

# Obadiah 15-21

Obadiah 15 – “For the day of the LORD is near upon all the nations. As you have done, it shall be done to you; your deeds shall return on your own head.”

6213 [e]	6213 [e]	834 [e]	1471 [e]	3605 [e]	5921 [e]	3068 [e]	3117 [e]	7138 [e]	3588 [e]	
yê·'ā·śeh	'ā·śî·tā	ka·'ā·šer	hag·gō·w·yim;	kāl-	'al-	Yah·weh	yō·wm-	qā·rō·wḇ	kî-	
יַעֲשֶׂה	עָשִׂיתָ	כַּאֲשֶׁר	הַגּוֹיִם	כָּל-	עַל-	יְהוָה	יוֹם-	קָרוֹב	כִּי	15
it shall be done	you have done	As	the nations	all	upon	of Yahweh	the day	[is] near	For	
V-Nifal-Imperf-3ms	V-Qal-Perf-2ms	Prep-k   Pro-r	Art   N-mp	N-msc	Prep	N-proper-ms	N-msc	Adj-ms	Conj	
						7218 [e]	7725 [e]	1576 [e]		
						bə·rō·še·kā.	yā·šūḇ	ge·mul·kā	lāk,	
						בְּרֹאשׁוֹ:	יָשׁוּב	גַּמְלָתְךָ	לְךָ	
						upon your own head	shall return	Your reprisal	to you	
						Prep-b   N-msc   2ms	V-Qal-Imperf-3ms	N-msc   2ms	Prep   2fs	

1. Verse 15 does two things in the book of Obadiah:
  - a. Completes the accusations and threats of judgment against Edom when it says:
 

“As you have done, it shall be done to you; your deeds shall return on your own head.”
  - b. Sets the fall of Edom as the opening scene of the Day of the Lord when all the nations shall face a similar fate when it says:
 

“For the day of the LORD is near upon all the nations.”
2. The reference to “day” occurs 10 times eluding to three historical “Days”:
  - a. V. 8 – refers to the Day of the Lord against Edom -
    - i. “In that **day**...will I not destroy the wise men of Edom” refers to the Day of the Lord against Edom.
  - b. refers to the Day of the Lord in 586 against Judah
    - i. V. 11 – “On the **day** you stood aloof while strangers carried off his wealth”
    - ii. V. 12 – “You should not gloat over your brother in the **day** of his misfortune.”
    - iii. V. 12 – “nor rejoice over the people of Judah in the **day** of their destruction.”
    - iv. V. 12 – “nor boast so much in the **day** of their trouble.”
    - v. V. 13 – “You should not march through the gates of my people in the **day** of their disaster.”
    - vi. V. 13 – “nor gloat over them in the calamity in the **day** of their disaster.”
    - vii. V. 13 – “nor seize their wealth in the **day** of their disaster.”
    - viii. V. 14 – “You should not wait at the crossroads to cut down their fugitives nor hand over their survivors in the **day** of their trouble.”
  - c. The reference to the ultimate, eschatological Day of the Lord –
    - i. V. 15 – “The **day** of the Lord is near for all nations.”
3. The rest of the book of Obadiah, verses 15-21 concern this final Day of the Lord
  - a. This will be a day of vindication for Israel
  - b. This will be a day of judgment of the nations

16 – “For as you have drunk on my holy mountain, so all the nations shall drink continually; they shall drink and swallow, and shall be as though they had never been.

8548 [e]	1471 [e]	3605 [e]	8354 [e]	6944 [e]	2022 [e]	5921 [e]	8354 [e]	834 [e]	3588 [e]
tā·mîd;	hag·gō·w·yim	kāl	yiš·tū	qāḏ·šî	har	'al-	šə·tî·tem	ka·'ā·šer	kî,
תָּמִיד	הַגּוֹיִם	כָּל־	יִשְׁתּוּ	קִדְשִׁי	הַר	עַל־	שְׁתִּיתֶם	כַּאֲשֶׁר	כִּי 16
continually	the nations	all	[So] shall drink	my holy	mountain	on	you drank	as	For
Adv	Art   N-mp	N-msc	V-Qal-Imperf-3mp	N-msc   1cs	N-msc	Prep	V-Qal-Perf-2mp	Prep-k   Pro-r	Conj

1961 [e]	3808 [e]	1961 [e]	3886 [e]	8354 [e]
hā·yū.	kə·lō·w	wə·hā·yū	wə·lā·'ū,	wə·šā·tū
הָיוּ:	כְּלוֹא	וְהָיוּ	וּלְעוֹ	וְשָׁתוּ
they had been	as though never	and they shall be	and swallow	and Yes they shall drink
V-Qal-Perf-3cp	Prep-k   Adv-NegPrt	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp

