I. The Structure of the Oracle

A. The bookends:

- 1. Moab is going to end (15:1; 16:13-14)
- 2. Moab's gods have failed (15:2-3; 16:12)
- 3. Famine and war take their toll (15:4-9; 16:8-11)

B. The center:

- 1. Instruction to Moab: flee to Zion (16:1-2)
- 2. Instruction to Judah: shelter the fugitive (16:3-4a)
- 3. A promise: A king will be established (16:4b-5).
- 4. Moab's proud refusal (16:6-7).

II. The world is dying.

- **A.** Not "if" but "when" (15:1; 16:13-14).
- **B.** A false god falls (15:2-3; 16:12).
- **C.** War and famine.
- **D.** God's offer: salvation in Zion.
- **E.** The world refuses.
- **F.** God grieves most.

III. God's humility.

- A. God sends his own lamb.
- **B.** God gathers and shelters the fugitives.
- **C.** God establishes a throne.

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