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Verse 1:

> The vision of Obadiah. Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning Edom; We have heard a rumour from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent among the heathen, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle.

Now edom was the establishment of Esau; that which Esau built. Some translations call it Idumea, starting with an i, but it is the same thing. This is an announcement from YAHWEH that the heathen are turning on edom. Now remember edom pictures that class of people which have forsaken their birthright, edom pictures religion. And there comes a time, we know, in these last days, when actually the kings of this world will turn on religion. Now YAHWEH has several ways of describing this; in Obadiah HE has another way, and we will proceed with it.

Verse 2:

> Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen: thou art greatly despised.

Now making him small, or greatly reducing him, or putting him at the bottom, means that they will be trampled upon. They are the least, the smallest, they descend from the highest position to the lowest. When they are the lowest, no one pays any attention to them, everyone tramples upon them. They are nothing, this is what YAHWEH brings out.

Verse 3:

> The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation [is] high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?

They have been proved, they have been looked up to, they have a mighty organization, and all of the ignorant of the earth actually believe they have something. And they have grown proud because of the millions of followers that they have follow them, and contribute to them, and look up to them as though they were YAHWEH'S Servants. This is a blasphemous organization, but while they are in authority, they are enjoying it.

Now anything that hides in the clefts of the rock, or goes up high, is hard to reach. It is like an animal that goes up to the top of a mountain, and goes into the cleft of a rock. In other words, they believe that they are inaccessible, that YAHWEH will not be able to catch them, and bring

them down, that HIS Judgements will never reach them. In Revelation 18:7, babylon says:

> I sit a queen, and am no widow, I shall see no sorrow.

Indicating that they have it made, they have had it made and they will continue to have it made, so they think.

Verse 4:

> Though thou exalt [thyself] as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the LORD.

In other words, YAHWEH'S Hand of Judgement will reach them no matter where they go, no matter how lofty they think they are, or inaccessible they may become. They can not escape YAHWEH'S Judgements. YAHWEH will reach them in HIS due time, and the timing is perfect. YAHWEH will reach them, and they will be thrashed to the ground.

Verse 5:

> If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night, (how art thou cut off!) would they not have stolen till they had enough? if the grapegatherers came to thee, would they not leave [some] grapes?

"If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night," and then the prophet just begins to contemplate. In other words, he says if it were thieves or robbers, they wouldn't have destroyed you the way that you will be destroyed. And he says in a manner of thinking (how art thou cut off!), in other words, how thoroughly you are destroyed, even before he finishes his statement. So if thieves and robbers came by night, "would they not have stolen till they had enough?" In other words, they would have taken just so much, they wouldn't have thoroughly wiped you out like you wiped us out. No HE says, "if the grapegatherers came to thee, would they not leave [some] grapes?" Well, HE is telling you here that there will be nothing left of edom, it will be completely destroyed, worse than any robbers, or any harvest gatherers, or anything else, there won't be a sign of them, completely annihilated, completely destroyed.

Verse 6:

> How are [the things] of Esau searched out! [how] are his hidden things sought up!

Or how are they ransacked and plundered. In other words, they have a secret, they are able to keep the truth hidden from the people, "how are they found out? how are they ransacked and plundered?" So HE is bringing out that they do have these secrets, and YAHWEH does open up the understanding, and HE does expose them. HE brings out in the seventeenth chapter of Revelation that "all the kings of the earth will hate the whore and expose her filth and burn her with fire."

Verse 7:

> All the men of thy confederacy have brought thee [even] to the border: the men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee, [and] prevailed against thee; [they that eat] thy bread have laid a wound under thee: [there is] none understanding in him.

Well, bringing them to the border of the land indicates that they are ready to be shoved out. If they are in their own land, they are secure, but bringing them to the border means they are ready to throw them out altogether. Indicating they will no longer be there.

"..the men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee," Now these are the ones whom she has "committed fornication with." (Rev. 17) These are the kings of the earth that she has aligned herself with, and has had secret discussions. These are the ones who turn on her at the very last moment. So "they have deceived thee, and prevailed against thee; they that eat thy bread have laid a wound under thee; there is none understanding in him." In other words, Esau does not expect this; the understanding that HE is bringing out here is that they never expected it, I will read this in The Moffatt's Translation: "You had no wit to see." In other words, you did not expect what was coming.

