

# Obadiah

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Obadiah follows Hosea, Joel, and Amos because like these three books Obadiah speaks of Israel's return in the end at the Day of the Lord.

## The Call to the Nations to come against Edom (1):

Obadiah 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!”**

853 [e] mê·'êt	8085 [e] šā·ma·'nū	8052 [e] šə·mū·'āh	123 [e] le·'ē·dō·wm,	3068 [e] Yah·weh	136 [e] 'ā·dō·nāy	559 [e] 'ā·mar	3541 [e] kōh-	5662 [e] 'ō·baḏ·yāh;	2377 [e] hā·zō·wn	
מֵאֵת	שָׁמַעְנוּ	שְׁמוּעָה	לְאֶדוֹם	יְהוָה	אֱדוֹנֵי	אָמַר	כֹּה	עֲבָדֶיהָ	חִזְוֹן	1
from	we have heard	a report	concerning Edom	from Yahweh	the Lord	says	Thus	of Obadiah	The vision	
Prep-m   DirObjM	V-Qal-Perf-1cp	N-fs	Prep-I   N-proper-ms	N-proper-ms	N-proper-ms	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	Adv	N-proper-ms	N-msc	
4421 [e] lam·mil·hā·māh.	5921 [e] 'ā·le·hā	6965 [e] wə·nā·qū·māh	6965 [e] qū·mū	7971 [e] šul·lāh,	1471 [e] bag·gō·w·yim	6735 [e] we·šîr	3069 [e] Yah·weh			
לְמִלְחָמָה:	עָלֶיהָ	וְנִקְוָמָה	קוּמוּ	שֵׁלַח	בְּגוֹיִם	וַצִּיר	יְהוָה			
for battle	against her	and let us rise up	Arise	has been sent [to say]	among the nations	and a messenger	Yahweh			
Prep-I, Art   N-fs	Prep   3fs	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjImperf.Cohort-1cp	V-Qal-Imp-mp	V-Pual-Perf-3ms	Prep-b, Art   N-mp	Conj-w   N-ms	N-proper-ms			

1. “Lord GOD” is from *adonai Yahweh* which would normally be translated “Lord LORD” meaning “master LORD”.
2. “We have heard a report”
3. “a messenger has been sent”
  - a. The “envoy” or “messenger could be:
    - i. God’s desire to bring surrounding nations
    - ii. God sending an actual messenger (Obadiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, etc.) to the nations

4. "Vision" and "Report" from the LORD correlate together in that what was seen in the "vision" is presented in the "report".
5. This is paralleled in Jeremiah 49:13-14:  
 "For I have sworn by myself, declares the Lord, that Bozrah shall become a horror, a taunt, a waste, and a curse, and all her cities shall be perpetual wastes."  
I have heard a message from the Lord,  
and an envoy has been sent among the nations:  
 "Gather yourselves together and come against her,  
 and rise up for battle!"
6. Notice the movement, plans and actions of the nations are caused by the Lord in this case.
7. The nations are doing the work of the Lord even though they do not recognize the Lord or agree with his purpose and plan. They are blind to the fact they are used by God to accomplish his purpose.

### The Announcement of the Three Punishments to be Dealt to Edom (2-9):

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

3966 [e]	859 [e]	959 [e]	1471 [e]	5414 [e]	6996 [e]	2009 [e]				
mə·'ōḏ.	'at-tāh	bā-zui	bag·gō·w·yim;	ne·tat·tī·kā	qā·ṭōn	hin·nêh				
·	מְאֹדָּה	אַתָּה	בְּנִצְוִי	—	בְּגוֹיִם	אֶתְּיַדְךָ	קָטַן	וְ	הִנֵּה	2
	greatly	You	shall be despised		among the nations	I will make you	small		Behold	
	Adv	Pro-2ms	V-Qal-QalPassPrtcpl-ms		Prep-b, Art   N-mp	V-Qal-Perf-1cs   2ms	Adj-ms		Interjection	

1. Verses 2-9 contain three sections which are separated or identified with the phrase "declares the Lord"
  - a. v. 4 – "I will bring you down, declares the LORD."
  - b. v. 8 – "Will I not on that day, declares the LORD, destroy the wise men out of Edom."
2. The three separate sections are:
  - a. Verses 2-4 is the breaching of Edom's defenses.
  - b. Verses 5-7 is the plundering of Edom's treasures
  - c. Verses 8-9 is the destruction of Edom's leadership
3. This verse summarizes what is going to take place:
  - a. Edom will be small among the nations
  - b. Edom will be utterly despised
4. Note the emphatic position in the Hebrew text of the words:
  - a. "small" – "**SMALL** I will make you among the nations."
  - b. "despised" – "**DESPISED** you shall be greatly."

