

# Obadiah

Edom Mistreated His Brother ([Obadiah 1:10-16](#))

## Read: Edom Mistreated His Brother (Obadiah 1:10-16)

A helpful structure to think through Obadiah might be this from *The Minor Prophets*, McComiskey (1998), page 507:

### I. Title (1a)

### II. Description of the Scene of Judgment (Nations Arise for Battle) (1b)

### III. Speech by the Judge (2-21)

#### A. Three Sentences (2-9)

1. First Sentence (2-4)
2. Second Sentence (5-7)
3. Third Sentence (8-9)

#### B. Three Pronouncements of Guilt (10-14)

1. First Pronouncement (10)
2. Second Pronouncement (11)
3. Third Pronouncement (12-14)

#### C. Sentence of the Nations (15-16)

#### D. Promise of Restoration (17-21)

## Explain: Edom Mistreated His Brother (Obadiah 1:10-16)

### Are there any literary/structural observations?

Today's text is all poetry and a wide variety of Hebrew poetical devices are in use.

- Synonymous \_\_\_\_\_ in [Obadiah 1:12-14](#)
- A \_\_\_\_\_ in [Obadiah 1:13](#)
- \_\_\_\_\_ in [Obadiah 1:16](#)

### What do the words mean?

**10 "For violence** [wrong, unjust gain, cruelty, damage, false, injustice, oppressor, unrighteous, violence, violent dealing] **against your brother Jacob** [heel catcher, supplanter],

**Shame shall cover** [plump, fill up hollows, cover (for clothing or secrecy), clad, close, clothe, conceal, hide, overwhelm] **you,**

**And you shall be cut off** [same word used in [Obadiah 1:9](#); cut off, cut down, destroy, consume, covenant, be chewed, fail, hewn down, lose, perish] **forever.**

**11 In the day that you stood on the other side** [front, counterpart, over against, before]—

**In the day that strangers** [turn aside for lodging, be a foreigner, strange, profane,

come from another place, go away, stranger, stranger thing] **carried captive** [transport into captivity, bring away, carry away, lead, lead away, take, captive, drive away] **his forces** [forces, army, wealth, virtue, valor, strength],

**When foreigners** [strange, foreign, non-relative, adulterous, different, wonderful, alien, foreigner, outlandish, stranger] **entered his gates** [openings, doors, gates, city]

**And cast** [handle, throw, cast] **lots** [rough, pebble, lot, portion, destiny] **for Jerusalem** [the capital of Palestine]—

**Even you were as one of them.**

**12 “But you should not have gazed** [seen, etc.] **on the day of your brother In the day of his captivity** [same word used in **Obadiah 1:11**; strange, foreign, non-relative, adulterous, different, wonderful, alien, foreigner, outlandish, stranger];

**Nor should you have rejoiced** [brightened up, be blithe, gleesome, cheer up, be glad, joy, be merry, rejoice] **over the children of Judah** [celebrated; a tribe of Israel]

**In the day of their destruction** [wander away, lose oneself, perish, destroy, break, not escape, fail, lose, perish, spend, take, be undone, utterly, be void of, have no way to flee];

**Nor should you have spoken proudly** [twist, be large, advance, boast, bring up, exceed, excellent, great, grow, increase, lift up, magnify, be much set by, nourish, pass, promote, proudly spoken, tower]

**In the day of distress** [tightness, trouble, female rival, adversary, adversity, affliction, anguish, distress, tribulation, trouble].

