

Obadiah Translation and Outline

1A Translation “1 Vision of Obadiah: “Thus says the Lord Yahweh to Edom, “We have heard a report from the Lord, and an envoy was sent among the nations, “Rise, muster against her for battle.” 2 Behold I will give you as small among the nations, you are exceedingly despised. 3 The pride of your heart deceived you who are dwelling in the hold of the cliff, the height of your dwelling place, saying in his heart, who will bring me down to earth?” 4 If you soar high like an eagle and if you set your nest between the stars, from there I will bring you down, says the Lord. 5 If thieves came to you, destroyers of the night, how you will be destroyed! Would they not steal to a sufficiency? If grape-gatherers come to you, would they not leave a remnant? 6 How Esau has been ransacked! Its hidden treasures searched out! 7 All the men allied with you will send you unto the border. The men who are peaceful with you will deceive you and overpower you. 8 “Will I not on that day,” says the Lord, “personally destroy the wise men from Edom, and understanding from the mountain of Esau?” 9 Then your mighty men will be terrified, Teman, so that a man from the mountain of Esau will be cut off by slaughter. 10 From violence to your brother Jacob you will be covered with shame, and you will be cut off forever. 11 On the day that you stood aside, on the day that strangers took captive his wealth and foreigners came into his gate, and for Jerusalem cast lots, you also were one of them. 12 Do not gloat on the day of your brother, on the day of his calamity, and do not rejoice over the sons of Judah on the day of their destruction, and do not make your mouth large on the day of her distress. 13 And do not enter into the gate of my people on the day of their calamity, and you, do not look on his disaster in the day of his distress, and do not reach for his wealth on the day of his distress. 14 And do not stand at the crossroad to cut down his fugitives, and take captive his stragglers on the day of his distress. 15 For the day of the Lord draws near upon all the nations. As you have done, so it will be done to you. Your recompense will return to your own head. 16 Because as you drank upon my holy mountain, all the nations will continually drink. They will drink and they will swallow and they will become as though they never were. 17 And on Mount Zion there will be those who escape, and it will be holy. And the house of Jacob will possess their belongings. 18 And the house of Jacob will be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble. And they will burn and they will consume them, and there will not be a straggler for the house of Esau, for the Lord has spoken. 19 Then the Negev will possess the mountain of Esau, and the Shepelah the Philistines, and they will possess the field of Ephraim and the field of Samaria, and Benjamin Gilead. 20 And the exiles of this fortress for the sons of Israel who are [with] the Canaanites as far as Zarephath, and the exiles of Jerusalem who are in Sepharad, will possess the cities of the Negev. 21 And the deliverers will ascend Mount Zion to judge the mountain of Esau, and the kingdom will be for the Lord.”

2A Outline.

1B Introductory remark, v.1a, “1 Vision of Obadiah:”

2B The recipient nation, v.1b, “Thus says the Lord Yahweh to Edom,”

3B The report and the muster of nations, v.1c, “We have heard a report from the Lord, and an envoy was sent among the nations, “Rise, muster against her for battle.”

4B The reverse Abrahamic covenant curse, vv.2-7:

- 1C The general principle of the curse, v.2, “ 2 Behold I will give you as small among the nations, you are exceedingly despised.”
- 2C The root reason for the curse, v.3, “3 The pride of your heart deceived you who are dwelling in the hold of the cliff, the height of your dwelling place, saying in his heart, who will bring me down to earth?”
- 3C The reversal of place, the exalted will be humble, v.4, “4 If you soar high like an eagle and if you set your nest between the stars, from there I will bring you down, says the Lord.”
- 4C The reversal of wealth in the ransacking of Edom, vv.5-6, “5 If thieves came to you, destroyers of the night, how you will be destroyed! Would they not steal to a sufficiency? If grape-gatherers come to you, would they not leave a remnant? 6 How Esau has been ransacked! Its hidden treasures searched out!”
- 5C The betrayal of the allies and neutrals, v.7, “7 All the men allied with you will send you unto the border. The men who are peaceful with you will deceive you and overpower you.”
- 5B The terrible day of the Lord, vv.8-9:
 - 1C The destruction of the wise men, v.8 “8 “Will I not on that day,” says the Lord, “personally destroy the wise men from Edom, and understanding from the mountain of Esau?”
 - 2C The destruction of the mighty men, v.9, “9 Then your mighty men will be terrified, Teman, so that a man from the mountain of Esau will be cut off by slaughter.”
- 6B The rationale for the discipline, a statement of charges, vv.10-14:
 - 1C Violence, v.10, “10 From violence to your brother Jacob you will be covered with shame, and you will be cut off forever.”
 - 2C Inaction and participation, v.11, “11 On the day that you stood aside, on the day that strangers took captive his wealth and foreigners came into his gate, and for Jerusalem cast lots, you also were one of them.”
 - 3C Gloating at the discipline of others, v.12, “12 Do not gloat on the day of your brother, on the day of his calamity, and do not rejoice over the sons of Judah on the day of their destruction, and do not make your mouth large on the day of her distress.”
 - 4C Opportunistic looting, v.13, “13 And do not enter into the gate of my people on the day of their calamity, and you, do not look on his disaster in the day of his distress, and do not reach for his wealth on the day of his distress.”
 - 5C Opportunistic murder and kidnapping, v.14, “14 And do not stand at the crossroad to cut down his fugitives, and take captive his stragglers on the day of his distress.”
- 7B The terrible day of the Lord.
 - 1C The imminence of the day and its general character, v.15, “15 For the day of the Lord draws near upon all the nations. As you have done, so it will be done to you. Your recompense will return to your own head.”
 - 2C The drinking of the cup of wrath unto nothingness, v.16, “16 Because as you drank upon my holy mountain, all the nations will continually drink. They will drink and they will swallow and they will become as though they never were.”
 - 3C The remnant on Mount Zion and its sanctification, v.17a, “17 And on Mount Zion there will be those who escape, and it will be holy.”

- 4C The repossession of Jacob's belongings, v.17b. "And the house of Jacob will possess their belongings."
- 5C The consuming fire of Jacob and Joseph, v.18, "18 And the house of Jacob will be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble. And they will burn and they will consume them, and there will not be a straggler for the house of Esau, for the Lord has spoken."
- 6C The repossession of the covenant lands, vv.19-20, "19 Then the Negev will possess the mountain of Esau, and the Shepelah the Philistines, and they will possess the field of Ephraim and the field of Samaria, and Benjamin Gilead. 20 And the exiles of this fortress for the sons of Israel who are [with] the Canaanites as far as Zarephath, and the exiles of Jerusalem who are in Sepharad, will possess the cities of the Negev."
- 7C The final judgment of Esau, v.21, "21 And the deliverers will ascend Mount Zion to judge the mountain of Esau, and the kingdom will be for the Lord."