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1 The vision of Obadiah: thus says my Lord Yahweh
concerning Edom.

We have heard a message from Yahweh,
and a messenger has been sent off
among the nations:
Get up! And let us rise up against her for battle!

2 Behold, I am making you small among the nations,
you are extremely despised.
3 The pride of your heart has deceived you:
he who dwells in the clefts of the
rock, lofty in his dwelling;
he who says in his heart, “Who will bring
me down to earth?”
4 If you make yourself high like the eagle,
even if your nest is set between the stars,
from there I will bring you down: a
declaration of Yahweh.
5 If thieves came to you,
and plunderers by night (how you are being
destroyed!), would they not steal
enough for them?
If grape-cutters came to you, would they
not leave behind gleanings?
6 How Esau is being ransacked,
his hidden treasures being searched out!
7 All the men of your covenant are sending you
away as far as the border.
The men of your peace are deceiving you and
are prevailing against you.
They of your bread will set a trap under you.
There is no understanding in him.

8 Will I not on that day (a declaration of Yahweh)
destroy wise men from Edom,
and understanding from the mountain of Esau?
9 And your mighty men will be dismayed, O Teman,
so that a man will be cut off from the mountain
of Esau by slaughter.
10 Because of violence against your brother Jacob,
shame will cover you,
and you will be cut off for eternity.
11 On the day that you stood opposite,
on the day that strangers took captive his wealth,
and foreigners entered his gates and cast
lots for Jerusalem,
you also were like one of them.

12 But you should not have looked on the day of your
brother, on the day of his misfortune.
And you should not have rejoiced over the sons of
Judah in the day of their perishing.
And you should not have made your mouth
great in a day of distress.
13 You should not have entered the gate of my people
in the day of their calamity.
You should not have looked—yes, you!—on his
evil in the day of his calamity.
And you women should not have looted his
wealth in the day of his calamity.
14 And you should not have stood at the crossroads
to cut down his fugitives.
And you should not have delivered up his
survivors in a day of distress.

15 For the day of Yahweh is near upon all the nations.
According to what you have done, it will
be done to you;
your recompense will return on your own head.
16 For according to how you drank on the mountain
of my holiness, all the nations shall
drink continually.
And they will drink, and they will swallow, and
they will become like they never existed.
17 But in the mountain of Zion there will be an escape,
and there will be holiness,
and the house of Jacob will possess their
own possessions.
18 And the house of Jacob will become a fire, and
the house of Joseph a flame, and the
house of Esau as stubble. And they will
burn them, and consume them.
And there will be no survivor for the house of Esau,
for Yahweh has spoken.

19 And the Negeb will possess the mountain of Esau,
and the Shephelah, the Philistines.
And they will possess the field of Ephraim
and the field of Samaria,
and Benjamin, Gilead.
20 And the exile of this army of the sons of Israel, who
are Canaanites, as far as Zarephath,
and the exile of Jerusalem, who are in Sepharad:
they will possess the cities of the Negeb.
21 And saviors will go up to the mountain of Zion
to judge the mountain of Esau,
and the kingdom will belong to Yahweh.