Obadiah 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?"**

7674 [e] šib·tōw; שִׁבְתּוֹ	4791 [e] mā·rō·wm מָרוֹם	5553 [e] se·la' סֵלַע	2288 [e] bē·ḥaḡ·wē- בְּחַגְוֵי-	7931 [e] šō·kə·nī שׁוֹכְנֵי	5377 [e] hiš·šī·'e·kā, הִשִּׁיאָךְ	3820 [e] lib·bē·kā לִבְךָ	2087 [e] zə·dō·wn זֵדוֹן 3
Whose habitation is	high	of the rock	in the clefts	[You] who dwell	has deceived you	of your heart	The pride
N-msc   3ms	N-msc	N-ms	Prep-b   N-mpc	V-Qal-Prtcpl-msc	V-Hifil-Perf-3ms   2ms	N-msc   2ms	N-msc

776 [e] 'ā-reṣ. אָרֶץ	3381 [e] yō·w·ri·dē·nī יֹרְדֵנִי	4310 [e] mī מִי	3820 [e] bē·lib·bōw, בְּלִבּוֹ	559 [e] 'ō·mēr אָמַר
to the ground	will bring me down	who	in your heart	[You] who say
N-fs	V-Hifil-Imperf-3ms   1cs	Interrog	Prep-b   N-msc   3ms	V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms

1. Just like Esau his descendents national character was pride. They lived a life of independence from God and man (other nations). So, they considered themselves self-sufficient and superior.
  - a. The Hebrew word used for “pride” is *zadon* (or, *ze-do-wn*) /*zaw-done*/
    - i. Comes from the Hebrew verb *zud* or *zid* which means “to boil”, “to boil up”, “to seethe”
    - ii. These words *zud* or *zadon* became illustrations for “acting proudly”, “behaving presumptuously” or “living rebelliously”
      1. This includes the idea that a boiling bubble is a hollow, empty space with a lot of meaningless motion.
    - iii. This word “pride” occurs three times in the Genesis account of Esau in Genesis 25:27-34:
      1. v. 3 – “The pride of your heart has deceived you.”
2. Dr Constable (<https://planobiblechapel.org/soniclight/>) quotes one commentator who wrote: “Edom's natural defenses were imposing. Its main centers of civilization were situated in a narrow ridge of mountainous land southeast of the Dead Sea ... This ridge exceeded a height of 4,000 feet throughout its northern sector, and it rose in places to 5,700 feet in the south. Its height was rendered more inaccessible by the gorges radiating from it toward the Arabah on the west and the desert eastwards. In addition to these natural fortifications, Edom was strongly defended by a series of Iron Age fortresses, particularly on the eastern frontier where the land descended more gradually to the desert.”
3. “Rock” is *sela* refers to Mt. Seir that was made of granite and sandstone
  - a. The Greek word used to translate the Hebrew *sela* is *petra*, the name of the town of Petra at this location in Jordan today and the Nabatean capital.
  - b. “Rock” (*sela*) could also be referring to another site in Edom NW of Bozrah in northern Edom called Khirbet Sil
4. “Who will bring me down?” is the pride of Edom speaking.
5. Edom’s sense of security deceived them, just as it says in Jeremiah 49:16: “The horror you inspire has deceived you, and the pride of your heart, you who live in the clefts of the rock, who hold the height of the hill. Though you make your nest as high as the eagle's, I will bring you down from there,” declares the Lord.

Obadiah 4 – **Though you soar aloft like the eagle, though your nest is set among the stars, from there I will bring you down, declares the LORD.**

7760 [e]	3556 [e]	996 [e]	518 [e]	5404 [e]	1361 [e]	518 [e]
śîm	kō·w·kā·bîm	bên	wə·'im-	kan·ne·šer,	taḡ·bî·ah	'im-
שִׁים	כּוֹכְבִים	בֵּין	וְאִם	כַּנְשָׁר	תִּגְבִיחַ	אִם
you set	the stars	among	and though	as the eagle	you ascend [as] high	Though
V-Qal-QalPassPrtcpl-ms	N-mp	Prep	Conj-w   Conj	Prep-k, Art   N-ms	V-Hifil-Imperf-2ms	Conj

3068 [e]	5002 [e]	3381 [e]	8033 [e]	7064 [e]
Yah·weh.	ne·'um-	'ō·w·rî·dē·kā	miš·šām	qin·ne·kā;
יְהוָה	נֹאֵם	אֹרִידְךָ	מִשָּׁם	קִנְיֶךָ
Yahweh	says	will I bring you down	from there	your nest
N-proper-ms	N-msc	V-Hifil-Imperf-1cs   2ms	Prep-m   Adv	N-msc   2ms

1. This describes their isolated dwelling high in the rugged terrain.
2. Very secure from human invasion, but no protection from divine intervention.

