

## 18. Obadiah - Obadyah

(Version 4.3: 10-28-17)

Obad. 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** **נא**.  
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!'

Obad. 2 "Behold!  
I have set you small among the nations!  
You yourselves **נא**  
are being held in contempt exceedingly!

Obad. 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.

Obad. 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**. -

Obad. 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?"

Obad. 6 How Esau will be searched out!  
His hidden treasures will be ransacked!  
Obad. 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).

Obad. 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?"

Obad. 9 And your mighty men  
will be broken down, Teman,  
in order that every man from the mountains of Esau  
will be cut off because of slaughter,  
Obad. 10 because of your violence,  
against your brother, Ya'akob!

Shame covers you!  
And you have been cut off to eternity!

Obad. 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!

Obad. 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!

Obad. 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 **תא**, 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!

Obad. 14 And you should not  
have stood at the crossroads  
for the sake of cutting off his fugitives themselves **תא**!

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

Obad. 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!

Obad. 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!

Obad. 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**.

Obad. 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!

Obad. 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.

Obad. 20 and 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!

Obad. 21 And the deliverers will go up to Mount Tzion  
for the sake of pronouncing sentence  
for the mountain of Esau *itself* **אנ!**

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.