

~OBADIAH, BOOK OF (574)

.. Highlights Of Obadiah

- The shortest prophetic book of the Hebrew Scriptures. Written by Obadiah, concerning whom nothing but the name is known, this book contains a proclamation of Yehowah's judgment against Edom, presents the reason for that judgment, and points forward to restoration **for the house of Jacob**.
- The extinction of the Edomites as a people and the restoration of the Israelites to their land confirm the accurate fulfillment of Obadiahs prophecy.
- And in Mount Zion is where those escaping will prove to be, and it must become something holy, and the house of Jacob must take possession of the things for them to possess. (**Obadiah 1:17**)
- And the house of Jacob must become a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau as stubble, and they must set them ablaze and devour them. And there will prove to be no survivor to the house of Esau, for Yehowah himself has spoken it. (**Obadiah 1:18**)

See Also EDOM, EDMITES

- The occasion for the prophecy was the unbrotherly treatment that the Edomites rendered to the sons of Judah when the latter suffered defeat.
- The Edomites, through their ancestor Esau, were related to the Israelites. The Edomites rejoiced over Judah's calamity, shared in taking spoil from the Jews, prevented them from escaping out of the land, and even handed them over to the enemy.
- And you ought not to watch the sight in the day of your brother, in the day of his misfortune, and you ought not to rejoice at the sons of Judah in the day of their perishing, and you ought not to maintain a big mouth in the day of their distress. (**Obadiah 1:12**)
- You ought not to come into the gate of my people in the day of their disaster. You, even you, ought not to peer at his calamity in

- the day of his disaster, and you ought not to thrust out a hand upon his wealth in the day of his disaster. (**Obadiah 1:13**)
- And you ought not to stand at the parting of the ways, in order to cut off his escapees, and you ought not to hand over his survivors in the day of distress. (**Obadiah 1:14**)
 - As is evident from a comparison of **Obadiahs** prophecy with the words of;
 - For this is what Yehowah the God of Israel said to me; Take this cup of the wine of rage out of my hand, and you must make all the nations to whom I am sending you drink it. (**Jeremiah 25:15**)
 - And they must drink and shake back and forth and act like crazed men because of the sword that I am sending among them. (**Jeremiah 25:16**)
 - And I proceeded to take the cup out of the hand of Yehowah and to make all the nations drink to whom Yehowah had sent me. (**Jeremiah 25:17**)
 - Edom and Moab and the sons of Ammon. (**Jeremiah 25:21**)
 - And you must say to them; This is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; Drink and get drunk and puke and fall so that you cannot get up because of the sword that I am sending among you. (**Jeremiah 25:27**)
 - And it must occur that in case they refuse to take the cup out of your hand to drink, you must also say to them; This is what Yehowah of armies has said; You will drink without fail. (**Jeremiah 25:28**)
 - For, look! It is upon the city upon which my name is called that I am starting off in bringing calamity, and should you yourselves in any way go free of punishment? you will not go free of punishment, for there is a sword that I am calling against all the inhabitants of the earth, is the utterance of Yehowah of armies. (**Jeremiah 25:29**)
 - For Edom this is what Yehowah of armies has said; Is there no longer any wisdom in Teman? Has counsel perished from those having understanding? Has their wisdom gone to putrefying?

(Jeremiah 49:7)

- **Flee! Let yourselves give way! Go down deep in order to dwell, O inhabitants of Dedan! For the disaster of Esau I will bring in upon him, the time that I must turn my attention to him. (Jeremiah 49:8)**
- **If grape gatherers themselves actually came in to you, would they not let some gleanings remain? If thieves came in by night, they would certainly cause only as much ruin as they wanted. (Jeremiah 49:9)**
- **But as for me, I will strip Esau bare. I will uncover his places of concealment, and one will not be able to hide oneself. His offspring and his brothers and his neighbors will certainly be despoiled, and he will not be. (Jeremiah 49:10)**
- **Do leave your fatherless boys. I myself shall preserve them alive, and your own widows will trust even in me. (Jeremiah 49:11)**
- **For this is what Yehowah has said; Look! Although it is not their custom to drink the cup, they will drink without fail. And you yourself, will you be absolutely left unpunished? You will not be left unpunished, for you will drink without fail. (Jeremiah 49:12)**
- **For by my own self I have sworn, is the utterance of Yehowah, that nothing but an object of astonishment, a reproach, a devastation and a malediction will Bozrah become, and all her own cities will become devastated places to time indefinite. (Jeremiah 49:13)**
- **There is a report that I have heard from Yehowah, and there is an envoy that is sent among the nations, saying; Collect yourselves together, and come against her, and rise up to battle. (Jeremiah 49:14)**
- **For, look! I have made you small indeed among the nations, despised among mankind. (Jeremiah 49:15)**
- **The shuddering you caused has deceived you, the presumptuousness of your heart, O you who are residing in the retreats of the crag, holding the height of the hill. Although you build your nest high up just like an eagle, down from there I shall bring you, is the utterance of Yehowah. (Jeremiah 49:16)**

