

Obadiah Retribution and Reversal

The Vision of Obadiah (1:1)

The vision from the LORD through Obadiah about the nation of Edom was a call for the nations to rise up in battle against Edom.

840 B.C.?
586 B.C.?

Judgment Because of Their Pride (1:1-9)

The LORD will bring them low from their security in the mountains (1:2-4).

The LORD will bring thieves to pillage their financial treasures (1:5-6).

Their allies will betray them (1:7).

The LORD will destroy their wise leaders (1:8).

The LORD will destroy their warriors (1:9).

Judgment Because They Gloat Over Jerusalem's Fall (1:10-14)

The LORD will cover them with shame because of their violence (1:10).

The LORD will judge because they rejoiced rather than assisting Israel (1:11-12).

The LORD will judge because they plundered Jerusalem when it was sacked (1:13).

The LORD will judge because they handed over fugitives to the enemy (1:14).



The Secure Hills of Edom



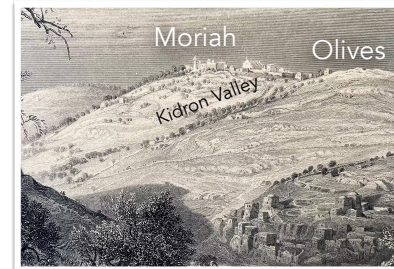
Israel in Relation to Edom

The Day of the LORD for The Nations (1:15-18)

The Day of the LORD will bring talionic justice for all nations (1:15-16).

The Day of the LORD will bring deliverance and restoration to Zion (1:17-18b).

The Day of the LORD will leave no survivors for Edom (1:18c).



Ancient Mount Zion

The Day of the LORD for Judah (1:19-21)

Edom will be occupied by foreign nations (1:19).

Edom will be possessed by Israel's exiles (1:20).

The LORD will rule on Zion over the land of Esau (1:21).

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JUDGMENT ON EDM

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DELIVERANCE ON ZION

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Narrative

1:2 Edom's Defeat 1:9 1:10

Edom's Guilt

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Israel's Restoration

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Obadiah declared that Edom (עֲדוֹם), a perennial enemy of God's people and symbol of humanity (אֲדָמָה), who had betrayed Israel and assisted the enemies of the LORD when Jerusalem was sacked, will be brought down from their heights of pride and security and that Israel will be restored to a place of prominence in the reign of the LORD in order to encourage Israel to realize that the LORD will be just and faithful to His covenant promises.