

Obadiah 1-16 **Judgment against Edom**

The Coming Judgment on Edom

1 The vision of Obadiah.

Thus says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God) concerning Edom (We have heard a report from Yahweh (the Lord), And a messenger has been sent among the nations, saying, "Arise, and let us rise up against her for battle"):

2 "Behold, I will make you small among the nations; You shall be greatly despised.

3 The pride of your heart has deceived you, You who dwell in the clefts of the rock, Whose habitation is high; You who say in your heart, 'Who will bring me down to the ground?'

4 Though you ascend as high as the eagle, And though you set your nest among the stars, From there I will bring you down," says Yahweh (the Lord).

5 "If thieves had come to you, If robbers by night — Oh, how you will be cut off! — Would they not have stolen till they had enough? If grape-gatherers had come to you, Would they not have left some gleanings?

6 "Oh, how Esau shall be searched out! How his hidden treasures shall be sought after!

7 All the men in your confederacy Shall force you to the border; The men at peace with you Shall deceive you and prevail against you. Those who eat your bread shall lay a trap for you. No one is aware of it.

8 "Will I not in that day," says Yahweh (the Lord), "Even destroy the wise men from Edom, And understanding from the mountains of Esau?

9 Then your mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, To the end that everyone from the mountains of Esau May be cut off by slaughter.

Edom Mistreated His Brother

10 "For violence against your brother Jacob, Shame shall cover you, And you shall be cut off forever.

11 In the day that you stood on the other side — In the day that strangers carried captive his forces, When foreigners entered his gates And cast lots for Jerusalem — Even you were as one of them.

12 "But you should not have gazed on the day of your brother In the day of his captivity; Nor should you have rejoiced over the children of Judah In the day of their destruction; Nor should you have spoken proudly In the day of distress.

13 You should not have entered the gate of My people In the day of their calamity. Indeed, you should not have gazed on their affliction In the day of their calamity, Nor laid hands on their substance In the day of their calamity.

14 You should not have stood at the crossroads To cut off those among them who escaped; Nor should you have delivered up those among them who remained In the day of distress.

15 "For the day of Yahweh (the Lord) upon all the nations is near; As you have done, it shall be done to you; Your reprisal shall return upon your own head.

16 For as you drank on My holy mountain, So shall all the nations drink continually; Yes, they shall

drink, and swallow, And they shall be as though they had never been.
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Facts Revealed:

The Coming Judgment on Edom [Obadiah 1:1-9]

- ✧ **Edom** (meaning red), is **Esau** the twin brother of Jacob. Esau received the name Edom when he traded his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of red stew. [Genesis 25:30]
- ✧ Yahweh will bring judgment against Edom for past behavior when they turned against Israel at the time Yahweh was punishing Israel for their rebellion against Him.
- ✧ **Edom** will be reduced to a very small despised people among the nations.
- ✧ Their deceptive pride of heart in the security of their cliff dwellings at Petra will be humbled as Yahweh will bring them down.
- ✧ Nowhere can one go that is out of the reach of Yahweh, in the clefts of the rock as high as the eagle, even among the stars, from there Yahweh will bring them down.
- ✧ Yahweh pointed out the fact that human thieves and robbers would have stolen until they had enough, a remnant would remain. grape gathers would leave some gleanings.
- ✧ **Esau** will be searched out as his confederates and those at peace with him will deceive him and prevail. His friends will lay a trap for him.
- ✧ On the day of Edom's judgment Yahweh will destroy the wise men and those of understanding from the land of Edom.
- ✧ Then their mighty men will be dismayed and everyone from the mountains of Esau may be cut off by slaughter.

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- ✧ Yahweh said that the Land of Israel is His. [Leviticus 25:23]
- ✧ The reason for Edom's judgment is the fact of their violence against Jacob (Israel) when Yahweh drove Israel from their land because of their continual sin.
- ✧ Like the Palestinians of today, the Edomites joyfully took advantage of Israel's calamity by joining their enemies.
- ✧ They rushed in and claimed possession of the land and the substance left behind.
- ✧ They rejoiced and spoke proudly over the distress and destruction of Israel.
- ✧ They stood at the crossroads to cut off those of Israel who were escaping.
- ✧ They delivered others up to the hands of their enemies.
- ✧ Yahweh will return Edom's reprisal upon their own heads. As you have done, it will be done to you.
- ✧ Edom will be destroyed by the nations and become as though they had never been.
- ✧ The Day of Yahweh upon all the nations is near.