- **And Edom must become an object of astonishment. Everyone passing along by her will stare in astonishment and whistle on account of all her plagues. (Jeremiah 49:17)**
- **Just as in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and her neighbor towns, Yehowah has said; No man will dwell there, and no son of mankind will reside in her as an alien. (Jeremiah 49:18)**
- **Look! Someone will come up just like a lion from the proud thickets along the Jordan to the durable abiding place, but in a moment I will make him run away from her. And the one who is chosen I shall appoint over her. For who is like me, and who will challenge me, and who, now, is the shepherd that can stand before me? (Jeremiah 49:19)**
- **Therefore hear, O men, the counsel of Yehowah that he has formulated against Edom, and his thoughts that he has thought out against the inhabitants of Teman; Surely the little ones of the flock will be dragged about. Surely on account of them he will make their dwelling place become desolate. (Jeremiah 49:20)**
- **At the sound of their falling the earth has begun to rock. There is an outcry! The sound of it has been heard even at the Red Sea. (Jeremiah 49:21)**
- **Look! Just like an eagle someone will ascend and pounce down, and he will spread out his wings over Bozrah, and the heart of the mighty men of Edom will actually become in that day like the heart of the wife having distress in childbirth. (Jeremiah 49:22)**
- **This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; For the reason that Edom has acted in taking vengeance upon the house of Judah and they kept doing wrong extensively and avenged themselves on them. (Ezekiel 25:12)**
- **Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; I will also stretch out my hand against Edom and cut off from it man and domestic animal, and I will make it a devastated place from Teman, even to Dedan. By the sword they will fall. (Ezekiel 25:13)**
- **And I will bring my vengeance on Edom by the hand of my people**

Israel, and they must do in Edom according to my anger and according to my rage, and they will have to know what my vengeance is, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (Ezekiel 25:14)

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- **For Damascus. Hamath and Arpad have become ashamed, for it is a bad report that they have heard. They have disintegrated. In the sea there is anxious care, it is not able to keep undisturbed. (Jeremiah 49:23)**
- **Damascus has lost courage. She has turned to flee, and sheer panic has seized her. Distress and birth pangs themselves have taken hold of her, as with a woman that is giving birth. (Jeremiah 49:24)**
- **How is it that the city of praise has not been abandoned, the town of exultation? (Jeremiah 49:25)**
- **Therefore her young men will fall in her public squares, and all the men of war themselves will be brought to silence in that day, is the utterance of Yehowah of armies. (Jeremiah 49:26)**
- **And I will set a fire ablaze on the wall of Damascus, and it will certainly devour the dwelling towers of Ben-hadad. (Jeremiah 49:27)**
- **For Kedar and the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon struck down, this is what Yehowah has said; Rise up, go up to Kedar, O men, and despoil the sons of the East. (Jeremiah 49:28)**
- **Their own tents and their own flocks will be taken, their tent cloths and all their articles. And their own camels will be carried off from them. And they will certainly cry out to them; Fright is all around! (Jeremiah 49:29)**
- **Flee, take flight far away, go down deep in order to dwell, O inhabitants of Hazor, is the utterance of Yehowah. For Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon has formulated a counsel**

even against you and has thought out against you a thought.
([Jeremiah 49:30](#))

