

OBADIAH

CHAPTER 1

The vision of Obadiah.

Thus saith the Lord God to Edom; I have heard a report from the Lord, and a message hath He sent forth unto the heathen. Arise ye, and let us rise up against her to war. ²Behold, I have made thee very few among the heathen: thou art very greatly dishonoured. ³The pride of thine heart hath raised thee up, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rocks, that exalteth his habitation, saying in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground? ⁴If thou mount up as the eagle, and if thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord. ⁵If thieves came in to thee, or robbers by night, where wouldest thou have been cast away? would they not have stolen them enough? and if the grapegatherers went in to thee, would they not have left a gleaning? ⁶How is Esau searched out! and how are his hidden things discovered! ⁷They have sent thee to their borders: all the men of thy covenant have withstood thee; thy confederates have prevailed against thee, they have set snares under thee, for they have no understanding. ⁸In that day, saith the Lord, I will even destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau. ⁹And thy men of war from Teman shall be dismayed, to the end that man may be cut off from the mount of Esau. ¹⁰For the slaughter and the sin against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever. ¹¹From the day that thou stoodest in opposition, in the days when strangers carried away captive his forces, and strangers entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of them. ¹²And thou shouldest not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day of strangers; neither shouldest thou have rejoiced against the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly in the day of their affliction. ¹³Thou shouldest not have entered into the gates of My people in the day of their calamities, neither yet shouldest thou have looked on their gathering in the day of their destruction, nor have attacked their host in the day of their perishing. ¹⁴Neither shouldest thou have stood at the opening of their passages, to cut off those of them that did escape; nor shouldest thou have shut up his fugitives in the day of affliction. ¹⁵For the day of the Lord is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, so it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall be returned upon thine own head. ¹⁶For as thou hast drunk upon My holy mountain, so shall all the heathen drink wine; they shall drink, and go down, and be as though they had not been. ¹⁷But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be a sanctuary; and the house of Jacob shall take for an heritage those that took them for an heritage. ¹⁸And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble; and Israel shall kindle against them, and devour them; and there shall not be a cornfield unto the house of Esau; for the Lord

hath spoken. ¹⁹And they that dwell in the Negeb shall inherit the mount of Esau, and they in the Sephelah the land of the Philistines: and they shall inherit the mount of Ephraim, and the plain of Samaria and Benjamin, and the land of Gilead. ²⁰And the captivity of this company, the sons of Israel shall inherit the land of the Canaanites even unto Zarephath; and the captivity of Jerusalem even unto Ephrathah, they also shall inherit the cities of the Negeb. ²¹And they that escape shall go up from mount Zion to take vengeance of the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the Lord's.