

The Book of
Obadiah

1 The Pride of Edom to be humbled. 17 Israel shall be victorious. 21 Saviours on mount Zion.

1 *The* vision of Obadiah

Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah concerning Edom: We have heard tidings from Jehovah, and an ambassador is sent among the nations, *saying*, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her into battle. 2 Behold, I have made thee small among the nations: thou art greatly despised. 3 *The* pride of thy heart hath deceived thee, O thou that dwellest in *the* clefts of ¹*the* rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to *the* ground? 4 Though thou mount on high as the eagle, and though thy nest be set among *the* stars, I will bring thee down from thence, saith Jehovah.

5 If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night, (how art thou cut off!) would they not steal *only* till they had enough? if grape-gatherers came to thee, would they not leave *some* gleaning grapes? 6 How are ²*the things* of Esau searched! *how* are his hidden treasures sought out! 7 All *the* men of thy confederacy have ³brought thee *on thy way*, *even* to the border: *the* men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee, *and* prevailed against thee; ⁴*they that eat* thy bread lay a ⁵snare under thee: *there is* no understanding ⁶in him. 8 Shall I not in that day, saith Jehovah, destroy *the wise men* out of Edom, and understanding 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 stoodest ⁷on *the* other side in *the* day that strangers carried away his ⁸substance, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou *wast* as one of them. 12 But look not thou on *the* day of thy brother in ⁹*the* day of his disaster, and rejoice not over the children of Judah in *the* day of their destruction; neither speak proudly in *the* day of distress. 13 Enter not into *the* gate of my people in *the* day of their calamity; yes, look not thou on their affliction in *the* day of their calamity, neither lay ye *hands* on their substance in *the* day of their

¹ *Or*, Sela,

² *Or*, *the men of Esau*

³ *Or*, driven thee out,

⁴ *Or*, thy bread they make a snare under thee:

⁵ *Or*, wound

⁶ *Or*, of it.

⁷ *Or*, aloof,

⁸ *Or*, forces,

⁹ *Or*, *the* day that he was made a stranger,

calamity. 14 And stand thou not in the crossway, to cut off those of his that escape; and deliver not up those of his that remain in *the* day of distress.

15 For *the* day of Jehovah *is* near upon all the nations: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee; thy ¹⁰dealing shall return upon thine own head. 16 For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, *so* shall all the nations drink continually; yes, they shall drink, and ¹¹swallow 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 ¹²those who possess them. 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 burn among them, and devour them; and there shall not be *any* remaining to *the* house of Esau; for Jehovah hath spoken *it*. 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* captives of this ¹³host of *the* children of Israel, ¹⁴that are *among the* Canaanites, *shall possess even* unto Zarephath; and *the* captives of Jerusalem, that *are* 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 Jehovah's.

End of the Book of Obadiah

¹⁰ *Or*, recompense

¹¹ *Or*, talk foolishly,

¹² *So* MurXII, Sept., Aram., Vg.

Massoretic *reads* their possessions.

¹³ *Or*, fortress

¹⁴ *Or*, shall possess that *which belongeth to the* Canaanites, even unto Zarephath; and *the* captives of Jerusalem, *or*, that are *among the* Canaanites, even unto Zarephath, and *the* captives of Jerusalem,