Obadiah 5 – **If thieves came to you, if plunderers came by night— how you have been destroyed!— would they not steal only enough for themselves? If grape gatherers came to you, would they not leave gleanings?**

1589 [e]	3808 [e]	1820 [e]	349 [e]	3915 [e]	7703 [e]	518 [e]	935 [e]	1590 [e]	518 [e]
yiḡ·ne·bū	hā·lō·w	niḡ·mê·tāh,	'ēk	lay·lāh,	šō·wḡ·dê	'im-	le·kā	bā·'ū-	gan·nā·bîm
יִגְנְבוּ	הֲלוֹא	נִגְמְתָהּ	אֵיךְ	לַיְלָה	שׁוֹדְדֵי	אִם	לְךָ	בָּאוּ	גַּנָּבִים
they have stolen	would not	you will be cut off	Oh how	by night	robbers	if	to you	had come	thieves
V-Qal-Imperf-3mp	Adv-NegPrt	V-Nifal-Perf-2ms	Interjection	N-ms	V-Qal-Prtcpl-mpc	Conj	Prep   2ms	V-Qal-Perf-3cp	N-mp

5955 [e]	7604 [e]	3808 [e]	935 [e]	1219 [e]	518 [e]	1767 [e]
'ō·lō·wṭ.	yaš·'î·rū	hā·lō·w	lāk,	bā·'ū	bō·šə·rîm	'im-
עֲלֻלוֹת:	יִשְׁאִירוּ	הֲלוֹא	לְךָ	בָּאוּ	בְּצָרִים	אִם
[some] gleanings	they have left	would not	to you	had come	grape-gatherers	if
N-fp	V-Hifil-Imperf-3mp	Adv-NegPrt	Prep   2fs	V-Qal-Perf-3cp	V-Qal-Prtcpl-mp	Conj

1. The second punishment identified by the declaration of YHWH begins here in verses 5-7: the plundering of Edom’s treasures
2. Edom’s national allies would betray them.
  - a. Covenant partners where consider dishonorable if they broke a covenant
    - i. Psalm 55:20 – “My companion stretched out his hand against his friends; he violated his covenant.”
    - ii. Amos 1:9 – “Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of Tyre, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they delivered up a whole people to Edom, and did not remember the covenant of brotherhood.”
  - b. Edom was not loyal to Judah, so other nations would not be loyal to Edom

- c. Three parallel descriptions are used to communicate this covenant disloyalty towards Edom making this coming betrayal an absolute.
  - i. “All your allies have driven you to your border.” (7)
  - ii. “those at peace with you have deceived you.” (7)
  - iii. “those who eat your bread have set a trap beneath you.” (7)
- d. None the less, this covenant betrayal would still surprise Edom, most likely because of Edom’s pride:
  - “you have no understanding.”
- 3. So, Edom would be deceived by two things:
  - a. Their own pride
  - b. Their own allies
- 4. The plunder of Edom will not be restrained as would:
  - a. Thieves working hurriedly in the darkness would surely leave somethings behind because of their hasty and poor lighting condition.
  - b. Harvesters who working in a cultural setting with the laws of a functioning society require them to leave some fruit or crop behind for the poor of the land to glean later:
    - i. Leviticus 19:9-10 – “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God.” (Also Deut. 24:19-21)
    - ii. Isaiah 17:6 – “Gleanings will be left in it, as when an olive tree is beaten—two or three berries in the top of the highest bough, four or five on the branches of a fruit tree, declares the Lord God of Israel.”

**Obadiah 6 – How Esau has been pillaged, his treasures sought out!**

4710 [e]	1158 [e]	6215 [e]	2664 [e]	349 [e]
maṣ·pu·nāw.	nib·'ū	'ê·śāw,	neh·pə·sū	'êk
. מִצְפְּנָיו !	נִבְעוּ	עֵשָׂו !	נִחְפְּשׁוּ	אֵיךְ 6
his hidden treasures	[How] shall be sought after	Esau	shall be searched out	Oh how
N-fpc   3ms	V-Nifal-Perf-3cp	N-proper-ms	V-Nifal-Perf-3cp	Interjection

1. Edom is pillaged by allies and a house to house search takes place to remove ALL the treasures stored by Edomites
2. The loss treasure includes:
  - a. Material wealth
  - b. Human life
3. “treasures” – *maspunaw* from *matspon* meaning “hidden treasure”

Obadiah 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.**

582 [e]		3201 [e]	5377 [e]	1285 [e]	582 [e]	3605 [e]	7971 [e]	1366 [e]	5704 [e]
'an-šê	le-kā	yā-kə-lū	hiš-šî-'ū-kā	bə-rî-te-kā,	'an-šê	kōl	šil-le-ḥū-kā,	hag-gə-būl	'ad-
אֲנָשֵׁי	לְךָ	יִכְלוּ	הַשִּׁיאֹוֹף	בְּרִיתְךָ	אֲנָשֵׁי	כָּל	שִׁלְחֹוֹךָ	הַגְּבוּל	עַד־ 7
the men	against you	[and] prevail	shall deceive you	your confederacy	the men in	all	shall force you	the border	To
N-mpc	Prep   2ms	V-Qal-Perf-3cp	V-Hifil-Perf-3cp   2ms	N-fsc   2ms	N-mpc	N-msc	V-Piel-Perf-3cp   2ms	Art   N-ms	Prep

  

