

Obadiah

Edom Will Be Punished

¹ This is the vision of Obadiah. This is what the Lord GOD says about Edom:

We heard a report from the LORD.

A messenger was sent to the nations.

He said, "Let's go fight against Edom."

The Lord Speaks to Edom

² "Edom, I will make you the smallest nation.

Everyone will hate you very much.

³ Your pride has fooled you.

You live in those caves high on the cliff.

Your home is high in the hills.

So you say to yourself,

'No one can bring me to the ground.' "

Edom Will Be Brought Low

⁴ This is what the LORD says:

"Even though you fly high like the eagle

and put your nest among the stars,

I will bring you down from there.

⁵ You really will be ruined!

Thieves will come to you.

Robbers will come in the night,

and they will take all they want.

When workers gather grapes in your vineyards,

they will leave a few grapes behind.

⁶ But the enemy will search hard for Esau's hidden treasures,

- and they will find them all.
7 All those who are your friends
will force you out of the land.
Those who were at peace with you will trick you,
and they will defeat you.
The soldiers who fought by your side
are planning a trap for you.
They say, 'He doesn't expect a thing!' "
- 8 The LORD says, "On that day
I will destroy the wise people from Edom.
I will destroy the intelligent people from the
mountain of Esau.*
- 9 Teman, your brave soldiers will be afraid.
Everyone will be destroyed from the moun-
tain of Esau.
Many people will be killed.
- 10 You will be covered with shame
because you were very cruel to your brother
Jacob.
So you will be destroyed completely.
- 11 You joined the enemies of Israel.
Strangers carried Israel's treasures away.
Foreigners entered Israel's city gate.
They threw lots to decide what part of
Jerusalem they would get.
And you were right there with them, waiting
to get your share.
- 12 You should not have laughed†
at your brother's trouble.
You should not have been happy

* **1:8 *mountain of Esau*** That is, Mount Seir. † **1:12 *laughed***
Literally, "looked." Also in verse 13.

- when they destroyed Judah.
 You should not have bragged‡
 at the time of their trouble.
- 13 You should not have entered the city gate of
 my people
 and laughed at their problems.
 You should not have taken their treasures
 in the time of their trouble.
- 14 You should not have stood where the roads
 cross
 and destroyed those who were trying to
 escape.
 You should not have captured those who
 escaped alive.
- 15 The Day of the LORD is coming soon
 to all the nations.
 And the evil you did to others will happen to you.
 The same bad things will fall down on your
 own head.
- 16 You spilled§ blood on my holy mountain,*
 so other nations will spill your blood.†
 You will be finished.
 It will be as if you never existed.
- 17 But there will be survivors on Mount Zion.
 They will be my special people.
 The nation of Jacob‡ will take back
 what belongs to it.

‡ **1:12 *bragged*** Literally, “made your mouth big.” § **1:16 *spilled*** Literally, “drank.” * **1:16 *holy mountain*** One of the mountains Jerusalem was built on. Sometimes Zion is used to mean Jerusalem itself. Also in verses 17, 21. † **1:16 *spill your blood*** Literally, “drink and swallow.” ‡ **1:17 *nation of Jacob*** Literally, “the house of Jacob.” This could mean the people of Israel or only its leaders.

- 18 The family of Jacob will be like a fire.
 The nation of Joseph will be like a flame.
 But the nation of Esau[§] will be like ashes.
 The people of Judah will burn Edom,
 and they will destroy it.
 Then there will be no survivors in the nation of
 Esau.”
 This will happen because the LORD said it
 would.
- 19 Then people from the Negev will live on the
 mountain of Esau.
 And people from the foothills will take the
 Philistine lands.
 They will live in the land of Ephraim and
 Samaria.
 Gilead will belong to Benjamin.
- 20 People from Israel were forced to leave their
 homes,
 but they will take back the land of Canaan,
 all the way to Zarephath.
 People from Judah were forced to leave
 Jerusalem and live in Sepharad.*
 But they will take back the cities of the
 Negev.
- 21 The winners[†] will go up on Mount Zion
 to rule the people who live on Esau’s moun-
 tain.
 And the kingdom will belong to the LORD.

§ 1:18 *nation of Esau* Literally, “the house of Esau.” * 1:20 *Sepharad* This is probably Spain. † 1:21 *winners* Or “saviors.” Those who led their people to victory in war.

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