Verse 8:

> Shall I not in that day, saith the LORD, even destroy the wise [men] out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau?

Or as another translation brings out:

> Won't that be the day when I will destroy the wise men out of Edom, and the understanding out of the Mount of Esau.

In other words, at the time of their fall begins to take place, when they begin to lose their understanding. They begin to lose their understanding when their problems begin to increase. When their problems begin to increase, the rulers of this world will see that they certainly not qualified to take authority over the affairs of the earth, because the problems will be multiplying and they will not be solving them. And those that they claim to be solving, they will actually be throwing into utter confusion, adding to the confusion. So this is the reason that the rulers of this world can no longer bear with them, and they will throw them out. But before they throw them out, they will give a good reason for throwing them out. They will be thoroughly exposed by the members of this world, those who know her best of all.

Verse 9:

> And thy mighty [men], O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter.

Now teman was a city in edom. This indicates a complete destruction of "the mighty men of Teman shall be dismayed." Naturally, they are dismayed, they can't solve their problems, they see that the world, their own members, are turning against them, and what more perilous condition could

actually arise amongst men? "Those whom they have been confederate with," to actually turn on them? And to actually seek their lives? There will be no escape for them.

Verse 10:

> For [thy] violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever.

Now this actually happened; edom rose up against israel. The descendants of Esau fought against israel and YAHWEH never forgot it. They were brothers, they were close, and yet the descendants of Esau fought against the descendants of his brother Israel. Now you wonder about the closeness here? Where the association would come? How Esau and Jacob, who are naturally brothers, who had the same father? How do we make the association with Israel and religion? Well, we find that Israel and religion both claim to be serving the same GOD. They are both, you might say, religious, they are both teaching the scriptures, supposedly. But there is a vast difference between the two, because we find that Esau hated Jacob, and we find that the religionists of this world will hate Jacob, or will hate us, Israel. "For thy violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off forever." Now this violence took place once, but this violence will take place again. When religion rises to the fore again under the guise of the abomination of desolation.

Verse 11:

> In the day that thou stoodest on the other side, in the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou [wast] as one of them.

I will read this in the Smith's Translation:

> On the day when you stood by while aliens carried off his goods and foreigners entered his gates ans cast lots upon Jerusalem, you too, were as one of them.

In other words, HE is bringing out here that Israel had enemies. And Esau, she was not at this stage, she was not actually the enemy that was fighting Israel, but she "stood by while they carried away the goods from Jerusalem, and when the foreigners entered their gates and cast lots for Jerusalem, you were there as one of them." In other words, you were siding with them,, you were not defending, you were not helping your brother, you appeared to be on their side altogether. Now HE is bringing out that gradually, with increasing evidence that Esau is really demonized, and really against YAHWEH'S People.

Verse 12:

> But thou shouldest not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress.

Now YAHWEH is bringing out that you shouldn't have done these things. I'll read this in the Smith's:

> You should not have gloated over your brother on the day of his adversity. You should not have rejoiced over the Judeans on the day of their ruin. You should not have made a wide mouth on the day of trouble.

"You should not have gloated over your brother" Now you see they were there, the first time, they were just there. But now they are gloating over the losses of Israel, showing where their heart is. They are rejoicing that Israel is being beaten.

"You should not have gloated over your brother on the day of his adversity. You should not have rejoiced over the Judeans on the day of their ruin." So whose side are they on?

"You should not have made a wide mouth" or rejoiced, or laughed, "on the day of trouble." So YAHWEH gives us increasing evidence to show how Esau actually opposes Israel, YAHWEH'S People.

Verse 13:

> Thou shouldest not have entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; yea, thou shouldest not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid [hands] on their substance in the day of their calamity;

Now they actually went in the gates, when the enemies had burst the gates, they entered in too, this is ever increasing evidence of whose side they are on, or what they wish to see happen. Now what did they do? They actually went in and began to take their substance, robbing them, plundering them, as though they were part of the enemy. YAHWEH is just giving us increasing evidence of just the attitude of Esau, or of religion. Now in these last days we may have religionists speak very nicely to us, but by their attitude, by their conduct, by what they do you will see whose side they are on. They may speak nicely to you, but they may ride up in a state trooper's car and have you arrested, and telly you that they are doing it for the good of the people. You will know whose side they are on because they are on the side that is doing the arresting. They are with them, you know they are not on our side. They will appear GODly, they will give that impression, but all the time they are against YAHWEH'S People, they are serving the devil.