	8394 [e]	369 [e]	8478 [e]	4204 [e]	7760 [e]	3899 [e]	7965 [e]	
	bōw.	tə-bū-nāh	'ên	taḥ-te-kā,	mā-zō-wr	yā-šî-mū	lah-mə-kā,	šə-lō-me-kā;
	בּוֹ:	תְּבוּנָה	אֵין	תַּחְתֶּיךָ	מְזוֹר	יִשְׂיִמוּ	לַחֲמֹךָ	שְׁלֹמֶךָ
	of it	is aware	No one	for you	a trap	shall lay	[Those who eat] your bread	at peace with you
	Prep   3ms	N-fs	Adv	Prep   2ms	N-ms	V-Qal-Imperf-3mp	N-msc   2ms	N-msc   2ms

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

2450 [e]	6 [e]	3068 [e]	5002 [e]	1931 [e]	3117 [e]	3808 [e]
ḥā-kā-mîm	wə-ha-'ā-ḇaḡ-tî	Yah-weh;	nə-'um	ha-hū	bay-yō-wm	hā-lō-w
הַכֹּמִים	וְהֶאֱבַדְתִּי	יְהוָה	נֹאֵם־	הֵוא	בַּיּוֹם	הֲלוֹא 8
the wise [men]	and Even I destroy	Yahweh	says	that	in day	Will not
Adj-mp	Conj-w   V-Hifil-ConjPerf-1cs	N-proper-ms	N-msc	Art   Pro-3ms	Prep-b, Art   N-ms	Adv-NegPrt

  

6215 [e]	2022 [e]	8394 [e]	123 [e]
'ê-šāw.	mê-har	ū-tə-bū-nāh	mê-'ē-dō-wm,
עֵשָׂו:	מֵהַר	וְתְבוּנָה	מֵאֲדוֹם
of Esau	from the mountains	and understanding	from Edom
N-proper-ms	Prep-m   N-msc	Conj-w   N-fs	Prep-m   N-proper-ms

1. Here is the second of the two “declares the LORD” statements.
2. Edom’s “wise men” identified:
  - a. 1 Kings 4:30 – “Solomon’s wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the people of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt.”
  - b. Job 1:1 – “There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.”
  - c. Job’s friend Eliphaz comes from Teman in Edom according to Job 2:11 – “Now when Job’s three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, they came each from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They made an appointment together to come to show him sympathy and comfort him.”

- d. Proverbs 30:1 – “The words of Agur son of Jakeh. The oracle.”
  - e. Proverbs 31:1 – “The words of King Lemuel. An oracle that his mother taught him.”
  - f. Jeremiah 49:7 – “Concerning Edom - Thus says the Lord of hosts:  
“Is wisdom no more in Teman?  
Has counsel perished from the prudent?  
Has their wisdom vanished?”
  - g. Lamentations 4:21 – “Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, you who dwell in the land of Uz; but to you also the cup shall pass; you shall become drunk and strip yourself bare.”
3. Edom’s wise men fail because they are filled with pride which prevents them from anticipating the betrayal of national covenants with the surrounding nations. The wise men should have anticipated betrayal, but they could not even imagine it in order to prepare for it.
  4. The Lord will defeat Edom’s wisemen

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

376 [e]	3772 [e]	4616 [e]	8487 [e]	1368 [e]	2865 [e]
'iš	yik·kā·reṭ-	lə·ma·'an	tê·mān;	gīb·bō·w·re·kā	wə·ḥat·tū
אִישׁ	יִכָּרֵת-	לְמַעַן	תֵּימָן	גִּבּוֹרֵיךָ	וְחָתָוּ 9
everyone	May be cut off	to the end that	Teman	your mighty men	and shall be dismayed
N-ms	V-Nifal-Imperf-3ms	Conj	N-proper-fs	Adj-mpc   2ms	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp

  

	6993 [e]	6215 [e]	2022 [e]
	miq·qā·ṭel.	'ê·śāw	mê·har
	מִקְטָל:	עֵשָׂו	מִהָר
	by slaughter	of Esau	from the mountains
	Prep-m   N-ms	N-proper-ms	Prep-m   N-msc

1. The Lord will also defeat the moral and strength of Edom’s mighty men
2. “shall be dismayed” is in the emphatic position with the Hebrew word *wehattu* from the word *chathath* meaning “to be shattered” or “to be dismayed”
3. The mighty men of Edom will be “cut off” or “cut down”

**Now begin the list of Edom’s crimes against Judah (10-14):**

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

5769 [e]	3772 [e]	955 [e]	3680 [e]	3290 [e]	251 [e]	2555 [e]
lə'ō-w-lām.	wə-niḵ-ra-tā	bū-šāh;	tə-ḵas-sə-ḵā	ya'ā-qōb	'ā-ḥî-kā	mê-ḥā-mas
לְעוֹלָם:	וְנִכְרַתְּ	בוֹשָׁה	תִּכְסֶּיךָ	יַעֲקֹב	אֶתִּידְךָ	מִחַמָּס 10
forever	and you shall be cut off	Shame	shall cover you	Jacob	against your brother	For violence
Prep-I   N-ms	Conj-w   V-Nifal-ConjPerf-2ms	N-fs	V-Piel-Imperf-3fs   2ms	N-proper-ms	N-msc   2ms	Prep-m   N-msc

- This verse (10) is the opening line of the next section of Obadiah’s writing. This opening line identifies why the above mentioned punishments for Edom are going to occur:
 

