THE BOOK OF OBADIAH

1 The vision of Obadiah.

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah concerning Edom:
We have heard tidings from Jehovah, and an ambassador is sent among the nations, *saying*, Arise
ye, and let us rise up against her in battle. 2 Behold,
I have made thee small among the nations: thou
art greatly despised. 3 The pride of thy heart hath
deceived thee, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of
the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his
heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?
4 Though thou mount on high as the eagle, and
though thy nest be set among the stars, I will bring
thee down from thence, saith Jehovah.

5 If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night
(how art thou cut off!), would they not steal *only*
till they had enough? if grape-gatherers came to
thee, would they not leave some gleaning grapes?
6 How are *the things of* Esau searched! how are his
hidden treasures sought out! 7 All the men of thy
confederacy have brought thee on thy way, even
to the border: the men that were at peace with
thee have deceived thee, and prevailed against
thee; *they that eat* thy bread lay a snare under
thee: there is no understanding in him. 8 Shall
I not in that day, saith Jehovah, destroy the wise
men out of Edom, and understanding out of the
mount of Esau? 9 And thy mighty men, O Teman,

shall be dismayed, to the end that every one may be cut off from the mount of Esau by slaughter.

10 For the violence done to thy brother Jacob,
shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut
off for ever. 11 In the day that thou stoodest on
the other side, in the day that strangers carried
away his substance, and foreigners entered into
his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou
wast as one of them. 12 But look not thou on the
day of thy brother in the day of his disaster, and
rejoice not over the children of Judah in the day
of their destruction; neither speak proudly in the
day of distress. 13 Enter not into the gate of my
people in the day of their calamity; yea, look not
thou on their affliction in the day of their calamity,
neither lay ye *hands* on their substance in the day
of their calamity. 14 And stand thou not in the
crossway, to cut off those of his that escape; and
deliver not up those of his that remain in the day
of distress.

15 For the day of Jehovah is near upon all the na-
tions: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee;
thy dealing shall return upon thine own head.
16 For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain,
so shall all the nations drink continually; yea, they
shall drink, and swallow down, and shall be as
though they had not been.

17 But in mount Zion there shall be those that
escape, and it shall be holy; and the house of
Jacob shall possess their possessions. 18 And the
house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of
Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble,
and they shall burn among them, and devour

them; and there shall not be any remaining to the house of Esau; for Jehovah hath spoken it. 19 And they of the South shall possess the mount of Esau, and they of the lowland the Philistines; and they shall possess the field of Ephraim, and the field of Samaria; and Benjamin *shall possess* Gilead. 20 And the captives of this host of the children of Israel, that are *among* the Canaanites, *shall possess* even unto Zarephath; and the captives of Jerusalem, that are in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the South. 21 And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be Jehovah's.

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