Obadiah

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?
If grape gatherers came to you,
would they not leave some gleanings?
6 But how Esau will be pillaged,

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

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 gates‡
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,
nor rejoice over the people of Judah
in the day of their destruction,

† **1:7 1:7** Hebrew does not include *Those who eat.* ‡ **1:11 1:11** Qere; Ketiv *his gate*

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.
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;
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.

§ **1:12 1:12** Hebrew *nor enlarge your mouth*

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

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