OLD TESTAMENT · MINOR PROPHETS · BOOK 31 OF 66

Obadiah

The kingdom shall be the LORD's (21)

21	Obadiah	c. 845 B.C.	Edom
Verses, the Shortest OT Book	Servant of the LORD	In the Days of Jehoram	The Nation from Esau

STRUCTURE

The Book in Three Parts

Pride brought down (1–9), the crime (10–14), and the judgment and the kingdom (15–21).



Each bar shows that part's share of the 21 verses.

I 1–9 · 9 verses

Edom's Downfall

Pride in the clefts of the rock brought down.

II 10–14 · 5 verses

Edom's Crimes

Violence against thy brother Jacob.

III 15–21 · 7 verses

The Day of the LORD

As thou hast done; deliverance on mount Zion.

GENESIS TO OBADIAH

Two Brothers, Two Nations

The quarrel between Edom and Israel began with twin brothers, Esau and Jacob.

GENESIS 25:23

Two Nations

"The elder shall serve the younger"

GENESIS 27:41

Esau's Hatred

He planned to slay Jacob

NUMBERS 20:14–21

The Way Refused

Edom would not let Israel pass

VERSE 10

Violence

Against thy brother Jacob

VERSES 11–14

Thou Shouldest Not

God names, one by one, what Edom did in Judah's day of trouble.

1 VERSE 12

Looked On

The day of thy brother

2 VERSE 12

Rejoiced

In the day of their destruction

3 VERSE 12

Spoken Proudly

In the day of distress

4 VERSE 13

Entered the Gate

In the day of their calamity

5 VERSE 13

Looked on Affliction

And did nothing

6 VERSE 13

Laid Hands

On their substance

7 VERSE 14

Cut Off

Those that did escape

8 VERSE 14

Delivered Up

Those that did remain

Edom and the Mount of Esau

MAP

Edom and the Mount of Esau

Edom lived in the rugged mountains south-east of the Dead Sea. Rust marks Edom, gold Jerusalem, and navy the lands God's people will possess again (verses 19–20). The numbers match the cards below.

OBADIAH

Edom and the Mount of Esau

Edom's pride brought down; the land possessed again

c. 845 B.C. · Places approximate



Edom — Sela and Teman (verses 3, 9)

Jerusalem — Mount Zion (verses 11, 17)

The land possessed again — Verses 19–20

"The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock."

OBADIAH 3 (KJV)

Edom came from Esau, Jacob's brother (Genesis 36:1).

BibleStudyForAll.com · Map positions approximate · Scripture from the King James Version

1 verses 3–4

Sela (the rock)

Edom. Edom's fortress "in the clefts of the rock": "thence will I bring thee down."

2 verses 8–9

Teman

Edom. Home of Edom's wise men and "mighty men."

3 verses 11, 17, 21

Jerusalem (Mount Zion)

Jerusalem. Where Edom stood aloof and gloated; where deliverance shall be.

4 verses 19–20

The south

The land possessed again. They of the south shall possess the mount of Esau.

5 verse 19

The plain

The land possessed again. They of the plain shall possess the Philistines.

6 verse 19

Samaria

The land possessed again. The fields of Ephraim and of Samaria possessed again.

7 verse 19

Gilead

The land possessed again. "Benjamin shall possess Gilead."

8 verse 20

Zarephath

The land possessed again. The land possessed "even unto Zarephath."

OBADIAH AT A GLANCE · PART 3 OF 4

As Thou Hast Done, and Christ in Obadiah

VERSES 15–21

As Thou Hast Done

God’s justice is fitting: what Edom did is returned on its own head, and God’s people are delivered.

> *“For the day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.”*
>
> Obadiah 15 (KJV)

EDOM	MOUNT ZION
Brought down from among the stars verse 4	**Deliverance and holiness** verse 17
Cut off for ever verse 10	**Jacob shall possess their possessions** verse 17
Esau for stubble verse 18	**“The kingdom shall be the LORD’s”** verse 21

LOOKING FORWARD

Christ in Obadiah

Obadiah’s last words look to the day when the Lord reigns over all.

VERSE 21 · REVELATION 11:15

The Kingdom Is the Lord’s

“The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ.”

VERSE 21 · ACTS 4:12

The Saviour

Saviours come up on mount Zion; in Christ is the one Saviour of the world.

VERSES 3–4 · LUKE 14:11

The Proud Humbled

“Whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased.”

VERSES 10–14 · LUKE 10:36–37

Love Thy Neighbour

Unlike Edom, the Samaritan helped the man in need.

Key Themes and Key Verse

BIG IDEAS

Key Themes

Pride
The pride of thine heart.
verse 3

God Brings Down
Thence will I bring thee down.
verse 4

Brotherly Duty
Thy brother Jacob.
verse 10

Standing By Is Sin
Thou wast as one of them.
verse 11

Gloating
Rejoicing at another's fall.
verse 12

Just Reward
As thou hast done.
verse 15

The Day of the LORD
Near upon all the heathen.
verse 15

Deliverance
Upon mount Zion.
verse 17

God's Kingdom
The kingdom shall be the LORD's.
verse 21

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