- Rise up, O men, go up against the nation that is at ease, dwelling in security! Is the utterance of Yehowah. No doors and no bar does it have. Solitary they reside. ([Jeremiah 49:31](#))
- And their camels must become a plunder, and the multitude of their livestock a spoil. And I will scatter them to every wind, those who have their hair clipped at the temples, and from all regions near it I shall bring in their disaster, is the utterance of Yehowah. ([Jeremiah 49:32](#))
- And Hazor must become the lair of jackals, a desolate waste to time indefinite. No man will dwell there, and in her no son of mankind will reside as an alien. ([Jeremiah 49:33](#))
- This is what occurred as the word of Yehowah to Jeremiah the prophet concerning Elam in the beginning of the kingship of Zedekiah the king of Judah, saying; ([Jeremiah 49:34](#))
- This is what Yehowah of armies has said; Here I am breaking the bow of Elam, the beginning of their mightiness. ([Jeremiah 49:35](#))
- And I will bring in upon Elam the four winds from the four extremities of the heavens. And I will scatter them to all these winds, and there will prove to be no nation to which the dispersed ones of Elam will not come. ([Jeremiah 49:36](#))
- And I will shatter the Elamites before their enemies and before those seeking for their soul, and I will bring upon them a calamity, my burning anger, is the utterance of Yehowah. And I will send after them the sword until I shall have exterminated them. ([Jeremiah 49:37](#))
- And the word of Yehowah continued to occur to me, saying; ([Ezekiel 35:1](#))
- Son of man, set your face against the mountainous region of Seir and prophesy against it. ([Ezekiel 35:2](#))
- And you must say to it; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Here I am against you, O mountainous region of Seir, and I will stretch out my hand against you and make you a

desolate waste, even a desolation. (Ezekiel 35:3)

- **Your cities I shall set as a devastated place, and you yourself will become a sheer desolate waste, and you will have to know that I am Yehowah. (Ezekiel 35:4)**
- **For the reason that you proved to have an indefinitely lasting enmity and you kept delivering the sons of Israel over to the power of the sword, in the time of their disaster, in the time of their final error. (Ezekiel 35:5)**
- **Therefore as I am alive, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, because it was for blood that I was preparing you, blood itself will also pursue you. Surely it was blood that you hated, and blood itself will pursue you. (Ezekiel 35:6)**
- **And I shall certainly make the mountainous region of Seir a desolate waste, even a desolation, and I will cut off from it the one passing through and the one returning. (Ezekiel 35:7)**
- **And I will fill its mountains with its slain ones, as for your hills and your valleys and all your streambeds, the very ones slain by the sword will fall in them. (Ezekiel 35:8)**
- **Indefinitely lasting desolate wastes are what I shall make you, and your own cities will not be inhabited, and you people will have to know that I am Yehowah. (Ezekiel 35:9)**
- **By reason of your saying; These two nations and these two lands, they will become my own, and we shall certainly take possession of each land, whereas Yehowah himself happened to be right there. (Ezekiel 35:10)**
- **Therefore as I am alive, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, I will act also according to your anger and according to your jealousy that you have expressed owing to your feelings of hatred toward them, and I will make myself known among them when I judge you. (Ezekiel 35:11)**
- **And you will have to know that I myself, Yehowah, have heard all your disrespectful things that you have said concerning the mountains of Israel, saying; They have been laid desolate. To us they have been given for food. (Ezekiel 35:12)**

- And you people kept acting in great style against me with your mouths, and you have multiplied against me your words. I myself have heard them. (**Ezekiel 35:13**)
- This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; At the same time that all the earth rejoices, a desolate waste is what I shall make of you. (**Ezekiel 35:14**)
- Just as there was rejoicing on your part at the inheritance of the house of Israel because it was laid desolate, the same thing I shall make of you. A desolate waste is what you will become, O mountainous region of Seir, even all Edom, all of it, and they will have to know that I am Yehowah. (**Ezekiel 35:15**)
- This must have happened in connection with the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonian armies and would, therefore, place the books composition about the year **607 B.C.E.**
- Since many of the things foretold in Obadiah's prophecy were also foretold in the book of Jeremiah, this made the fulfillment of Yehowah's word regarding Edom doubly certain.
- And the fact that the dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice means that the thing is firmly established on the part of the true God, and the true God is speeding to do it. (**Genesis 41:32**)