“For violence (*hamas*) against your brother Jacob”
- The two contrasting words are *hamas* and “brother”. A “brother” should not be treated with “violence.”
  - Deuteronomy 23:7 – “Do not despise an Edomite, for the Edomites are related to you.”
  - Edom’s violence are against basic human decency

**Obadiah 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.**

935 [e]	5237 [e]	2428 [e]	2114 [e]	7617 [e]	3117 [e]	5048 [e]	5975 [e]	3117 [e]	
ša'ā-rōw	bā'ū	wə-nā-ḵə-rîm	ḥê-lōw;	zā-rîm	šə-bō-wî	bə-yō-wm	min-ne-ḡed,	'ā-mā-ḡə-kā	bə-yō-wm
[שַׁעְרוֹ]	בָּאוּ	וְנִכְרְיִים	חֵילוֹ	זָרִים	שְׂבוּת	בְּיוֹם	מִמֶּגֶד	עָמַדְתָּ	בְּיוֹם 11
-	entered	and when foreigners	his forces	strangers	that carried captive	in the day	on the other side	that you stood	In the day
N-msc   3ms	V-Qal-Perf-3cp	Conj-w   Adj-mp	N-msc   3ms	Adj-mp	V-Qal-Inf	Prep-b   N-ms	Prep-m	V-Qal-Inf   2ms	Prep-b   N-msc

  

1992 [e]	259 [e]	859 [e]	1571 [e]	1486 [e]	3032 [e]	3389 [e]	5921 [e]	8179 [e]
mê-hem.	ke'a-ḥad	'at-tāh	gam-	ḡō-w-rāl,	yad-dū	yə-rū-šā-lim	wə'al-	šə'ā-rāw,
מֵהֶם:	כְּאַחַד	אַתָּה	גַּם	גֹּזְלִים	יָדוּ	יְרוּשָׁלַם	וְעַל-	(שַׁעְרֵיו) 11
of them	as one	you [were]	Even	lots	cast	Jerusalem	and for	his gates
Prep-m   Pro-3mp	Prep-k   Number-ms	Pro-2ms	Conj	N-ms	V-Qal-Perf-3cp	N-proper-fs	Conj-w   Prep	N-mpc   3ms

- Edom’s crimes of *hamas* occurred while Babylon:
  - Entered the city of Jerusalem after the siege
  - Carried back to Babylon the wealth of Jerusalem
  - Cast lots for Jerusalem
- Edom’s #1 Crime of *Hamas*: Edom **Stood Aloof** while Judah was invaded
  - First they stood aloof, watching from a distance. They appear to be neutral
  - They did not make it their problem. They merely passed by on the other side of the road
  - “Foreigners” (Babylon) was invading their “brother”
- Edom’s #2 Crime of *Hamas*: Edom **was like one** of the Babylonians
  - Soon Edom saw that in the chaos of invasion they could benefit and became active in participation with the invasion of Jerusalem

**Obadiah 12 – But do not gloat over the day of 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.**



1121 [e] lib-nê-	8055 [e] tiš-maḥ	408 [e] wə'al-	5237 [e] nā-ḵe-rōw,	3117 [e] bə-yō-wm	251 [e] 'ā-ḥī-ḵā	3117 [e] bə-yō-wm-	7200 [e] tê-re	408 [e] wə'al-
לבגין	תשמח	ואל	נקרו	ביום	אחיק	ביום	תרא	ואל 12
over the sons	should you have rejoiced	nor	of his captivity	in the day	your brother	on the day of	you should have gazed	But not
Prep-l   N-mpc	V-Qal-Imperf-2ms	Conj-w   Adv	N-msc   3ms	Prep-b   N-msc	N-msc   2ms	Prep-b   N-msc	V-Qal-Imperf-Jus-2ms	Conj-w   Adv

6869 [e] šā-rāh.	3117 [e] bə-yō-wm	6310 [e] pī-ḵā	1431 [e] taḡ-dēl	408 [e] wə'al-	6 [e] 'ā-bē-dām;	3117 [e] bə-yō-wm	3063 [e] yə-hū-dāh
צרה:	ביום	פיד	תגדל	ואל	אבדם	ביום	יהונה
of distress	in the day	you	should have spoken proudly	nor	of their destruction	in the day	of Judah
N-ts	Prep-b   N-msc	N-msc   2ms	V-Hifil-Imperf-Jus-3fs	Conj-w   Adv	V-Qal-Inf   3mp	Prep-b   N-msc	N-proper-ms

1. Edom's #3 Crime of Hamas: Edom **Gloated** Over Jerusalem's misfortune
2. Edom's #4 Crime of Hamas: Edom **Rejoiced** Over the Ruin of Judah
3. Edom's #5 Crime of Hamas: Edom **Boasted** of themselves in the day Jerusalem fell
4. Notice this and the next verses begin with "DO NOT" being spoken to Edom
5. These are sins of a mocking attitude

Obadiah 13 – **Do not enter the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; do not gloat over his disaster in the day of his calamity; do not loot his wealth in the day of his calamity.**

