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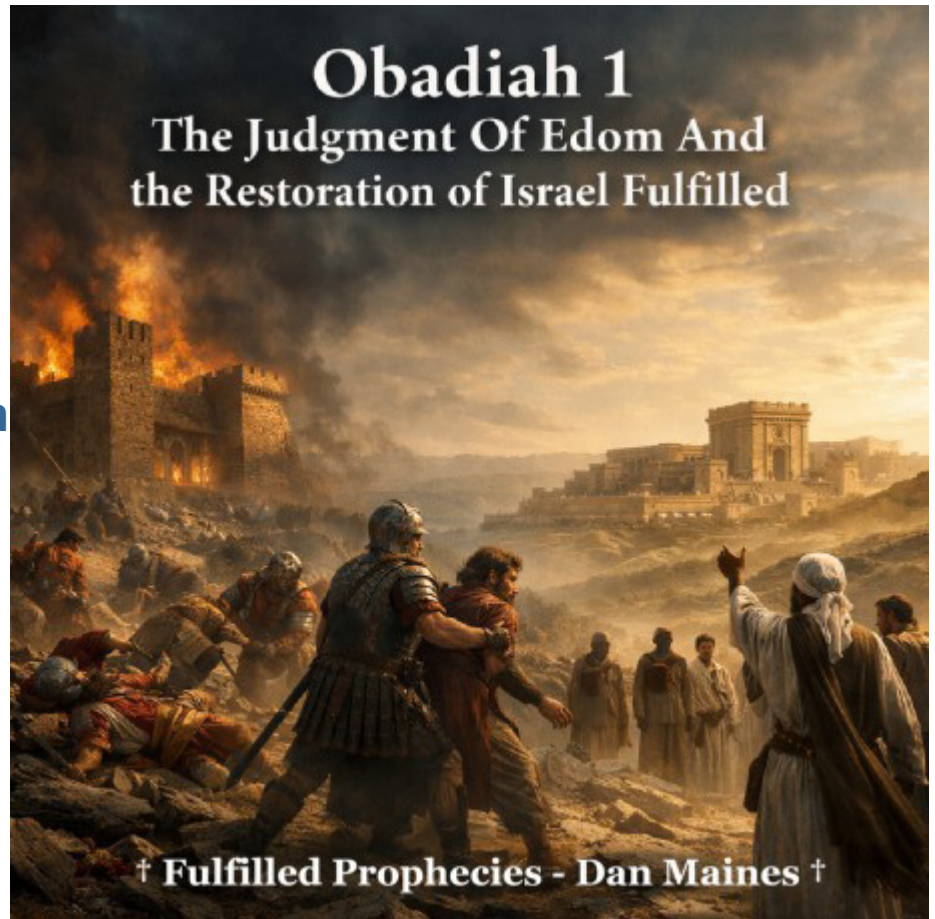
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Obadiah 1 The Judgment Of Edom And The Restoration Of Israel Fulfilled



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Introduction

† Obadiah speaks directly against Edom, the descendants of Esau, who stood against their brother Jacob, and rejoiced when Jerusalem fell.

† This prophecy isn't just about ancient conflict, it's about covenant judgment against those who opposed God's people and sided with their destruction.

† From the fulfilled perspective, this finds its climax in the judgment that came upon Jerusalem in AD 70, and the complete removal of the Old Covenant system, exposing all enemies of God.

Obadiah 1:1

The vision of Obadiah. This is what the Lord GOD says concerning Edom: We have heard a report from the LORD, and an envoy has been sent among the nations saying, Arise and let us go against her for battle

† God Himself initiates judgment, showing this isn't random war but divine decree against Edom's actions. (Isaiah 34:5-8)

† The nations are stirred up by God, proving He rules over kingdoms and uses them for His purposes. (Jeremiah 25:9)

† This reflects how Rome was used as God's instrument in AD 70 against Jerusalem and all aligned with her rebellion. (Luke 21:20-22)

Obadiah 1:2

Behold, I will make you small among the nations; You are greatly despised

† Edom's pride led to humiliation, God reverses what man exalts. (James 4:6)

† This shows covenant judgment always results in loss of standing and influence. (Ezekiel 25:12-14)

† The same principle applied to Israel when they rejected Christ, they became scattered and brought low. (Matthew 21:43)

Obadiah 1:3-4

The arrogance of your heart has deceived you, You who live in the clefts of the rock, In the loftiness of your dwelling place, Who say in your heart, Who will bring me down to earth Though you build high like the eagle, Though you set your nest among

the stars, From there I will bring you down declares the LORD

† Pride is the root of Edom's fall, trusting in position and security instead of God. (Proverbs 16:18)

† No height, power, or alliance can protect from God's judgment. (Jeremiah 49:16)

† This mirrors Jerusalem's false security in the temple, thinking they were untouchable. (Jeremiah 7:4)

Obadiah 1:5-6

If thieves came to you, If robbers by night O how you will be ruined
Would they not steal only until they had enough
If grape gatherers came to you, Would they not leave some gleanings
O how Esau will be ransacked, And his hidden treasures searched out

† The destruction of Edom is total, beyond what normal plunder would bring.

