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Unrepentant Family Member	<p>Moab 15-16 As one of the sons of Lot, Moab is a "cousin" of Israel and therefore warned to be subject to and treat Israel as such. Because of its mistreatment of Israel and continued devotion to false gods, it is soon to be dealt a near-fatal blow to its existence in the near future and will be completely extinct before Jesus' time.</p>
Ally of False Help	<p>Damascus 17 Syria had aligned with the northern kingdom of Israel against Assyria and together with them are destroyed by Assyria.</p>
A Distant & Unknown People	<p>Land of Whirring Wings 18 Some believe this is Ethiopia, but in the jargon of the ancient world, this may refer to very distant, unknown lands at that time. These people will be a worldwide example of God's judgment but also His restoration.</p>
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Possible Repentant Family	<p>Edom 21:11-12 Briefly indicates an alternating state of spiritual light and darkness to be experienced according to their willingness to return (or not) to the Lord.</p>
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Israel's Day of Judgment	<p>The Valley of Vision 22:1-14 This is most likely speaking to similar events that repeat themselves until a final event to come. There will be Assyria, Babylon, Greece and Rome before a final, End Times fulfillment.</p>
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