

## **Edom's Pride**

Obadiah

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The people of Edom were descended from Esau. The people of Israel were descended from Esau's brother, Jacob. And just as Esau and Jacob had had a rocky relationship, so did Edom and Israel.

The Lord sent Obadiah to deliver a message to the people Edom,

Your pride will be your downfall. You live in a mountain fortress and you think, "No one can reach us way up here." But even if you soar as high as eagles and build your nest among the stars, you will be brought down. Your trusted friends will betray you. Your enemies will wipe you out completely, slaughtering everyone in the mountains of Edom. Then they will search every nook and cranny and will carry off all your treasures.

When Babylon invaded Judah, you refused to help your brothers. Instead, you threw in your lot with their enemies. You captured stragglers and handed them over to the invaders. You even killed Israelites who were trying to escape.

The day is coming when I, the Lord, will judge all the nations.

What you have done to others will be done to you. The evil you have dished out will be served back to you. The punishment you deserve will be poured out on you, more than you can swallow. And all the godless nations will disappear from history. It will be as though they had never existed.

But Jerusalem will become a refuge and a holy place. The people of Israel will come back to reclaim their inheritance. And I will be their king.