

18. Obadiah - Obadyah

(Version 4) 1-21-17

1 The vision of Obadyah.

Thus said my Sovereign, **YAHWEH**
for the sake of Edom.

Obadyah means servant of YAHWEH.

We have heard a report from **YAHWEH Himself** **nx**.

And an ambassador has been sent among the nations *saying*,
"Stand up!"

And, 'You are to rise up against her for the sake of battle!'

2 "Behold!

I have set you small among the nations!

You yourselves **nx** are being held in contempt exceedingly!

3 The arrogance of your heart has deceived you,
those dwelling dwell in clefts of rock,
whose sitting place is high,
who says in his heart,
'Who can cause me to come down to the ground?'

Edom includes the high ground to the east of the Dead Sea,
where the city of Petra is found. There are many rocky cliffs
that were used as high ground for protection.

4 "Though you soar like an eagle,
and though you place your nest among the stars,
from there I will cause you to come down!"

- An Utterance of **YAHWEH**. -

5 "If thieves came to you,
if robbers by night,
how you would have been caused to cease!
Would they not steal enough for them?
If grape gatherers had come to you,
would they not cause gleanings to remain?"

6 How Esau will be searched out!

His hidden treasures will be ransacked!

7 As far as the border they have sent you!

Every man of your covenant

has caused you to be deceived!

They have prevailed against you!

Men of your well being (friends) have placed your food
as an ambush under you!

There is no understanding in him (Edom).

8 Will it not exist in that day"

- An Utterance of **YAHWEH**. -

"*that* I will cause the wise man to perish from Edom
and understanding from the mountains of Esau?"

9 And your mighty men will broken down, Teman,

in order that every man from the mountains of Esau
will be cut off because of slaughter,
10 because of your violence,
against your brother, Ya'akob!
Shame covers you!
And you have been cut off to eternity!

11 In the day that of your standing opposite,
in the day strangers were taking captive his wealth
and foreigners entered his gates
and cast lots over Yerushalaim,
you also were like one of them!

12 But you should not have looked *with delight*
on your brother's day,
on the day of his unexpected calamity.
And you should not have rejoiced
concerning the children of Yahudah
in the day of their destruction!

And you should not have boasted
in the day of *their* distress!

13 You should not have entered into the gate of My people
in the day of their calamity!

You should not have looked,
even you *yourself* nx, upon their harm
in the day of their calamity!

And you should not have laid a hand on their wealth
in the day of their calamity!

14 And you should not have stood at the crossroads
for the sake of cutting off his fugitives themselves nx!

And you should not have shut up his survivors
in the day of distress!

15 Indeed near is The Day of **YAHWEH** upon all the nations!
According to what you have done,
it will be done to you!
Your recompense will be turned back on your head!

16 Indeed, according to what you have drunk
on My set apart mountain
all the nations will drink continually.
And they will drink.
And they will swallow.
And they will be as though they had never existed!

17 But on Mount Tzion there will be deliverance!

And they will be set apart!
And the house of Ya'akob will possess
their possessions *themselves* **תא**.

18 And the house of Ya'akob will be a fire,
and the house of Yoseph a flame,
And the house of Esau *will be* as stubble!
And they will burn among them!
And they will consume them!
And there will not be a survivor
for the sake of of the house of Esau!"
Indeed, **YAHWEH** has spoken!

19 And they will possess The Negev,
the mountains of Esau *themselves* **תא**,
and the lowlands of the Philistines *themselves* **תא**!
And they will possess the fields *themselves* **תא** of Ephraim,
and the fields *themselves* **תא** of Shomeron.
And Binyamin *will possess* The Gil'ad *itself* **תא**,

Many do not recognize the distinct areas noted here. Each is a separate section of the land. The Negev is the southern section. The Shefelah is the "low country" between the sea and the mountains of Yisra'el. The Gil'ad is the northeastern section of the land.

20 even the captives of this fortress
will possess for the children of Yisra'el
that which is the Kena'anites as far as Tzarephath!
And the exiles of Yerushalaim who are at Sepharad
will possess the cities *themselves* **תא** of The Negev!

21 And the deliverers will go up to Mount Tzion
for the sake of pronouncing sentence for
the mountain of Esau *itself* **תא**!
And the kingdom will exist as **YAHWEH's!**

The concept of judgment is often not clearly understood. For the Hebrew judgment is the pronouncing of a sentence, a verdict, by the judge. It is not merely a matter of discernment. Typically it had to do with some form of condemnation.