Verse 14:

> Neither shouldest thou have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape; neither shouldest thou have delivered up those of his that did remain in the day of distress.

In other words, they went farther, those that were trying to save their lives, and get out of the city, they prevented them, they stopped them so they would get killed. This is ever increasing evidence that YAHWEH is showing you that Esau definitely is on the side of the enemy, and is against Israel, even though they are supposedly religious, supposedly serving the same GOD. Like Esau and Jacob who had the same father.

"..neither shouldest thou have delivered up those of his that did remain in the day of distress." They even went farther. They stopped those that were escaping so that they would get captured or killed, and those that did remain they delivered them to the enemy! What more evidence could you have that they were definitely against YAHWEH'S People? Now you are going to meet up with a lot of hypocrisy in religion; they will pretend to be on your side. They will interrogate you and ask questions and commend you on your faith, and then report you. This is religion and you are going to meet a lot of this. And religion dominates this satanic world, this is where you have to be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves." Bring out your answers true to the scriptures. This doesn't mean to say you have to be afraid to answer, the more accurate you are, the more bold you should become, because YAHWEH is with you.

Verse 15:

> For the day of the LORD [is] near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.

Now YAHWEH calls them, those who are supposed to be the half brother of Israel, the religionists of this world, they are actually heathen, because anybody who is not Israel is heathen. There is only two. In the past it was Israel and the gentiles. Gentiles means heathen. Today with the Restored Israel, it is Israel and the heathen. Anyone who is not Israel is heathen, regardless what they call themselves, regardless how much they go to church, they are part of the devil's organization. And all the devil's members, who do not understand YAHWEH are heathen. Their religion is just as fantastic as any indian or african, or any fantastic religion that you could dream up of; it is not the truth. It is a mysterious, blundering, blinding sort of thing, to "deceive" if it were possible, "the very elect." It is altogether satanic, they don't even know YAHWEH.

"..thy reward shall return unto thine own head." Or "your deeds will return unto your own head." (R.S.V.)

Verse 16:

> For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, [so] shall all the heathen drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been.

Now the drinking that HE is referring to here is better explained in Revelation 18:3:

> For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

Because of this YAHWEH is going to destroy her.

Verse 17:

> But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.

Now YAHWEH is pointing the way, HE has told us all the wrong, and HE is pointing the way, "upon Mount Zion." Now Mount Zion is YAHWEH'S Heavenly Organization, and it is through this Heavenly Organization that everything that we see, that shall be established on this earth, will come about. Because the heavens will actually fabricate that which is on earth, and it will guide the earthly members. So HE is saying definitely not to look to anything that religion, or the members of this world do, but you must recognize Mount Zion, and Israel does recognize Mount Zion. Israel alone recognizes YAHWEH'S Heavenly Organization. HE says "there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions." The possessions of whom? Of Esau and edom. "I will give you the wealth of the gentiles."

Verse 18:

> And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be [any] remaining of the house of Esau; for the LORD hath spoken [it].

Naturally this brings out, this is where Israel started, "the house of Joseph," Joseph was one of the children of Israel. In plain language HE is saying, the Israelites will be a flame, or a fire. "..and the house of Esau for stubble." Or straw. Now you know what fire does to straw. "..and they shall kindle them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for the LORD hath spoken it." Again it brings out that it will be Israel that is going to bring about the destruction of this world, and it is going to be brought about by truth. "Israel will glorify YAHWEH." (Is. 49:3) "Israel is his battleaxe and weapons of war." (Jer. 52:20). Yahshua said that He "strikes the nations with the sword of his mouth." (Rev. 19:15) This message is carried out on earth by His Servants Israel. And the truth will gather all the good out of the land.

(Tape ends)

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In other words, they heard a rumor that there is going to be a battle, a destruction of edom. Now we have touched on edom. We have mentioned that edom is the city that was built by Esau, who was the twin brother of Jacob, but was the first born, the one who was supposed to have the birthright, the blessing; he is the one who sold his birthright. (Gen.25:29-34) So edom pictures those who have had the first and foremost opportunity, those who have the wealth, and the facilities to study it. It pictures organized religion especially. It would be beautiful if Israel had all that time and the money they have to really search. They actually do no work at all, they have got the money flowing in, and they can spend all their time searching, they can even take trips to Jerusalem, and search the terrain and the geological discoveries etc. They have all the facilities. And yet YAHWEH does not bless them with the understanding.

