A WARNING TO EDOM



Text Truth: God loves and helps His people.

Bible Verse: God will help His people and have compassion on His servants. Deuteronomy 32:36

Bible Verse Paraphrase: God will help His people and show love for them. Deuteronomy 32:36

OBADIAH

God was angry at the people in Edom. The people had done many bad things to hurt God's people, the Israelites. The Edomites thought they were better than God's people.

The Edomites had mistreated the Israelites for many years and destroyed Jerusalem. The Edomites were enemies of God's people. Long ago, when Moses and the Israelites were traveling to the land of Canaan, the Edomites did not help them. They said the Israelites could not even travel through Edom. This angered God.

Over and over, the Edomites did things to hurt the Israelites. The Edomites even made fun of the Israelites and laughed because they had hurt God's people and taken everything from them.

God was tired of the way the Edomites disobeyed Him and hurt His people. God called on a man named Obadiah to take a message of warning to the Edomites. God showed Obadiah visions—mind pictures—of what God would do to punish the people in Edom. In the dream, God talked about Edom. God said the Edomites trusted men rather than God. God would not let the people continue like this.

Obadiah warned the Edomites of God's anger. God said He knew about every mean thing the Edomites had done to the Israelites and God would punish the people. God said, "The things you have done to My people, I will do to you. It will be what you deserve."

Obadiah told the Edomites that God said He would rescue His people and bless them. The Israelites would become strong and live in the land God gave them.

For Kids

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The people from Edom had done many bad things, but God loved them and wanted to help them. We read in the Bible that God sent Obadiah to tell the people that God was angry.



Say this verse with a grown-up—

God will help His people and show love for them.