

## Obadiah

The vision of Obadiah. This is what the Sovereign LORD says about Edom--

We have heard a message from the LORD: An envoy was sent to the nations to say, "Rise, and let us go against her for battle"-- "See, I will make you small among the nations; you will be utterly despised. The pride of your

5 heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rocks and make your home on the heights, you who say to yourself, 'Who can bring me down to the ground?' Though you soar like the eagle and make your nest among the stars, from there I will bring you down," declares the LORD. "If thieves came to you, if robbers in the night-- Oh, what a disaster awaits

10 you-- would they not steal only as much as they wanted? If grape pickers came to you, would they not leave a few grapes? But how Esau will be ransacked, his hidden treasures pillaged! All your allies will force you to the border; your friends will deceive and overpower you; those who eat your bread will set a trap for you, but you will not detect it. "In that day,"

15 declares the LORD, "will I not destroy the wise men of Edom, men of understanding in the mountains of Esau? Your warriors, O Teman, will be terrified, and everyone in Esau's mountains will be cut down in the slaughter. Because of the violence against your brother Jacob, you will be covered with shame; you will be destroyed forever. On the day you stood aloof while

20 strangers carried off his wealth and foreigners entered his gates and cast lots

for Jerusalem, you were like one of them. You should not look down on  
your brother in the day of his misfortune, nor rejoice over the people of  
Judah in the day of their destruction, nor boast so much in the day of their  
trouble. You should not march through the gates of my people in the day  
5 of their disaster, nor look down on them in their calamity in the day of their  
disaster, nor seize their wealth in the day of their disaster. You should not  
wait at the crossroads to cut down their fugitives, nor hand over their  
survivors in the day of their trouble. "The day of the LORD is near for all  
nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return  
10 upon your own head. Just as you drank on my holy hill, so all the nations  
will drink continually; they will drink and drink and be as if they had never  
been. But on Mount Zion will be deliverance; it will be holy, and the  
house of Jacob will possess its inheritance. The house of Jacob will be a  
fire and the house of Joseph a flame; the house of Esau will be stubble, and  
15 they will set it on fire and consume it. There will be no survivors from the  
house of Esau." The LORD has spoken. People from the Negev will occupy  
the mountains of Esau, and people from the foothills will possess the land of  
the Philistines. They will occupy the fields of Ephraim and Samaria, and  
Benjamin will possess Gilead. This company of Israelite exiles who are in  
20 Canaan will possess the land as far as Zarephath; the exiles from Jerusalem

who are in Sepharad will possess the towns of the Negev. Deliverers will go up on Mount Zion to govern the mountains of Esau. And the kingdom will be the LORD'S. \*

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