859 [e] 'at-tāh	1571 [e] ḡam-	7200 [e] tê-re	408 [e] 'al-	343 [e] 'ē-dām,	3117 [e] bə-yō-wm	5971 [e] 'am-mī	8179 [e] bə-ša-'ar-	935 [e] tā-bō-w	408 [e] 'al-
אתה	גם	תרא	אל	אידם	ביום	עמי	בשער	תבוא	אל 13
you	indeed	should have gazed	not	of their calamity	in the day	of My people	the gate	You should have entered	Not
Pro-2ms	Conj	V-Qal-Imperf-Jus-2ms	Adv	N-msc   3mp	Prep-b   N-msc	N-msc   1cs	Prep-b   N-msc	V-Qal-Imperf-2ms	Adv

343 [e] 'ē-dōw.	3117 [e] bə-yō-wm	2428 [e] ḵə-ḥē-lōw	7971 [e] tiš-lah-nāh	408 [e] wə'al-	343 [e] 'ē-dōw;	3117 [e] bə-yō-wm	7451 [e] bə-rā-'ā-ṭōw	
	אידו:	ביום	בתילו	ואל	אידו	ביום	ברעתו	
	of their calamity	in the day	on their substance	laid [hands]	nor	of their calamity	in the day	on their affliction
	N-msc   3ms	Prep-b   N-msc	Prep-b   N-msc   3ms	V-Qal-Imperf-2fp	Conj-w   Adv	N-msc   3ms	Prep-b   N-msc	Prep-b   N-fsc   3ms

1. Edom's #6 Crime of Hamas: Edom **Entered the Gates** of Jerusalem when it fell
2. Edom's #7 Crime of Hamas: Edom **Gloated Over** Judah's Disaster
3. Edom's #8 Crime of Hamas: Edom **Looted Jerusalem's Wealth** when it fell
4. Sins of trespassing and plundering since the Edomites had come into the land to gloat

Obadiah 14 – **Do not stand at the crossroads to cut off his fugitives; do not hand over his survivors in the day of distress.**

408 [e] we·'al-	6412 [e] pe·lî·ṭāw;	853 [e] 'et-	3772 [e] le·hak·rîṭ	6563 [e] hap·pe·req,	5921 [e] 'al-	5975 [e] ta·'ā·mōḡ	408 [e] we·'al-
וְאֵלַי	פְּלִיטָיו	אֶת־	לְהַכְרִית	הַפְּרָק	עַל־	תַּעֲמֹד	וְאֵלַי
nor	those among them who escaped	-	to cut off	the crossroads	at	You should have stood	and not
Conj-w   Adv	Adj-mpc   3ms	DirObjM	Prep-l   V-Hifil-Inf	Art   N-ms	Prep	V-Qal-Imperf-2ms	Conj-w   Adv

6869 [e] ṣā·rāh.	3117 [e] be·yō·wm	8300 [e] śe·rî·ḡāw	5462 [e] tas·gēr
צָרָה:	בַּיּוֹם	שָׁרְיָדוּ	תִּסְגַּר
of distress	in the day	those among them who remained	should you have delivered up
N-fs	Prep-b   N-msc	N-mpc   3ms	V-Hifil-Imperf.Jus-2ms

1. Edom's #9 Crime of Hamas: Edom **Cut Off Jews Fleeing** as Fugitives from Jerusalem
2. Edom's #10 Crime of Hamas: Edom **Handed Over Surviving Jews** that had been Captured to the Babylonian forces
3. Sins against the people themselves.
4. Think of Zedekiah fleeing from falling Jerusalem to the east only to be captured near Jericho on the plains of Jericho.

### **EDOM'S 10 CRIMES OF HAMAS:**

1. Edom Stood Aloof while Judah was invaded
2. Edom was like one of the Babylonians
3. Edom Gloated Over Jerusalem's misfortune
4. Edom Rejoiced Over the Ruin of Judah
5. Edom Boasted of themselves in the day Jerusalem fell
6. Edom Entered the Gates of Jerusalem when it fell
7. Edom Gloated Over Judah's Disaster
8. Edom Looted Jerusalem's Wealth when it fell
9. Edom Cut Off Jews Fleeing as Fugitives from Jerusalem
10. Edom Hand Over Surviving Jews that had been Captured to the Babylonian forces

Obadiah 15 – **For the day of the LORD is near upon all the nations. As you have done, it shall be done to you; your deeds shall return on your own head.**

6213 [e]	834 [e]	1471 [e]	3605 [e]	5921 [e]	3068 [e]	3117 [e]	7138 [e]	3588 [e]	
'ā-sî-tā	ka-'ā-šer	hag-gō-w-yim;	kāl-	'al-	Yah-weh	yō-wm-	qā-rō-wb	kî-	
עָשִׂיתָ	כַּאֲשֶׁר	הַגּוֹיִם	כָּל-	עַל-	יְהוָה	יוֹם-	קָרוֹב	כִּי	15
you have done	As	the nations	all	upon	of Yahweh	the day	[is] near	For	
V-Qal-Perf-2ms	Prep-k   Pro-r	Art   N-mp	N-msc	Prep	N-proper-ms	N-msc	Adj-ms	Conj	