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- Yehowah's judgment against Edom and the promise of restoration for Yehowah's people.
- Written about **607 B.C.E.**, the year the Babylonians desolated Jerusalem.
- Edom's share in the violence done to the descendants of Jacob.
- When Jerusalem was conquered and her people were led into captivity, Edom stood off on the side.
- Because of the violence to your brother Jacob, shame will cover you, and you will have to be cut off to time indefinite.
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She should not have rejoiced maliciously over Judah's calamity, sharing in plundering God's people and handing survivors over to the enemy

- **And you ought not to watch the sight in the day of your brother, in the day of his misfortune, and you ought not to rejoice at the sons of Judah in the day of their perishing, and you ought not to maintain a big mouth in the day of their distress.**

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- **You ought not to come into the gate of my people in the day of their disaster. You, even you, ought not to peer at his calamity in the day of his disaster, and you ought not to thrust out a hand upon his wealth in the day of his disaster.**

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- **Calamity will come upon Edom.**
- **Yehowah calls upon the nations to rise up against her in battle.**
- **The vision of Obadiah. This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said regarding Edom.**
- **The vision of Obadiah. This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said regarding Edom. There is a report that we have heard from Yehowah, and there is an envoy that has been sent among the nations, Rise up, you people, and let us rise up against her in battle. ([Obadiah 1:1](#))**

Despite her seemingly secure position, Edom will be brought down.

- **Look! Small is what I have made you among the nations. You are despised very much. ([Obadiah 1:2](#))**
- **The presumptuousness of your heart is what has deceived you, you who are residing in the retreats of the crag, the height where he dwells, saying in his heart; Who will bring me down to the earth?**
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- **If you should make your position high like the eagle, or if among the stars there were a placing of your nest, down from there I would bring you, is the utterance of Yehowah.**
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- **Thieves or harvesters would take only what they wanted and leave something behind, when Edom falls, she will be completely plundered, she will be deceived by those with whom she entered into a covenant, and her wise and mighty ones will suffer destruction**
- **If it were thieves that came in to you, if despoilers came in by night, to what extent would you have been silenced? Would they not steal as much as they wanted? Or if it were grape gatherers that came in to you, would they not let some gleanings remain?**

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- **O the extent to which those of Esau have been searched out! How his concealed treasures have been sought out!**
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- **As far as the boundary they have sent you. The very men in covenant with you have all deceived you. The men at peace with you have prevailed against you. Those eating food with you will place a net under you as one in whom there is no discernment.**
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- **Will it not be in that day, is the utterance of Yehowah, and I shall certainly destroy the wise ones out of Edom, and discernment out of the mountainous region of Esau? (Obadiah 1:8)**
- **And your mighty men must become terrified, O Teman, for the reason that each one will be cut off from the mountainous region of Esau, because of a killing.**
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The house of Esau will receive the same sort of treatment that it gave to Judah, the house of Esau will cease to exist.

- **For the day of Yehowah against all the nations is near. In the way that you have done, it will be done to you. Your sort of treatment will return upon your own head.**

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- **And the house of Jacob must become a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau as stubble, and they must set them ablaze and devour them. And there will prove to be no survivor to the house of Esau, for Yehowah himself has spoken it.**
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- **The house of Jacob will be restored. Zion will become holy, the house of Jacob will be the fire that consumes the house of Esau like stubble.**
- **And in Mount Zion is where those escaping will prove to be, and it must become something holy, and the house of Jacob must take possession of the things for them to possess. (Obadiah 1:17)**
- **And the house of Jacob must become a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau as stubble, and they must set them ablaze and devour them. And there will prove to be no survivor to the house of Esau, for Yehowah himself has spoken it.**
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Yehowah's restored people will take possession of the things for them to possess, including the mountainous region of Esau.

- **And they must take possession of the Negeb, even of the mountainous region of Esau, and of the Shephelah, even of the Philistines. And they must take possession of the field of Ephraim and of the field of Samaria, and Benjamin must take possession of Gilead.**
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- **And as for the exiles of this rampart, to the sons of Israel will belong what the Canaanites possessed as far as Zarephath. And the exiles of Jerusalem, who were in Sepharad, will take possession of the cities of the Negeb. (Obadiah 1:20)**
- **The kingship will become Yehowah's.**
- **And saviors will certainly come up onto Mount Zion, in order to judge the mountainous region of Esau, and the kingship must become Yehowah's. (Obadiah 1:21)**