**13 You should not have entered the gate** [same word used in **Obadiah 1:11**; openings, doors, gates, city] **of My people** [people, unit, tribe, troops, attendants, flocks, folks, men, nation]

**In the day of their calamity** [bending, oppression, misfortune, ruin, calamity, destruction].

**Indeed, you should not have gazed on their affliction** [bad, evil, adversity, affliction, calamity, displeasure, distress, exceedingly, great, grief, harm, heavy, hurt, ill, mark, mischief, misery, naught, noisome, not please, sad, sore, sorrow, trouble, vex, wicked, worse, wretchedness, wrong]

**In the day of their calamity** [same word used earlier in **Obadiah 1:13**; bending, oppression, misfortune, ruin, calamity, destruction],

**Nor laid hands on** [send away, any wise, appoint, bring, cast away, cast out, conduct, earnestly, forsake, give up, grow long, lay, leave, let depart, push away, put away, reach forth, send away, set, shoot forth, sow, spread, stretch forth] **their substance** [same word used in **Obadiah 1:11**; forces, army, wealth, virtue, valor,

strength]

**In the day of their calamity** [same word used twice earlier in **Obadiah 1:13**; bending, oppression, misfortune, ruin, calamity, destruction].

**14 You should not have stood at the crossroads** [rapine, fork, crossway, robbery]

**To cut off** [same word used in **Obadiah 1:9, 10**; cut off, cut down, destroy, consume, covenant, be chewed, fail, hewn down, lose, perish] **those among them who escaped** [refugee, escape, fugitive];

**Nor should you have delivered up** [shut up, surrender, close up, deliver, give over, inclose, pure, repair, shut, stop, straitly] **those among them who remained** [survivor, alive, left, remain, remnant, rest]

**In the day of distress** [same word used in **Obadiah 1:12**; tightness, trouble, female rival, adversary, adversity, affliction, anguish, distress, tribulation, trouble].

**15 “For the day of the LORD** [*yehovah*] **upon all the nations** [same word used in **Obadiah 1:1, 2**; foreign nation, Gentile, troop of animals, flight of locusts, heathen, people] **is near** [near, allied, approach, at hand, kinsfolk, neighbor, next, nigh, more ready, short]; [The ‘day’ mentioned before **Obadiah 1:15** are prophecies of what Edom would do in the future (if you **Obadiah** is pre-exilic). The day mentioned in **Obadiah 1:15** is a prophecy of what God will do in His judgment of all nations.]

**As you have done** [done, make], **it shall be done** [done, make] **to you;**

**Your reprisal** [treatment, act, service, requital, benefit, desert, deserving, that which he hath given, recompense, reward] **shall return** [turn back, retreat] **upon your own head.**

**16 For as you drank** [imbibe, banquet, drink, drunk] **on My holy** [sacred place or thing, sanctify, consecrated, dedicated, hallowed, holiness, holy, saint, sanctuary] **mountain** [mountain, range of hills, hill],

**So shall all the nations** [same word used in **Obadiah 1:1, 2, 15**; foreign nation, Gentile, troop of animals, flight of locusts, heathen, people] **drink** [same word used earlier in **Obadiah 1:16**; imbibe, banquet, drink, drunk] **continually** [to stretch, continuance, constant, regular sacrifice, always, continual, daily, evermore, perpetual];

**Yes, they shall drink** [same word used twice earlier in **Obadiah 1:16**; imbibe, banquet, drink, drunk], **and swallow** [gulp, be rash, swallow down],

**And they shall be as though they had never been.**

### Are there any repeated words?

You/your (18), \_\_\_\_\_ (*yom*) (11), \_\_\_\_\_ (4), calamity (3), brother (2), cut (2), distress (2), drink (2), entered (2), gate/gates (2), gazed (2), nations (2), stood (2)

## Apply (What is the point?)

1. The Day is \_\_\_\_\_
2. All should \_\_\_\_\_
3. Some should \_\_\_\_\_

## Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## Next week: Israel's Final Triumph (1:17-21)

### Homework

1. Ask the Holy Spirit for help
2. Read next week's text (multiple times in multiple ways) (**Obadiah 1:17-21**)
3. Talk to someone about the text ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://www.facebook.com/OurSundaySchool) or in person)
4. Share ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://www.facebook.com/OurSundaySchool)) insights and questions by Thursday
5. Invite a member or non-member

### Extra Credit

Thank God for the judgment \_\_\_\_\_ saves God's children from