



OBADIAH

“BRINGING DOWN THE EAGLE”

DECEMBER 31, 2023

¹ The vision of Obadiah.

Thus says the Lord GOD concerning Edom:

We have heard a report from the LORD,
and a messenger has been sent among the nations:

“Rise up! Let us rise against her for battle!”

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

³ The pride of your heart has deceived you,
you who live in the clefts of the rock,
in your lofty dwelling,
who say in your heart,
“Who will bring me down to the ground?”
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though your nest is set among the stars,
from there I will bring you down,
declares the LORD.

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7 All your allies have driven you to your border;
those at peace with you have deceived you;
they have prevailed against you;
those who eat your bread have set a trap beneath
you—
you have no understanding.

8 Will I not on that day, declares the LORD,
destroy the wise men out of Edom,
and understanding out of Mount Esau?

9 And your mighty men shall be dismayed, O Teman,
so that every man from Mount Esau will be cut off
by slaughter.

10 Because of the violence done to your brother Jacob,
shame shall cover you,
and you shall be cut off forever.

11 On the day that you stood aloof,
on the day that strangers carried off his wealth
and foreigners entered his gates
and cast lots for Jerusalem,
you were like one of them.

¹² But do not gloat over the day of your brother
in the day of his misfortune;
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in the day of their ruin;
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13 Do not enter the gate of my people
in the day of their calamity;
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do not loot his wealth
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14 Do not stand at the crossroads
to cut off his fugitives;
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¹⁵ For the day of the LORD is near upon all the nations.

As you have done, it shall be done to you;
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¹⁶ For as you have drunk on my holy mountain,
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¹⁷ But in Mount Zion there shall be those who escape,
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and the house of Joseph a flame,
and the house of Esau stubble;
they shall burn them and consume them,
and there shall be no survivor for the house of Esau,
for the LORD has spoken.

19 Those of the Negeb shall possess Mount Esau,
and those of the Shephelah shall possess the land of
the Philistines;
they shall possess the land of Ephraim and the land
of Samaria,
and Benjamin shall possess Gilead.

20 The exiles of this host of the people of Israel
shall possess the land of the Canaanites as far
as Zarephath,
and the exiles of Jerusalem who are in Sepharad
shall possess the cities of the Negeb.

21 Saviors shall go up to Mount Zion
to rule Mount Esau,
and the kingdom shall be the LORD's.

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Shouldn't we delight in God's justice?

“11 Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?”

Ezekiel 33:11

“Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' To the contrary, if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals in his head.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Romans 12:14-21

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