

# Obadiah

Israel's Final Triumph ([Obadiah 1:17-21](#))

## Read: Israel's Final Triumph (Obadiah 1:17-21)

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: Israel's Final Triumph (Obadiah 1:17-21)

Are there any literary/structural observations?

### What do the words mean?

**17 "But on Mount** [mountain, range of hills, hill] **Zion** [a mountain of Jerusalem]

**there shall be deliverance** [deliverance, an escaped portion, remnant],

**And there shall be holiness** [sacred place or thing, sanctify, consecrated, dedicated, hallowed, holiness, holy, saint, sanctuary];

**The house of Jacob** [heel catcher, supplanter] **shall possess** [occupy, driving out previous tenants and possessing in their place, to seize, rob, inherit, to expel, to impoverish, to ruin, cast out, consume, destroy, disinherit, dispossess, drive out, enjoy, expel, without fail, magistrate, be poor, come to poverty, possess, get in possession, seize upon, succeed] **their possessions** [possession, delight, thought].

**18 The house of Jacob** [heel catcher, supplanter] **shall be a fire** [fire, burning, fiery, flaming, hot],

**And the house of Joseph** [let him add] **a flame** [flame, head of a spear];

**But the house of Esau** [*esav*; hairy] **shall be stubble** [straw, stubble];  
**They shall kindle** [qual perfect; to flame, burning, chase, inflame, kindle, persecute, pursue hotly] **them and devour** [qual perfect; eat, burn up, consume, devour, dine, feed, food, meat] **them,**  
**And no survivor** [survivor, alive, left, remain, remnant, rest] **shall remain of the house of Esau** [*esav*; hairy],"  
**For the LORD** [*yehovah*] **has spoken.**

**19 The South** [\_\_\_\_\_, specifically the *negeb* or southern district of Judah] **shall possess** [occupy, driving out previous tenants and possessing in their place, to seize, rob, inherit, to expel, to impoverish, to ruin, cast out, consume, destroy, disinherit, dispossess, drive out, enjoy, expel, without fail, magistrate, be poor, come to poverty, possess, get in possession, seize upon, succeed] **the mountains** [mountain, range of hills, hill] **of Esau** [*esav*; hairy],  
**And the Lowland** [lowland, the maritime slope of Palestine, low country, plain, vale] **shall possess** [not present in the original] **Philistia** [a Pelishtite or inhabitant of Pelesheth; \_\_\_\_\_].

**They shall possess** [occupy, driving out previous tenants and possessing in their place, to seize, rob, inherit, to expel, to impoverish, to ruin, cast out, consume, destroy, disinherit, dispossess, drive out, enjoy, expel, without fail, magistrate, be poor, come to poverty, possess, get in possession, seize upon, succeed] **the fields** [to spread out, field, country, ground, land, soil, wild] **of Ephraim** [double fruit; a son of Joseph and the tribe that descended from him, and its territory; \_\_\_\_\_]  
**And the fields** [to spread out, field, country, ground, land, soil, wild] **of Samaria** [watch station; a place in Palestine; \_\_\_\_\_].

**Benjamin** [son of the right hand; youngest son of Jacob and the tribe that descended from him, and its territory] **shall possess** [not present in the original] **Gilead** [a region \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jordan].

**20 And the captives** [captivity, exiles, captives] **of this host** [army, entrenchment, bulwark, host, poor, rampart, trench, wall] **of the children of Israel** [he will rule as God; name of Jacob and his posterity]

**Shall possess** [not present in the original] **the land of the Canaanites** [a peddler, merchant, trafficker]

**As far as Zarephath** [refinement; a place in Palestine].

**The captives** [captivity, exiles, captives] **of Jerusalem** [capital of Palestine] **who are in Sepharad** [a region of Assyria (meaning even those not in the land at the time of the return and judgment will be included in the victory)]

**Shall possess** [occupy, driving out previous tenants and possessing in their place, to seize, rob, inherit, to expel, to impoverish, to ruin, cast out, consume, destroy, disinherit, dispossess, drive out, enjoy, expel, without fail, magistrate, be poor,

come to poverty, possess, get in possession, seize upon, succeed] **the cities of the South** [south, specifically the *negeb* or southern district of Judah].

**21 Then saviors** [*yasha*; to be open, wide or free, to be safe, to free or succor, avenging, defend, deliver(-er), help, preserve, rescue, be safe, bring (having) salvation, save(-ior), get victory] **shall come** [ascend, break, bring, burn, carry, cast, climb, come, cut off, dawn, depart, exalt, excel, fail, fetch up, get up, go, grow, increase, lay, leap, levy, lift up, light up, mention, mount up, offer, make to pay, perfect, prefer, put, raise, recover, restore, rise, scale, set, shoot forth, spring, stir up, take away, work] **to Mount** [mountain, range of hills, hill] **Zion** [a mountain of Jerusalem]

**To judge** [to judge, pronounce sentence, vindicate, punish, govern, litigate, avenge, condemn, contend, defend, execute judgment, be a judge, needs, plead, reason, rule] **the mountains** [mountain, range of hills, hill] **of Esau** [*esav*; hairy],

**And the kingdom** [something ruled, realm, kingdom, king's royal] **shall be the LORD's** [*yehovah*].

### Are there any repeated words?

\_\_\_\_\_ (15), possess (7), house (5), Esau (4), mount/mountains (4), captives (2), fields (2), Jacob (2), South (2), Zion (2),

### Apply (What is the point?)

1. God uses \_\_\_\_\_ things
2. Judgment shall come to \_\_\_\_\_ and deliverance shall come to \_\_\_\_\_ people

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_ with beautiful things
2. \_\_\_\_\_

## Next week: Acts 10-11

### Homework

1. Ask the Holy Spirit for help
2. Read next week's text (multiple times in multiple ways) (**Acts 10-11**)
3. Talk to someone about the text ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://fb.com/OurSundaySchool) or in person)
4. Share ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://fb.com/OurSundaySchool)) insights and questions by Thursday
5. Invite a member or non-member

### Extra Credit

Share your insights and observations of **Obadiah** with someone outside our Sunday school class.