

Obadiah

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- ¶1. The vision of Obadiah. “Thus says the Lord, Jehovah, to Edom: We have heard a report from Jehovah that a messenger was sent among the nations, *saying*, ‘Rise up! Let us rise up against her in battle!’
2. Behold, I have made you small among the nations; you are greatly despised.
3. You who dwell in clefts of a cliff, your insolent heart has deceived you. His seat is in a high place, and in his heart he says, ‘Who can bring me down to the ground?’
4. Though you mount up high as the eagle, and though you set your nest among the stars, from there will I bring you down, says Jehovah.
5. If thieves came upon you, or robbers by night (how you are cut off!), would they not steal only until they had enough? Or if gatherers came to you, would they not leave gleanings?
6. How *the things of* Esau are plundered, his treasures, sought out!
7. All the men of your confederacy will drive you to the border. Those at peace with you will deceive you and prevail against you. *Those who eat* your bread will lay a trap for you. (There is no understanding in him.)
8. Will I not in that day, says Jehovah, destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of Mount Esau?
9. Your mighty men shall be broken, O Teman, so that everyone of Mount Esau might be cut off by slaughter.
10. Because of the violence *done to* your brother Jacob, shame will cover you, and you shall be cut off forever.
11. On the day that you stood at a distance, on the day foreigners carried off his wealth and strangers entered into his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem, you were like one of them.
12. You should not have looked on in the day of your brother, in the day of his calamity. You should not have rejoiced over the sons of Judah in the day of their destruction. You should not have boasted in the day of distress.
13. You should not have entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity. Truly, you should not have looked upon his affliction in the day of his calamity. Neither should you have looted his wealth in the day of his calamity!
14. Neither should you have stood at the crossroads to cut off his fugitives, nor handed over his survivors in the day of distress.
15. The day of Jehovah is near for all the nations. As you have done, so shall it be done to you. Your doings shall return upon your own head.
16. For just as you drank upon my holy mountain, so shall all the nations drink perpetually *upon you*. Yea, they shall drink and swallow up. And then, they shall be as though they never were.

17. But deliverance shall be on Mount Zion, and there will be holiness, and the house of Jacob shall have their possessions.
18. The house of Jacob will be a fire, and the house of Joseph, a flame, and the house of Esau will be stubble, and they will burn among them and consume them. And there will be no survivor of the house of Esau, for Jehovah has spoken.
19. They of the Negev will possess Mount Esau, and they of the Shephelah will possess the Philistines, the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria, and Benjamin will possess Gilead.
20. And the exiles of this fortress which belongs to the children of Israel *will possess* that which belongs to the Canaanites as far as Zarephath, and the exiles of Jerusalem who are in Sepharad will possess the cities of the Negev.
21. And saviors shall rise up in Mount Zion to judge Mount Esau, and the kingdom will be Jehovah's!"