

Obadiah

The Destruction of Edom (Jeremiah 49:7-22)

¹ This is the vision of Obadiah:

This is what the Lord GOD says about Edom—

We have heard a message from the LORD;
 an envoy has been sent among the nations
 to say, “Rise up,
 and let us go to battle against her!”—

² “Behold, I will make you small among the
 nations;
 you will be deeply despised.

³ The pride of your heart has deceived you,
 O dwellers in the clefts of the rocks *
 whose habitation is the heights,

who say in your heart,
 ‘Who can bring me down to the ground?’

⁴ Though you soar like the eagle
 and make your nest among the stars,
 even from there I will bring you down,”
 declares the LORD.

⁵ “If thieves came to you,
 if robbers by night—
 oh, how you will be ruined—
 would they not steal only what they wanted?

* **1:3** Or in the retreats of Sela

- If grape gatherers came to you,
would they not leave some gleanings?
6 But how Esau will be pillaged,
his hidden treasures sought out!
7 All the men allied with you
will drive you to the border;
the men at peace with you
will deceive and overpower you.
Those who eat your bread †
will set a trap for you
without your awareness of it.
8 In that day, declares the LORD,
will I not destroy the wise men of Edom
and the men of understanding
in the mountains of Esau?
9 Then your mighty men, O Teman,
will be terrified,
so that everyone in the mountains of Esau
will be cut down in the slaughter.
- 10 Because of the violence against your brother
Jacob,
you will be covered with shame
and cut off forever.
11 On the day you stood aloof
while strangers carried off his wealth
and foreigners entered his gate
and cast lots for Jerusalem,
you were just like one of them.
12 But you should not gloat in that day,
your brother's day of misfortune,

† 1:7 Hebrew does not include Those who eat.

nor rejoice over the people of Judah
 in the day of their destruction,
 nor boast proudly †
 in the day of their distress.

13 You should not enter the gate of My people
 in the day of their disaster,
 nor gloat over their affliction
 in the day of their disaster,
 nor loot their wealth
 in the day of their disaster.

14 Nor should you stand at the crossroads
 to cut off their fugitives,
 nor deliver up their survivors
 in the day of their distress.

The Deliverance of Israel

15 For the Day of the LORD is near
 for all the nations.
 As you have done, it will be done to you;
 your recompense will return upon your own
 head.

16 For as you drank on My holy mountain,
 so all the nations will drink continually.
 They will drink and gulp it down;
 they will be as if they had never existed.

17 But on Mount Zion there will be deliverance,
 and it will be holy,
 and the house of Jacob
 will reclaim their possession.

18 Then the house of Jacob will be a blazing fire,
 and the house of Joseph a burning flame;

† 1:12 Hebrew nor enlarge your mouth

but the house of Esau will be stubble—
 Jacob will set it ablaze and consume it.
 Therefore no survivor will remain
 from the house of Esau.”

For the LORD has spoken.

19 Those from the Negev will possess the mountains of Esau;

those from the foothills § will possess the land of the Philistines.

They will occupy the fields of Ephraim and Samaria,

and Benjamin will possess Gilead.

20 And the exiles of this host of the Israelites will possess the land of the Canaanites as far as Zarephath;

and the exiles from Jerusalem who are in Sepharad

will possess the cities of the Negev.

21 The deliverers will ascend * Mount Zion to rule over the mountains of Esau.

And the kingdom will belong to the LORD.

§ **1:19** Hebrew Shephelah or lowlands; that is, the western foothills of Judea * **1:21** Or The deliverers will go up from; LXX Those being delivered will go up

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