

*The arrogance of Edom opposing*

*Israel and plundering Jerusalem*

### CHAPTER 1

1 The vision of Obadiah. Thus says the Lord Jehovah concerning Edom: We have heard an announcement from Jehovah, and a herald is sent among the peoples, Rise up, and let us rise up against her in battle.

2 Behold, I have given you *to be* small among the peoples; you are despised exceedingly.

3 The arrogance of your heart has deceived you, you who lodge in the lofty rock, whose rest *is* high, who says in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the earth?

4 Although you soar as the eagle, and although you put your nest among the stars, I will bring you down from there - An oracle of Jehovah.

5 If thieves came to you, if ravagers by night - how you have been unable to speak - would they not have stolen enough? If grape gatherers came to you, would they not leave gleanings?

6 How are *the things* of Esau searched out! How are his hidden things sought out!

7 All the men in covenant with you have sent you out of *your* border; the men who were at peace with you have deceived you, and prevailed against you; they have put treachery under you for your food; there exists no understanding in him.

8 Shall I not in that day - An oracle of Jehovah - then cause those wise to be lost out of Edom, and those understanding out of the mount of Esau?

9 And your mighty men shall break down, Oh Teman, that every man of the mount of Esau may be cut off by violent death.

10 Shame shall cover you for your violence *against* your brother Jacob, and you shall be cut off forever.

11 In the day that you stood opposite, in the day that the strangers carried away captive his resources, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even you *were* as one of them.

12 And do not look on in the day of your brother, in the day he became a stranger; and do not rejoice over the children of Judah in the day of their being lost; and do not be a big mouth in the day of distress.

13 Do not come into the gate of my people in the day of their bending under oppression; do not see their evil in the day of their bending under oppression, and do not send out *your hands* on their resources in the day of their bending under oppression;

14 And do not stand in the fork to cut off those of his who escape, and do not deliver up those left of him in the day of distress,

**OBADIAH 1** *As you have done, it shall be done to you; the house of Jacob shall be a fire, the house of Esau straw*

15 Because the day of Jehovah *is* near upon all the peoples; as you have done, it shall be done unto you; your reward shall turn back upon your own head,

16 Because as you have drunk upon my holy mountain, all the peoples shall drink continually, and they shall drink, and they shall gulp down, and they shall be as though they had not been.<sup>16</sup>

17 And upon Mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness, and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.

18 And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame! And the house of Esau straw, and they shall kindle a flame in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any survivor of the house of Esau because Jehovah has spoken.

19 And they shall possess the Negev with the mount of Esau, and the coastal slopes of the Palestinians, and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria, and Benjamin *shall possess* Gilead.

20 And the captivity of these resources of the children of Israel *shall possess* that of the Canaanites, even unto Zarephath; and the captivity of Jerusalem, which is in Sepharad,<sup>20</sup> shall possess the cities of the Negev.

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<sup>16</sup> **1:16** The picture in this verse is: Edom is representative of all peoples who fight against God. As all unbelieving peoples have rebelliously drunk the benefits of God's people by violently taking from them, in the judgment, they shall gulp down the wrath of God, and ultimately on this earth they shall be as though they had never been.

<sup>20</sup> **1:20** **Sepharad**, a city of Assyria.

21 And saviors shall come up on Mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau, and the kingdom shall be Jehovah's.