

OBADIAH

Conversational Yahveh Covenant

¹The Vision of Obadiah

Edom's Judgment Foretold

The Lord Yahveh says this about Edom;
 we've heard the report;
 an ambassador has gone out to the nations to say,
 "To arms, attack Edom."

²"I'll make you a minor player among the nations
 and utterly despised.

³Your arrogance has deceived you,
 you that live high in caves
 and tell yourselves that nobody can bring you down.

⁴Though you've built high like an eagle
 and put your nest among the stars,
 I'll bring you down.

Obad 1-4

⁵"If thieves came to you at night—
 what disaster awaits you!—
 wouldn't they steal only till they had enough?

If grape pickers came,
 wouldn't they leave some gleanings?

⁶But how you'll be pillaged, Esau,
 and your hidden treasures found!

⁷Your allies will force you out of your borders;
 the people at peace with you
 will turn on you and overpower you;
 the ones you eat with
 will set up an ambush for you.
 (You won't suspect it.)

⁸At that time," Yahveh says, "won't I destroy
 the wise men out of Edom
 and those with understanding from Esau's mountain?

⁹Your strong troops will be afraid, Teman;
 so everybody from Esau's mountains
 will be cut down in the slaughter.

Obad 5-9

Edom's Violence Against Israel

10 “Because of your violence against Jacob your brother,
you’ll be covered with disgrace and permanently eliminated.

11 *You stood aloof
while foreigners cast lots for Jerusalem
and strangers entered its gates
to carry off its wealth.*

You even joined them.

¹²*You shouldn't have gloated over your brother's misfortune; you shouldn't have celebrated over Judah's destruction or boasted about his distress.*

¹³*You shouldn't have entered my people's gate
at the time of their disaster
or looted their goods during their catastrophe*

¹⁴*You shouldn't have stood at the fork in the road
to cut down their refugees
or have betrayed the survivors in their misfortune. Obad 10-14*

Edom's Destruction, Israel's Restoration

15 “*Yahveh’s judgment is coming on all the nations. What you’ve done to Israel will be done to you; your dealings will come back on your own head.*

¹⁶You and *those nations* will drink the same punishment
you swallowed on my holy mountain.
You'll all drink till you drown.

¹⁷But on Mount Zion some will escape,
and it'll be holy;
Jacob's house will return to reclaim its possession.

¹⁸Then Jacob's house will become a fire,
Joseph's house a flame,
Esau's house the stubble.

They'll set him on fire and burn him up; there'll be no survivors in Edom."

Yahveh has said it. **Obad 15-18**

¹⁹Then *my* people in the Negev will take over Esau's mountains;
the ones in the western foothills *will occupy* the Philistine plain.

They'll take over the fields of Ephraim and Samaria;

The people of Benjamin *will occupy* Gilead.

20Exiles from Israel

will replace the Phoenicians as far *north* as Zarephath;

the captives from Jerusalem that are in Sepharad [*north*]

will resettle their towns in the Negev [*south*].

21All those who were rescued^{LXX} will go up to Mount Zion

and extend its dominion over Esau's mountains.

The kingdom will belong to Yahveh.

Obad 19-21

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