

# OBADIAH

**1** THE vision of Obadiah. / Thus saith the Lord God concerning Edom: / We have heard a message from the LORD, / And an ambassador is sent among the nations: / ‘Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle.’ / [2] Behold, I make thee small among the nations; / Thou art greatly despised. / [3] The pride of thy heart hath beguiled thee, / O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, / Thy habitation on high; / That sayest in thy heart. / ‘Who shall bring me down to the ground?’ / [4] Though thou make thy nest as high as the eagle, / And though thou set it among the stars, / I will bring thee down from thence, saith the LORD. / [5] If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night— / How art thou cut off!— / Would they not steal till they had enough? / If grape-gatherers came to thee, / Would they not leave some gleanings? / [6] How is Esau searched out! / How are his hidden places sought out! / [7] All the men of thy confederacy / Have conducted thee to the border; / The men that were at peace with thee / Have beguiled thee, and prevailed against thee; / They that eat thy bread lay a snare under thee, / In whom there is no discernment. / [8] Shall I not in that day, saith the LORD, / Destroy the wise men out of Edom, / And discernment out of the mount of Esau? / [9] And thy mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, / To the end that every one may be cut off from the mount of Esau by slaughter. / [10] For the violence done to thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, / And thou shalt be cut off for ever. / [11] In the day that thou didst stand aloof, / In the day that strangers carried away his substance, / And foreigners entered into his gates, / And cast lots upon Jerusalem, / Even thou wast as one of them. / [12] But thou shouldest not have gazed on the day of thy brother / In the day of his disaster, / Neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah / In the day of their destruction; / Neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly / In the day of distress. / [13] Thou shouldest not have entered into the gate of My people / In the day of their calamity; / Yea, thou shouldest not have gazed on their affliction / In the day of their calamity, / Nor have laid hands on their substance / In the day of their calamity. / [14] Neither shouldest thou have stood in the crossway, / To cut off those of his that escape; / Neither shouldest thou have

delivered up those of his / That did remain in the  
day of distress. / [15] For the day of the LORD is  
near upon all the nations; / As thou hast done,  
it shall be done unto thee; / Thy dealing shall  
return upon thine own head. / [16] For as ye have  
drunk upon My holy mountain, / So shall all the  
nations drink continually, / Yea, they shall drink,  
and swallow down. / And shall be as though  
they had not been. / [17] But in mount Zion  
there shall be those that escape. / And it shall be  
holy; / And the house of Jacob shall possess their  
posessions. / [18] And the house of Jacob shall be  
a fire. / And the house of Joseph a flame. / And  
the house of Esau for stubble, / And they shall  
kindle in them, and devour them; / And there  
shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau: /  
For the LORD hath spoken. / [19] And they of the  
South shall possess the mount of Esau, / And they  
of the Lowland the Philistines; / And they shall  
possess the field of Ephraim, / And the field of  
Samaria; / And Benjamin shall possess Gilead. /  
[20] And the captivity of this host of the children  
of Israel, / That are among the Canaanites, even  
unto Zarephath, / And the captivity of Jerusalem,  
that is in Sepharad, / Shall possess the cities of  
the South. / [21] And saviours shall come up on  
mount Zion / To judge the mount of Esau; / And  
the kingdom shall be the LORD's.