

OBADIAH

	Edom's Humiliation and Destruction	Edom's Cruelty and Crimes	Edom and the Day of the Lord
	VERSES 1-9	VERSES 10-14	VERSES 15-21
Portent	Prediction	Denunciation	Consummation
Event	What will happen	Why it will happen	How it will happen
Content	<i>"The arrogance of your heart has deceived you. . . . I will bring you down." (vv. 3-4)</i>	<i>"Because of violence to your brother Jacob . . ." (v. 10)</i>	<i>"As you have done, it will be done to you." (v. 15)</i>
Theme	The coming judgment of Edom		
Key Verse	"Because of violence to your brother Jacob, You will be covered with shame, And you will be cut off forever." (v.10)		
Christ in Obadiah	God's judgment of Edom and deliverance of Israel prefigure Christ's salvation and end-times judgment.		

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A. REASONS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF EDMOM (1:1-16).

1. Announcement of Edom's destruction (1:1-2).
 - a. The word "vision" can denote "divine communication."
 - b. Heathen nations will rise against Edom.
 - c. Edom is despised and made small (will be made small).
2. Edom strategic location (1:3).
 - a. Petra of Edom was located in a valley surrounded by mountains.
 - b. Access was through narrow gorges and restricted passes which were easy to defend.
 - c. Edom considered herself to be secure.
 - d. She was high up on the mountain like an eagle's nest.
3. Her rocky fortress will fall (1:4).
4. If invaded by robbers or grape-gatherers, something would be left, but Edom is to be scraped clean and even her hidden treasures taken (1:5-6).
5. Her allies will not save her, but will betray her (1:7).
6. Her wisdom will not prevent his destruction (1:8-9).
7. The cause of Edom's destruction (1:10-14).
8. The prophecy of Edom's destruction repeated (1:15-16).

B. THE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL (1:17-21).

1. Jacob shall return and possess the possessions of Edom (1:17-20).
2. A summation of the prophecy -- mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau, and the kingdom shall be the Lord's (1:21).