

Obadiah

Edom Will Be Punished

¹This is the vision of Obadiah. This is what the Lord GOD says about Edom:

We heard a report from the LORD.

A messenger was sent to the nations.
He said, "Let's go fight against Edom."

The Lord Speaks to Edom

² "Edom, I will make you the smallest nation.

Everyone will hate you very much.

³ Your pride has fooled you.

You live in those caves high on the cliff.

Your home is high in the hills.

So you say to yourself,

"No one can bring me to the ground."

Edom Will Be Brought Low

⁴ This is what the LORD says:

"Even though you fly high like the eagle

and put your nest among the stars,
I will bring you down from there.

⁵ You really will be ruined!

Thieves will come to you.

Robbers will come in the night,
and they will take all they want.

When workers gather grapes in your vineyards,
they will leave a few grapes behind.

⁶ But the enemy will search hard for

Esau's hidden treasures,
and they will find them all.

⁷ All those who are your friends

will force you out of the land.

Those who were at peace with you will
trick you,

and they will defeat you.

The soldiers who fought by your side
are planning a trap for you.

They say, 'He doesn't expect a thing!'"

⁸ The LORD says, "On that day

I will destroy the wise people from
Edom.

I will destroy the intelligent people
from the mountain of Esau.^a

⁹ Teman, your brave soldiers will be
afraid.

Everyone will be destroyed from
the mountain of Esau.

Many people will be killed.

¹⁰ You will be covered with shame
because you were very cruel to your
brother Jacob.

So you will be destroyed
completely.

¹¹ You joined the enemies of Israel.

Strangers carried Israel's treasures
away.

Foreigners entered Israel's city gate.

They threw lots to decide what part
of Jerusalem they would get.

And you were right there with them,
waiting to get your share.

¹² You should not have laughed^b
at your brother's trouble.

You should not have been happy
when they destroyed Judah.

You should not have bragged^c
at the time of their trouble.

¹³ You should not have entered the city
gate of my people

and laughed at their problems.

You should not have taken their
treasures

in the time of their trouble.

¹⁴ You should not have stood where the
roads cross

^a **8 mountain of Esau** That is, Mount Seir.

^b **12 laughed** Literally, "looked." Also in verse 13.

^c **12 bragged** Literally, "made your mouth big."

and destroyed those who were
trying to escape.

You should not have captured those
who escaped alive.

¹⁵ The Day of the LORD is coming soon
to all the nations.

And the evil you did to others will
happen to you.

The same bad things will fall down
on your own head.

¹⁶ You spilled^a blood on my holy
mountain,^b
so other nations will spill your
blood.^c

You will be finished.

It will be as if you never existed.

¹⁷ But there will be survivors on Mount
Zion.

They will be my special people.

The nation of Jacob^d will take back
what belongs to it.

¹⁸ The family of Jacob will be like a fire.
The nation of Joseph will be like a
flame.

But the nation of Esau^e will be like
ashes.

^a **16 spilled** Literally, "drank."

^b **16 holy mountain** One of the mountains Jerusalem was built on. Sometimes Zion is used to mean Jerusalem itself. Also in verses 17, 21.

^c **16 spill your blood** Literally, "drink and swallow."

^d **17 nation of Jacob** Literally, "the house of Jacob." This could mean the people of Israel or only its leaders.

^e **18 nation of Esau** Literally, "the house of Esau."

The people of Judah will burn
Edom,
and they will destroy it.

Then there will be no survivors in the
nation of Esau."

This will happen because the LORD
said it would.

¹⁹ Then people from the Negev will live
on the mountain of Esau.

And people from the foothills will
take the Philistine lands.

They will live in the land of Ephraim
and Samaria.

Gilead will belong to Benjamin.

²⁰ People from Israel were forced to leave
their homes,

but they will take back the land of
Canaan, all the way to Zarephath.

People from Judah were forced to
leave Jerusalem and live in
Sepharad.^f

But they will take back the cities of
the Negev.

²¹ The winners^g will go up on Mount
Zion

to rule the people who live on
Esau's mountain.

And the kingdom will belong to the
LORD.

^f **20 Sepharad** This is probably Spain.

^g **21 winners** Or "saviors." Those who led their people to victory in war.

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