So there is a rumor going on, in other words, YAHWEH is telling you now that edom or religion, hears that it is doomed, or that it is going to go down.

Verse 2:

> Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen: thou art greatly despised.

So she comes to a time when she will truly be despised. Revelation 17:16 brings out:

> And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

She is brought very small. She has a position of authority where she is actually looked up to by all the ignorant. Religion is actually a servant of the devil, it is a servant of the heathen nations, the nations use religion. In fact I was on the boardwalk, and some pretty well educated jewish fellow says "What are you preaching this for? Don't you know religion is just the servant of politics and big business?" I said yes, I know that, but we are not a religion and we are Israel; we are YAHWEH'S Servant. But they figured that we were just another religion and we were serving politics and commerce. And, like a harlot, she leads herself to the ruling element in order to gain favor from them. But YAHWEH brings her

down to a position where she is greatly despised by all. In other words, the time comes when people will find out that religion is not really religious, she doesn't care anything about YAHWEH. She is there to impress you with how great she is, how GODly she is, so she may have the attention of all people turn on her. And because she is admired by the ignorant people, the ruling element can use her. If religion is on our side, we will certainly make out very well. So they get religion on their side. So we see politicians being photographed going in churches and coming out of churches. Then sometimes they change different churches to show that they accept them all. Now this is very impressive to know that politicians are very religious, they think he is a good man, but this is merely a form of deceit to have the ignorant people believe that the person is really GODly. And yet if they were really GODly, they wouldn't be politicians.

Verse 3:

> **The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation [is] high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?**

In other words, YAHWEH pictures it as an organization which is way up "in the clefts of the rocks." Where you would have to actually climb straight up, and there is a little split way up overhead, up in the clouds somewhere, where this bird will lay its nest and where it would deposit its egg. In other words, if you were to get these eggs it would be an impossible climb up there. So YAHWEH pictures religion in this condition where nobody can get at her; she is secure. No one is going to bother us, we have got it made, this is what they think. "That saith in his heart, who shall bring me down to the ground?" No one can bring me down, no one can catch me and harm me in any way. YAHWEH says:

Verse 4:

> **Though thou exalt [thyself] as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the LORD.**

So no matter how high you go, you are coming down. This is the promise of YAHWEH, she is coming down. Why? Because she is the enemy, she is stupid enough to be the enemy of the Almighty GOD. she doesn't care what HIS Will is, she goes ahead and teaches what she wants to teach, what favors her. Now this is a horrible mistake. The Bible was not made by man, it is not the word of man, it is not the purpose of man. It is the Word of YAHWEH concerning the purpose HE has for HIS Creatures. Therefore, anyone endeavoring to open his mouth concerning the purpose of the Almighty GOD must first be instructed by HIM. It is a Holy Word, a Sacred Word, and it is not anything to tamper with. So YAHWEH is very indignant over religion because it has used its own interpretations, it has not waited for inspiration, it has profiteered, it has kept the people from understanding the truth. The minute the truth is brought in, we find religion steps right in and confuses the people we are trying to teach and throws them into such confusion that many times they don't know whether they are coming or going so they quit. This is the purpose of YAHWEH. They don't have an explanation, but they do confuse. This is it, they don't have an

explanation, they don't understand, they will admit they don't understand, but they will prevent others from understanding what is right. So this is the purpose of the devil, "if the gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost in whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers." (2nd Cor. 4:3,4) So they are serving "the god of this world," satan the devil, who does not want you to gain the understanding.

Verse 5:

> If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night, (how art thou cut off!) would they not have stolen till they had enough? if the grapegatherers came to thee, would they not leave [some] grapes?

