

1. Which country is Moab today?

Moab was a city located in the region of present-day Jordan. Jordan is the country that borders Israel to the east.

2. Who were the Moabites?

The Moabites, along with the Ammonites, descended from Lot, the nephew of Abraham (the father of faith). After the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, Lot's two daughters committed incest with their father. Each conceived a son one was named Moab, the father of the Moabites, and the other was named Ben-Ammi, the father of the Ammonites.

Genesis 19:30-38

“And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.

And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth:

Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.

And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day.

And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Benammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.”

3. Who were the Ammonites, and what land did they inhabit?

As we read in Genesis 19:38, the Ammonites were also descendants of Lot through his younger daughter.

The nation of Moab became one of Israel’s great adversaries,

especially during their journey out of Egypt. You may recall that the king of Moab hired Balaam the sorcerer to curse Israel (in other words, to cast a spell upon them). But that plan utterly failed, because God did not allow it!

The Lord was displeased with Moab and pronounced judgment upon that nation.

(For more details about Balaam and his sorcery, see here: [Balaam the sorcerer.](#))

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