1. The rest of the nations will face the same fate as Edom in their day or in that Day of the Lord
2. Israel has faced the cup of the Lord’s wrath, but it will also be given to the nations:
  - a. Psalm 60:3 – “You have made your people see hard things; you have given us wine to drink that made us stagger.”
  - b. Isaiah 51:22-23 – “Thus says your Lord, the Lord, your God who pleads the cause of his people: “Behold, I have taken from your hand the cup of staggering; the bowl of my wrath you shall drink no more; and I will put it into the hand of your tormentors, who have said to you, ‘Bow down, that we may pass over’; and you have made your back like the ground and like the street for them to pass over.”
3. It will now be time for the nations to drink from the cup of God’s wrath

17 – “But in Mount Zion there shall be those who escape, and it shall be holy, and the house of Jacob shall possess their own possessions.

6944 [e]	1961 [e]	6413 [e]	1961 [e]	6726 [e]	2022 [e]
qō·deš;	wə·hā·yāh	pə·lē·tāh	tih·yeh	šf·yō·wn	ū·ḅə·har
— קֹדֶשׁ	וְהָיָה	פְּלִיטָה	תְּהִיָּה	צִיּוֹן	וּבְהָרַי 17
holiness	and there shall be	deliverance	there shall be	Zion	But on Mount
N-ms	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3ms	N-fs	V-Qal-Imperf-3fs	N-proper-fs	Conj-w, Prep-b   N-msc

4180 [e]	853 [e]	3290 [e]	1004 [e]	3423 [e]
mō·w-rā·šê·hem	'êṭ	ya·'ā·qōḅ,	bêṭ	wə·yā·rə·šū
· מוֹרְשֵׁיהֶם:	אֵת	יַעֲקֹב	בֵּית	וַיִּרְשׁוּ
their possessions	-	of Jacob	the house	and shall possess
N-mpc   3mp	DirObjM	N-proper-ms	N-msc	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp

1. Now the book of Obadiah begins to speak promises to Israel.
2. Referring back to 586 BC concerning those Jews who were captured, handed over and cut down by Edom, but there will be “those who escape” to become the seed of the remnant that will return in the end.
3. Continuing to talk about the “Holy Hill” where the Temple stood on Mount Moriah, Mt. Zion is mentioned here at the beginning of the restoration verses in verse 17 and again at the end in verse 21.
4. First, the temple mount and the city will be restored

**18 – “The house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau stubble; they shall burn them and consume them, and there shall be no survivor for the house of Esau, for the LORD has spoken.**

7179 [e]	6215 [e]	1004 [e]	3852 [e]	3130 [e]	1004 [e]	784 [e]	3290 [e]	1004 [e]	1961 [e]
le·qaš,	'ê·šāw	ū·ḅêṭ	le·hā·bāh,	yō·w·sêḅ	ū·ḅêṭ	'êš	ya·'ā·qōḅ	bêṭ-	wə·hā·yāh
· לְקֹשׁ	עֵשׂוֹ	וּבֵית	לְהָבָה	יוֹסֵף	וּבֵית	אֵשׁ	יַעֲקֹב	בֵּית	וְהָיָה 18
[shall be] stubble	of Esau	but the house	a flame	of Joseph	and the house	a fire	of Jacob	the house	And shall be
Prep-l   N-ms	N-proper-ms	Conj-w   N-msc	N-fs	N-proper-ms	Conj-w   N-msc	N-cs	N-proper-ms	N-msc	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3ms

1696 [e]	3068 [e]	3588 [e]	6215 [e]	1004 [e]	8300 [e]	1961 [e]	3808 [e]	398 [e]	1814 [e]	
dib·bêr.	Yah·weh	kī	'ê·šāw,	le·ḅêṭ	šā·rīḏ	yih·yeh	wə·lō-	wa·'ā·kā·lūm;	bā·hem	wə·dā·le·qū
· דִּבֶּר:	יְהוָה	כִּי	עֵשׂוֹ	לְבֵית	שְׂרִיד	יְהִיָּה	וְלֹא	וַאֲכָלוּם	בָּהֶם	וַיְדַלְקוּ
has spoken	Yahweh	for	of Esau	of the house	survivor	shall [remain]	and no	and devour them	them	and they shall kindle
V-Piel-Perf-3ms	N-proper-ms	Conj	N-proper-ms	Prep-l   N-msc	N-ms	V-Qal-Imperf-3ms	Conj-w   Adv-NegPrt	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp   3mp	Prep   3mp	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp

**19 – “Those of the Negeb shall possess Mount Esau, and those of the Shephelah shall possess the land of the Philistines; they shall possess the land of Ephraim and the land of Samaria, and Benjamin shall possess Gilead.**

