

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.

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 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.)

⁸At that time," the LORD 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** “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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