7218 [e]	7725 [e]	1576 [e]		6213 [e]
bə-rō-še-kā.	yā-šūb	gə-mul-kā	lāk,	yē-'ā-šeh
בְּרֹאשׁוֹךְ:	יָשׁוּב	גְּמֻלָּךְ	לָךְ	יַעֲשֶׂה
upon your own head	shall return	Your reprisal	to you	it shall be done
Prep-b   N-msc   2ms	V-Qal-Imperf-3ms	N-msc   2ms	Prep   2fs	V-Nifa-Imperf-3ms

1. Principles of retaliation is spoken here:
  - a. “As you have done, it shall be done to you.”
  - b. “Your deeds shall return on your own head.”
2. Edom will reap what they have sown. A basic principle of life.
3. God is just and Edom will face an equally devastating fate.

**Obadiah 16 – For as you have drunk on my holy mountain, so all the nations shall drink continually; they shall drink and swallow, and shall be as though they had never been.**

8548 [e]	1471 [e]	3605 [e]	8354 [e]	6944 [e]	2022 [e]	5921 [e]	8354 [e]	834 [e]	3588 [e]	
tā-mîd;	hag-gō-w-yim	kāl	yiš-tū	qāḏ-šî	har	'al-	šə-tî-tem	ka-'ā-šer	kî,	
תָּמִיד	הַגּוֹיִם	כָּל-	יִשְׁתּוּ	קִדְשִׁי	הַר	עַל-	שְׁתִּיתֶם	כַּאֲשֶׁר	כִּי	16
continually	the nations	all	[So] shall drink	my holy	mountain	on	you drank	as	For	
Adv	Art   N-mp	N-msc	V-Qal-Imperf-3mp	N-msc   1cs	N-msc	Prep	V-Qal-Perf-2mp	Prep-k   Pro-r	Conj	

1961 [e]	3808 [e]	1961 [e]	3886 [e]	8354 [e]
hā-yū.	kə-lō-w	wə-hā-yū	wə-lā-'ū,	wə-šā-tū
הָיוּ:	כְּלוֹא	וְהָיוּ	וְלָעוּ	וְשָׁתוּ
they had been	as though never	and they shall be	and swallow	and Yes they shall drink
V-Qal-Perf-3cp	Prep-k   Adv-NegPrt	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp

**Obadiah 17 – But in Mount Zion there shall be those who escape, and it shall be holy, and the house of Jacob shall possess their own possessions.**

3423 [e]	6944 [e]	1961 [e]	6413 [e]	1961 [e]	6726 [e]	2022 [e]
wə-yā-rə-šū	qō-deš;	wə-hā-yāh	pə-lê-ṭāh	tih-yeh	šî-yō-wn	ū-bə-har
וַיִּרְשׁוּ	—	וְהָיָה	פְּלִיטָה	תְּהִיָּה	צִיּוֹן	וּבְהָרַי 17
and shall possess	holiness	and there shall be	deliverance	there shall be	Zion	But on Mount
Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp	N-ms	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3ms	N-fs	V-Qal-Imperf-3fs	N-proper-fs	Conj-w, Prep-b   N-msc

4180 [e]	853 [e]	3290 [e]	1004 [e]
mō-w-rā-šê-hem	'êt	ya-'ā-qōb,	bêt
מִדְּבָרָם:	אֶת	יַעֲקֹב	בֵּית
their possessions	-	of Jacob	the house
N-mpc   3mp	DirObjM	N-proper-ms	N-msc

Obadiah 18 – The house of Jacob shall be a fire, 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.

7179 [e]	6215 [e]	1004 [e]	3852 [e]	3130 [e]	1004 [e]	784 [e]	3290 [e]	1004 [e]	1961 [e]
le-qaš,	'ê-šāw	ū-bêt	le-hā-bāh,	yō-w-sēp	ū-bêt	'êš	ya-'ā-qōb	bêt-	wə-hā-yāh
לְקָשׁ	עֵשׂוֹ	וּבֵית	לְהֵבָה	יוֹסֵף	וּבֵית	אֵשׁ	יַעֲקֹב	בֵּית	וְהָיָה 18
[shall be] stubble	of Esau	but the house	a flame	of Joseph	and the house	a fire	of Jacob	the house	And shall be
Prep-I   N-ms	N-proper-ms	Conj-w   N-msc	N-fs	N-proper-ms	Conj-w   N-msc	N-cs	N-proper-ms	N-msc	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3ms

1696 [e]	3068 [e]	3588 [e]	6215 [e]	1004 [e]	8300 [e]	1961 [e]	3808 [e]	398 [e]	1814 [e]	
dib-bēr.	Yah-weh	kî	'ê-šāw,	le-bêt	šā-rîd	yih-yeh	wə-lō-	wa-'ā-ḵā-lūm;	bā-hem	wə-dā-le-qū
דִּבְרָה:	יְהוָה	כִּי	עֵשׂוֹ	לְבֵית	שָׂרִיד	יְהִיָּה	וְלֹא-	וְאָכְלוּם	בָּהֶם	וְדָלְקוּ
has spoken	Yahweh	for	of Esau	of the house	survivor	shall [remain]	and no	and devour them	them	and they shall kindle
V-Piel-Perf-3ms	N-proper-ms	Conj	N-proper-ms	Prep-I   N-msc	N-ms	V-Qal-Imperf-3ms	Conj-w   Adv-NegPrt	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp   3mp	Prep   3mp	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp

Obadiah 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.

