

BOOK OF OBADIAH OUTLINE

KEY
VERSES

[Judgment on Edom] "For thy violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever." (Ob.10).

[Spiritual Principle] "For the day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head." (Ob.15)

[Blessing on Israel] "And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S." (Ob.21).

RETRIBUTION UPON EDOM (1:1-16)

1:1-9, Edom's Humiliation & Judgment

- Edom are the descendants of Esau who sold his birthright for a bowl of soup (Ge.25:30) (v.1).
- "Arise" - YHWH is gathering surrounding nations to attack Edom (v.1).
- "the rock" - Edom had geographical security on the high plateau Petra and Bozrah (v.3)
- "I will bring thee down" - YHWH will judge Edom (v.4).

1:10-14, Reasons for Divine Judgment

- Edom (Esau) did evil to his brother Jacob (Israel) (v.10)
- Edom's cruelty and crimes (v.10)
- Edom is deceived by pride. God will cut off wisdom from Edom resulting in her deception by allies. It will be a day of shame for Edom.

Thou Shalt Not...

"Should Not Have..."

- Looked (v.12)
- Rejoiced (v.12)
- Spoken proudly (v.12)
- Entered the gate (v.13)
- Looked on their affliction (v.13)
- Laid hands on their substance (v.13)
- Stood in crossway (v.14)
- Delivered up those that remained (v.14)

1:15-16, Righteousness of Divine Judgment

- Day of the Lord is Near (v.15)
- Principle applied to all nations (v.15)
- Edom is used as a type of all nations (v.16). She pictures the Day of the Lord judgment of the nations.

SINS OF ESAU (Ob.1-16)

1. Pride (v.3-4)
2. Confederacy (v.7)
3. Violence (v.10)
4. Rejoiced (v.12)
5. Plundered (v.13)
6. Prevented Jews From Escaping (v.14)
7. Drunken Celebration (v.16)

RESTORATION UPON ISRAEL (1:17-21)

1:17, Israel's Position

- "But" shows the contrast between Edom and Zion (v.17)
- "Zion" came to designate the entire city of Jerusalem (2Sa.5:7; 1Ki.8:1; 1Ch.11:5; Is.40:9) (v.17)

1:18, Israel's Power

- "House of Jacob...Joseph" - The divided kingdoms will become one again (v.18)
- Not one from house of Esau will survive (v.18)

1:19-20, Israel's Possessions

- "Fields of Ephraim... Samaria" - The northern area of the 10 tribes (v.19)
- "South" or the Negev which is the dry land south of Beersheba (v.19) (Jo.15:21-32)
- "Plain the Philistines" - the western lowlands of the Judean plateau (v.19) (Jo.15:33-34)
- "Sepharad" - Metaphor for the furthest place of exile (v.19). Actual location is highly debated.
- "Zarephath" - the north coastal plain of Phoenicia (v.20) (1Ki.17:9-10)

1:21, Kingdom Belongs to God

- This describes God's sovereign power over all history including the future Millennial Kingdom (Ps.22:28; 47:7-9; Zc.14:9)

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Purpose: (1) to describe God's judgment on Edom for its lack of brotherly concern for Judah; (2) to set forth the final triumph of right in the Day of the Lord.

Background: (1) It is a message to comfort Judah with a coming judgment upon Edom. Edom gloated over a recent attack upon Jerusalem by the Philistines and Arabians.