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THE BOOK OF OBADIAH

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DOOM AND DESTRUCTION FOR EDM

¹The vision of Obadiah. Thus says the Lord YHWH about Edom: We have heard a report from YHWH, and a messenger has been sent among the nations: “Get up! Let’s go up against her for war!”

²Look, I will (certainly) make you small among the nations; you will be very much despised.

³Your proud heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rock (on high is his dwelling), who says to himself, “Who can bring me down to the ground?”

⁴Although you soar like the eagle, and although your nest is set among the stars, from there I will bring you down (says Y_{HWH}).

⁵If thieves came to you, or night-time plunderers, —Oh, how you will be destroyed!— wouldn’t they steal only enough for themselves? If grape harvesters came to you, wouldn’t some gleanings be left behind?

⁶Oh, how Esau will be turned inside out, his treasures will be picked clean!

⁷All of your allies will drive you to your borders; those who have been at peace with you will deceive you and overpower you; those who have eaten your bread will ambush you and catch you totally by surprise.

⁸Won’t I on that day (says YHWH) destroy the wise men from Edom and understanding from Esau’s mountains.

⁹Your warriors will be terrified, Teman, so that everyone will be cut off from Esau’s mountains because of the slaughter.

The Dastardly Deeds of Edom

¹⁰Because of **the violence** against your brother Jacob, shame will cover you, and you will be destroyed forever.

¹¹On the day when **you stood aside**, on the day when strangers carried off his wealth, when foreigners entered his gates and cast lots over Jerusalem, you also were like one of them.

¹²Do not **gloat over your brother** in the day of his misfortune. Do not rejoice over the people of Judah in the day of their ruin. Do not boast in the day of distress.

¹³Do not enter my people's gate in the day of disaster. Do not gloat—yes you—over his calamity in the day of his disaster. Do not **reach out for his property** on the day of his disaster.

¹⁴Do not stand by the escape routes to cut off his survivors. Do not **capture his refugees** in the day of distress.

DELIGHTFUL DAYS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE (AND DISASTER FOR HIS ENEMIES)

¹⁵For the Day of YHWH is near for all people. As you have done, it will be done to you: what you have done will come back on your own head.

¹⁶For just as you have drunk on my holy mountain, all the nations will drink continually; they will drink and slurp and become as if they had never been.

¹⁷But in Mount Zion there will be refugees, and it will be a holy place, and the house of Jacob will get back their possessions.

¹⁸And the house of Jacob will be fire, the house of Joseph a flame, but the house of Esau will be stubble. They will start a fire and consume them, and there won't be any refugees for the house of Esau, for YHWH has spoken.

¹⁹The people of the Negeb will possess Esau's mountains, and the people of the Shephelah will possess the Philistines' land; they will possess the fields of Ephraim and Samaria, and Benjamin [will possess] Gilead.

²⁰The exiles of this force of the people of Israel [will possess] the Canaanites' land as far as Zarephath, and the exiles of Jerusalem who are in Sepharad will possess the cities of the Negev.

²¹Those who have been rescued will ascend Mount Zion, in order to rule Esau's mountains, and the kingdom shall be YHWH's.