seek Refuge, O Moab!
- b) Moab's plea for shelter in Zion (16:1-5)
- the fugitives of Moab are invited to seek safety and asylum in Jerusalem
 - the Lord's gives assurance to the Moabites of ultimate deliverance in the Davidic king, who will reign with justice and righteousness

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2. Wail and Seek Refuge, O Moab!
- c) Moab's excessive pride and ultimate grief (16:6-12)
- Moab's refusal to submit to Zion's king because of its pride is the ultimate cause of its grief
 - the Lord also grieves over Moab's devastation, though it is the weight of His own justly imposed punishment that He feels

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2. Wail and Seek Refuge, O Moab!
- c) Moab's excessive pride and ultimate grief (16:6-12)
- Moab's judgment shows that once the Lord has been rejected there is no religious alternative, no matter how great the zeal
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- ps. This judgment will happen in three years! (16:13-14)

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