6430 [e]	853 [e]	8219 [e]	6215 [e]	2022 [e]	853 [e]	5045 [e]	3423 [e]	
pe-liš-tīm,	'et-	we·haš-še-ṗé-lāh	'ê-šāw,	har	'et-	han-ne-ḡeb	we-yā-re-šū	
—	אֶת־	וְהַשְׂפֵלָה	—	עֵשָׂו	הָרֵ	אֶת־	הַנֶּגֶב	וַיֵּרְשׁוּ 19
[the land of the] Philistines	-	and the Lowland [shall possess]	of Esau	the mountains	-	the Negev	And shall possess	
N-proper-mp	DirObjM	Conj-w, Art   N-fs	N-proper-ms	N-msc	DirObjM	Art   N-proper-fs	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp	

1568 [e]	853 [e]	1144 [e]	8111 [e]	7704 [e]	853 [e]	669 [e]	7704 [e]	853 [e]	3423 [e]
hag-gil-'ād.	'et-	ū·bin·yā·min	šō·mə·rō·wn;	śə·dêh	we-'êt	'ep·ra·yim,	śə·dêh	'et-	we-yā-re-šū
·	אֶת־	וּבִנְיָמִן	·	שָׂדֵה	וְאֶת	אֶפְרַיִם	שָׂדֵה	אֶת־	וַיֵּרְשׁוּ
Gilead	-	and Benjamin [shall possess]	of Samaria	the fields	and	of Ephraim	the fields	-	and they shall possess
Art   N-proper-fs	DirObjM	Conj-w   N-proper-ms	N-proper-fs	N-msc	Conj-w   DirObjM	N-proper-ms	N-msc	DirObjM	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp

20 – “The exiles of this host of the people of Israel shall possess the land of the Canaanites as far as Zarephath, and the exiles of Jerusalem who are in Sepharad shall possess the cities of the Negev.

5704 [e]	3669 [e]	834 [e]	3478 [e]	1121 [e]	2088 [e]	2426 [e]	1546 [e]
'ad-	kə·na-'ā·nīm	'ā-šer-	yis·rā-'êl	lib·nê	haz·zeh	ha·ḥêl-	we-ḡā·luṭ
עד־	·	אֲשֶׁר־	יִשְׂרָאֵל	לְבָנָי	הַזֶּה	הַחֵל־	וַגָּלוּת
as far as	[Shall possess the land] of the Canaanites	that	of Israel	of the sons	this	of host	And the captives
Prep	N-proper-mp	Pro-r	N-proper-ms	Prep-l   N-mpc	Art   Pro-ms	Art   N-ms	Conj-w   N-fsc

5045 [e]	5892 [e]	853 [e]	3423 [e]	5614 [e]	834 [e]	3389 [e]	1546 [e]	6886 [e]
han-ne-ḡeb.	'ā·ré	'êt	yir-šū	bis·ṗā·raq;	'ā-šer	ye·rū-šā·lim	we-ḡā·luṭ	šā·re-ṗaṭ,
·	הַנֶּגֶב:	עָרֵי	אֶת	יֵרֵשׁוּ	·	בְּסִפְרָד	אֲשֶׁר	·
of the Negev	the cities	-	shall possess	in Sepharad	who are	of Jerusalem	and the captives	Zarephath
Art   N-proper-fs	N-fpc	DirObjM	V-Qal-Imperf-3mp	Prep-b   N-proper-fs	Pro-r	N-proper-fs	Conj-w   N-fsc	N-proper-fs

21 – “Saviors shall go up to Mount Zion to rule Mount Esau, and the kingdom shall be the LORD’s.”

6215 [e]	2022 [e]	853 [e]	8199 [e]	6726 [e]	2022 [e]	3467 [e]	5927 [e]	
'ê-šāw;	har	'et-	liš·pōṭ	ṣî·yō·wn,	bə·har	mō·wō·ši-'îm	we-'ā·lū	
—	עֵשָׂו	הָרֵ	אֶת־	לְשֹׁפֵט	צִיּוֹן	בְּהָרֵ	מוֹשְׁעִים	וַיָּעֵלוּ 21
of Esau	the mountains	-	to judge	Zion	to Mount	saviors	And shall come	
N-proper-ms	N-msc	DirObjM	Prep-l   V-Qal-Inf	N-proper-fs	Prep-b   N-msc	V-Hifil-Prtcpl-mp	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp	

4410 [e]	3068 [e]	1961 [e]
ham·mə·lū·kāh.	Yah·weh	we·hā·ye·tāh
·	הַמְּלוּכָה:	לַיהוָה
the kingdom	of Yahweh	and shall be
Art   N-fs	Prep-l   N-proper-ms	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3fs

