Obadia

1 Maono ya Obadia.

Hili ndilo asemalo Bwana Mungu Mwenyezi kuhusu Edomu:
Tumesikia ujumbe kutoka kwa Mwenyezi Mungu:
Mjumbe alitumwa kwa mataifa kusema,
“Inukeni, twendeni tukapigane vita dhidi yake.”

2 “Tazama, nitakufanya mdogo miongoni mwa mataifa,
utadharauliwa kabisa.
3 Kiburi cha moyo wako kimekudanganya,
wewe unayeishi katika mapango ya miamba
na kufanya makao yako juu,
wewe unayejiambia mwenyewe,
‘Ni nani awezaye kunishusha chini?’
4 Ingawa unapaa juu kama tai
na kufanya kiota chako kati ya nyota,
nitakushusha chini kutoka huko,”
asema Mwenyezi Mungu.
5 “Ikiwa wezi wangekuja kwako,
ikiwa wanyang’anyi wangekujia usiku:
Lo! Tazama ni maafa kiasi gani yanakungojea:
je, si wangeiba tu kiasi ambacho wangehitaji?
Kama wachuma zabibu wangekuja kwako,
je, wasingebakiza zabibu chache?

6 Lakini tazama jinsi Esau atakavyotekwa,
jinsi hazina zake zilizofichwa zitatekwa nyara!
7 Wote ulioungana nao watakufukuza hadi mpakani,
rafiki zako watakudanganya na kukushinda,
wale wanaokula mkate wako watakutegea mtego,
lakini hutaweza kuugundua.

8 “Katika siku hiyo,” asema Mwenyezi Mungu,
“je, sitaangamiza wenye hekima wa Edomu,
hao wenye ufahamu katika milima ya Esau?
9 Ee Temani, mashujaa wako watatiwa hofu,
kila mmoja katika milima ya Esau
ataangushwa chini kwa kuchinjwa.
10 Kwa sababu ya jeuri uliyofanya dhidi ya ndugu yako Yakobo,
aibu itakufunika;
utaangamizwa milele.
11 Siku ile ulisimama mbali ukiangalia
wakati wageni walipojichukulia utajiri wake,
na watu wa nchi nyingine walipoingia malango yake
wakipiga kura kwa ajili ya Yerusalemu,
ulikuwa kama mmoja wao.
12 Usingemdharau ndugu yako
katika siku ya msiba wake,
wala kufurahia juu ya watu wa Yuda
katika siku ya maangamizi yao,
wala kujigamba sana
katika siku ya taabu yao.
13 Usingeingia katika malango ya watu wangu

katika siku ya maafa yao,
wala kuwadharau katika janga lao
katika siku ya maafa yao,
wala kunyang'anya mali yao
katika siku ya maafa yao.
14 Usingengoja kwenye njia panda
na kuwaua wakimbizi wao,
wala kuwatoa watu wake waliosalia
katika siku ya shida yao.

15 "Siku ya Mwenyezi Mungu iko karibu
kwa mataifa yote.
Kama ulivyotenda, nawe utatendewa vivyo hivyo,
matendo yako yatakurudia juu ya kichwa chako.
16 Kama vile ulivyokunywa juu ya mlima wangu mtakatifu,
vivyo hivyo mataifa yote watakunywa mfululizo;
watakunywa na kunywa,
nao watatoweka kana kwamba hawajawahi kuwepo.
17 Lakini katika Mlima Sayuni kutakuwa na wale watakaookoka;
nao utakuwa mtakatifu,
nayo nyumba ya Yakobo
itamiliki urithi wake.
18 Nyumba ya Yakobo itakuwa moto,
na nyumba ya Yusufu itakuwa mwali wa moto;
nayo nyumba ya Esau itakuwa bua kavu,
nao wataiwasha moto na kuiteketeza.
Hakutakuwa na watakaosalimika

kutoka nyumba ya Esau.”
Mwenyezi Mungu amesema.

19 Watu kutoka nchi ya Negebu
wataimiliki milima ya Esau,
na watu kutoka Shefela*
wataimiliki nchi ya Wafilisti.
Watayamiliki mashamba ya Efraimu na Samaria,
naye Benyamini atamiliki Gileadi.
20 Kundi la Waisraeli walio uhamishoni Kanaani
watarudi na kuimiliki nchi hadi Sarepta.
Walio uhamishoni Sefaradi kutoka Yerusalemu
wataimiliki miji ya Negebu.
21 Waokoaji watakwea juu ya Mlima Sayuni
kutawala milima ya Esau.
Nao ufalme utakuwa wa Mwenyezi Mungu.

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* **1:19** au *upande wa magharibi chini ya vilima*

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