† This shows God's judgment is complete when it comes against covenant enemies. (Nahum 1:9)

† Jerusalem experienced the same complete devastation in AD 70, nothing was spared. (Matthew 24:2)

Obadiah 1:7

All the men allied with you will send you forth to the border, And the men at peace with you will deceive you and overpower you,
Those who eat your bread will set an ambush for you
There is no understanding in him

† Edom's alliances fail, those trusted turn against them.

† This shows worldly alliances cannot save when God brings judgment. (Psalm 146:3)

† Jerusalem also trusted Rome at one time, yet Rome became the instrument of their destruction. (Luke 19:43)

Obadiah 1:8-9

Will I not on that day declares the LORD Destroy wise men from

Edom, And understanding from the mountain of Esau Then your mighty men will be dismayed, Teman, So that everyone may be eliminated from the mountain of Esau by slaughter

† Wisdom and strength fail under judgment, no human resource can withstand God.

† God removes both intellect and power, leaving nothing to resist Him. (Isaiah 19:3)

† This again reflects the fall of Jerusalem, where leaders and warriors alike were powerless. (Luke 21:24)

Obadiah 1:10-11

Because of violence to your brother Jacob, You will be covered with shame, And you will be eliminated forever On the day that you stood aloof, On the day that strangers carried off his wealth, And foreigners entered his gate and cast lots for Jerusalem, You too were as one of them

† Edom is judged for standing against their brother, showing covenant betrayal.

† They weren't innocent bystanders, they participated in Jerusalem's downfall. (Psalm 137:7)

† This principle applies to all who align themselves against God's people and purposes.

Obadiah 1:12-14

Do not gloat over your brother's day, The day of his misfortune And do not rejoice over the sons of Judah In the day of their destruction Yes, do not boast In the day of their distress Do not enter the gate of My people In the day of their disaster Yes, you do not gloat over their catastrophe In the day of their disaster And do not loot their wealth In the day of their disaster Do not stand at the fork of the road To eliminate their fugitives And do not imprison their survivors In the day of their distress

† God condemns their actions in detail, showing He sees and judges every act.

† Rejoicing in judgment brings judgment upon oneself.
(Proverbs 24:17-18)

† This reinforces that God holds nations accountable for how they treat His people.

Obadiah 1:15-16

For the day of the LORD draws near on all the nations
As you have done, it will be done to you
Your dealings will return on your own head
Because just as you drank on My holy mountain,
All the nations will drink continually
They will drink and swallow
And become as if they had never existed

† The day of the LORD is near, not distant, and it brings reciprocal judgment.

† What Edom did returns upon them, this is divine justice.
(Galatians 6:7)

† This same day of the LORD came upon Jerusalem in that generation. (Matthew 24:34)

Obadiah 1:17-18

But on Mount Zion there will be those who escape,
And it will be holy
And the house of Jacob will possess their possessions
Then the house of Jacob will be a fire,
And the house of Joseph a flame
But the house of Esau will be as stubble
And they will set them on fire and consume them,
So that there will be no survivor of the house of Esau,
For the LORD has spoken

† Deliverance comes through Zion, pointing to the remnant in Christ. (Hebrews 12:22-23)

† The enemies of God are consumed, showing finality in judgment.

† This is fulfilled in the establishment of the New Covenant people, the true Israel.

Obadiah 1:19-21

Then those of the Negev will possess the mountain of Esau,
And those of the Shephelah the Philistine plain
Also possess

the territory of Ephraim and the territory of Samaria, And Benjamin will possess Gilead And the exiles of this host of the sons of Israel Who are among the Canaanites as far as Zarephath, And the exiles of Jerusalem who are in Sepharad Will possess the cities of the Negev The deliverers will ascend Mount Zion To judge the mountain of Esau, And the kingdom will be the LORD'S

† The kingdom belongs to the LORD, this is the ultimate fulfillment.

† Christ establishes this kingdom, not by land but by covenant reality. (Luke 17:20-21)

† This is fulfilled in the reign of Christ after the Old Covenant system passed away.

Historical References

† Josephus describes the fall of Jerusalem in AD 70, showing complete destruction matching prophetic language.

† Eusebius records the early church understanding that these judgments were fulfilled in their time.

† Tacitus confirms the devastation of Judea, aligning with the day of the LORD judgment.

How it applies to us today

† God still opposes pride, and exalts the humble, nothing has changed in His character.

† We aren't to rejoice in judgment but understand God's justice and mercy.

† The kingdom is already established in Christ, we're living in the fulfilled reality, not waiting for it.

Q & A Appendix

Q Was Obadiah only about Edom historically

A No, it uses Edom as an example of covenant judgment that

culminates in the broader day of the LORD Matthew 24:34

Q What is the day of the LORD here

A It is the judgment that came in that generation, culminating in AD 70 Matthew 24:34

Q Who is Mount Zion in fulfillment

A It is the New Covenant people in Christ Hebrews 12:22-23

Q What does it mean the kingdom will be the LORD'S

A It means Christ reigns now, His kingdom is already established Luke 17:20-21

Q Why was Edom judged so harshly

A Because of pride and violence against their brother, showing covenant betrayal Psalm 137:7

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