OBDIAS

¹ The vision of Obdias. Thus says the Lord God to Idumea; I have heard a report from the Lord, and he has sent forth a message to the nations.

² Arise you[^], and let us rise up against her to war.

³ Behold, I have made you small amongst the Gentiles: you are greatly dishonoured. The pride of your heart has elated you, dwelling *as you do* in the holes of the rocks, *as one that* exalts his habitation, saying in his heart, Who will bring me down to the ground?

⁴ If you should mount up as the eagle, and if you should make your nest amongst the stars, thence will I bring you down, says the Lord.

⁵ If thieves came in to you, or robbers by night, where would you have been cast away? would they not have stolen *just* enough for themselves? and if grape gatherers went in to you, would they not leave a gleaning?

⁶ How has Esau been searched out, and *how* have his hidden things been detected?

⁷ They sent you to your coasts: all the men of your covenant have withstood you; your allies have prevailed against you, they have set snares under you: they have no understanding.

⁸ In that day, says the Lord, I will destroy the wise men out of Idumea, and understanding out of the mount of Esau.

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⁹ And your warriors from Thaeman shall be dismayed, to the end that man may be cut off from the mount of Esau.

¹⁰ Because of the slaughter and the sin *committed against* your brother Jacob, shame shall cover you, and you shall be cut off for ever.

¹¹ From the day that you stood in opposition *to him*, in the days when foreigners were taking captive his forces, and strangers entered into his gates, and cast lots on Jerusalem, you also was as one of them.

¹² And * you should not have looked on the day of your brother in the day of strangers; nor should you have rejoiced against the children of Juda in the day of their destruction; neither should you have boasted in the day of *their* affliction.

¹³ Neither should you have gone into the gates of the people in the day of their troubles; nor yet should you have looked upon their gathering in the day of their destruction, nor should you have attacked their host in the day of their perishing.

¹⁴Neither should you have stood at the opening of their passages, to destroy utterly those of them that were escaping; neither should you have shut up his fugitives in the day of affliction.

¹⁵ For the day of the Lord is near upon all the Gentiles: as you have done, so shall it be *done* to you: your recompense shall be returned on your *own* head.

¹⁶ For as you have drunk upon my holy mountain, *so* shall all the nations drink wine; they shall drink, and go down, and be as if they were not.

^{1:12} Or, look not you, etc.

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¹⁷ But on mount Sion there shall be deliverance, and there shall be a sanctuary; and the house of Jacob shall take for an inheritance those that took them for an inheritance.

¹⁸ And the house of Jacob shall be fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau *shall be* for stubble; and *Israel* shall flame forth against them, and shall devour them, and there shall not be a corn-field *left* to the house of Esau; because the Lord has spoken.

¹⁹ And they *that dwell* in the † south shall inherit the mount of Esau, and they in the plain the Philistines: and they shall inherit the mount of Ephraim, and the plain of Samaria, and Benjamin, and the land of Galaad.

²⁰ And this *shall be* the domain of the captivity of the children of Israel, the land of the Chananites as far as Sarepta; and the captives of Jerusalem *shall inherit* as far as Ephratha; they shall inherit the cities of the south.

²¹ And they that escape shall come up from mount Sion, to take vengeance on the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the Lord's.

[†] **1:19** The Gr. is the Hebrew word.

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