6430 [e]	853 [e]	8219 [e]	6215 [e]	2022 [e]	853 [e]	5045 [e]	3423 [e]
pə-liš-tîm,	'et-	wə-haš-šə-pē-lāh	'ê-šāw,	har	'et-	han-ne-ḡeb	wə-yā-rə-šū
פְּלִשְׁתִּים	אֶת-	וְהַשְּׁפֵלָה	עֵשׂוֹ	הָרַי	אֶת-	הַנֶּגֶב	וַיִּרְשׁוּ 19
[the land of the] Philistines	-	and the Lowland [shall possess]	of Esau	the mountains	-	the Negev	And shall possess
N-proper-mp	DirObjM	Conj-w, Art   N-fs	N-proper-ms	N-msc	DirObjM	Art   N-proper-fs	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp

1568 [e]	853 [e]	1144 [e]	8111 [e]	7704 [e]	853 [e]	669 [e]	7704 [e]	853 [e]	3423 [e]
hag-gil-'ād.	'et-	ū-bin-yā-min	šō-mə-rō-wn;	šə-dēh	wə-'êt	'ep-ra-yim,	šə-dēh	'et-	wə-yā-rə-šū
הַגִּלְעָד:	אֶת-	וּבִנְיָמִן	שָׁמְרוֹן	שָׂדֵה	וְאֵת	אֶפְרַיִם	שָׂדֵה	אֶת-	וַיִּרְשׁוּ
Gilead	-	and Benjamin [shall possess]	of Samaria	the fields	and	of Ephraim	the fields	-	and they shall possess
Art   N-proper-fs	DirObjM	Conj-w   N-proper-ms	N-proper-fs	N-msc	Conj-w   DirObjM	N-proper-ms	N-msc	DirObjM	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp

**Obadiah 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 Negev.**

5704 [e]		3669 [e]	834 [e]	3478 [e]	1121 [e]	2088 [e]	2426 [e]	1546 [e]	
'ad-		kə·na·'ā·nîm	'ā·šer-	yîš·rā·'êl	lib·nê	haz·zeh	ha·hêl-	wə·gā·luṭ	
עד־		כְּנַעֲנִים	אֲשֶׁר־	יִשְׂרָאֵל	לְבָנָי	הַזֶּה	הַחֵל־	וַגָּלְתִּי	20
as far as	[Shall possess the land] of the Canaanites	that	of Israel	of the sons	this	of host	And the captives		
Prep	N-proper-mp	Pro-r	N-proper-ms	Prep-l   N-mpc	Art   Pro-ms	Art   N-ms	Conj-w   N-fsc		

5045 [e]	5892 [e]	853 [e]	3423 [e]	5614 [e]	834 [e]	3389 [e]	1546 [e]	6886 [e]	
han·ne·gēb.	'ā·rê	'êṭ	yir·šū	bis·pā·rad;	'ā·šer	yə·rū·šā·lim	wə·gā·luṭ	šā·rə·pāṭ,	
הַנֶּגֶב:	עָרֵי	אֵת	יְרֵשׁוּ	בְּסֶפְרָד	אֲשֶׁר	יְרוּשָׁלַם	וַגָּלְתִּי	צָרְפָת	
of the Negev	the cities	-	shall possess	in Sepharad	who are	of Jerusalem	and the captives	Zarephath	
Art   N-proper-fs	N-fpc	DirObjM	V-Qal-Imperf-3mp	Prep-b   N-proper-fs	Pro-r	N-proper-fs	Conj-w   N-fsc	N-proper-fs	

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

2022 [e]	853 [e]	8199 [e]	6726 [e]	2022 [e]	3467 [e]	5927 [e]	
har	'et-	liš·pōṭ	šî·yō·wn,	bə·har	mō·wō·ši·'îm	wə·'ā·lū	
הַר	אֶת־	לְשַׁפֵּט	צִיּוֹן	בְּהַר	מוֹשְׁעִים	וַעֲלוּ	21
the mountains	-	to judge	Zion	to Mount	saviors	And shall come	
N-msc	DirObjM	Prep-l   V-Qal-Inf	N-proper-fs	Prep-b   N-msc	V-Hifil-Prtcpl-mp	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp	

4410 [e]	3068 [e]	1961 [e]	6215 [e]
ham·mə·lū·kāh.	Yah·weh	wə·hā·yə·tāh	'ê·šāw;
הַמְּלוּכָה:	לַיהוָה	וְהָיְתָה	עֵשָׂו
the kingdom	of Yahweh	and shall be	of Esau
Art   N-fs	Prep-l   N-proper-ms	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3fs	N-proper-ms