

OBADIAH

Conversational Version

¹The Vision of Obadiah

Edom's Judgment Foretold

The Lord GOD 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.*

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

⁴*Though 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?"*

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

⁷*Your allies will drive 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.)*

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

⁹*Your 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 *"The LORD'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.*
- ¹⁶ *You and those nations will drink the same punishment
you swallowed on my holy mountain.
You'll all drink till you drown.*
- ¹⁷ *But on Mount Zion some will escape,
and it'll be holy;
Jacob's house will return to reclaim its possession.*
- ¹⁸ *Then 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."*
- The LORD has said it. **Obad 15-18**
- ¹⁹ *Then 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 the LORD.

Obad 19-21

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