In other words, YAHWEH throws this in there like saying, "what in the world ever happened to you? How did you go down so far?" In the middle of the statement, YAHWEH throws this in ("how art thou cut off?") would they not have stolen till they had enough? if the grapegatherers came to thee, would they not leave some grapes?" In other words, when robbers come by night they don't take everything, they leave something. Or when people pick grapes, you can go back in there and get some grapes. But HE says "how are you cut off?" or how are you destroyed? Completely, there is nothing left of you. There is nothing as though robbers had taken everything, as though people who had taken grapes had taken every bit of grape so that there is nothing to found anywhere. This means that she will be completely annihilated, never to come up again. This is because it is the enemy of YAHWEH, and when YAHWEH eradicates them, they are eradicated completely, pulled by the roots and burned!

Verse 6:

> How are [the things] of Esau searched out! [how] are his hidden things sought up!

In other words, first these things are a secret, they are hidden. Religion is a mystery, people don't actually know how to tackle it. They are afraid they are going to make a mistake if they go after religion, so you see the religionists get away with a lot of things. This reverend Moon is getting away with all kinds of money making, and yet he doesn't count it as profiteering because it is supposed to be for a non-profit organization. Yet they are buying all kinds of things with the money; they are making millions. But she manages to deceive the politicians and big businessmen, the rulers of the world, that it is non-profit, and she gets away with a lot.

So HE says, "How are the hidden things of Esau searched out! How are his hidden things sought up!" Actually YAHWEH is going to expose her. Revelation 17:17 brings out:

> for God has put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose..

And she is going to be ransacked and plundered completely. When she begins to take over, and when she does take over during the abomination of desolation, people will begin to see when she has a free hand, when she is a boss, when she makes the moves herself, then the rulers of this world will see her leanings, and that everything that she does is for herself,

and that she really doesn't give a darn about the human race. Nor does she really care about the people living in peace and prosperity and being blessed. All the moves are made for her to gain control, the same as she did during the time of the holy roman empire, where the people were reduced to mere animals, where there was no education, the Dark Ages, people knew nothing. And all they did was listen to what he priests said, because they didn't even know any better, they couldn't even read, they couldn't do anything. They were forbidden to even look into the Bible, that was a sin. The interpretation was to be made by a priest, and so if you couldn't even read the Bible, you would remain ignorant, if you remained ignorant, they could say anything they wanted and do as they pleased, and the people couldn't raise their voice at all. There was no one of any intelligence to raise a voice. This is what she wants. People will see this when she gets in authority, she is going to go overboard, she is going to trip, she is going to make mistakes. And the rulers of this world are going to see those mistakes, definitely. And they will be firmly convinced that she is not what she claims to be, she is another robber, like themselves.

Verse 7:

> All the men of thy confederacy have brought thee [even] to the border: the men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee, [and] prevailed against thee; [they that eat] thy bread have laid a wound under thee: [there is] none understanding in him.

"All the men of thy confederacy." In other words, she has a confederacy, she has a union with others. We know during the abomination she will make a union with the nations, primarily the super powers; russia and the united states. So these are the ones whom she has been confederate with and these are the ones that "bring her to the border," or throw her out of her territory, the border of her territory. They were the "men that were at peace with thee," and they are the ones that turn on her, that prevail against.

"They that eat thy bread have laid a wound under thee: there in none understanding in him." In other words, those who were getting along, those who sat down and had a meal together, so to speak, as friendly people do. They were her friends at one time, they did get along. Those who ate with her are the ones who are going to turn against her, those who were confederate with her. So we know that there will be a union between the nations of the world, and the head religious organization of this world, and that all other religions, which are not Israel, will fall in line and become submissive to what the papacy does.

Verse 8:

> Shall I not in that day, saith the LORD, even destroy the wise [men] out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau?

In other words, won't that be the day "I destroy the understanding of your wise men?" What does HE mean the understanding of wise men? Well, this means that their wise men will not be able to solve their problems at this time, the problems will be more than they can solve. Why? Well the problems will actually increase, they will begin turning against her and the problems will be world-wide, and they will begin to multiply, and they

will come in torrents, and she will not have the ability to solve them. You can't make anything out of injustice. So right there the situation becomes insolvable altogether. They are stupid enough to think that they can twist and bend and continue doing this forever. But it does not last forever, the time comes when they are caught in their own schemes.

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> **And thy mighty [men], O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter.**

Now teman was a city in edom. In other words, if HE was speaking against the united states, HE would say "O, washington," the capital of this nation. HE mentions teman here as referring to edom. And Esau naturally was the one who started edom.

Now this is the end result that the leaders will be slaughtered, and naturally bring about the destruction of edom, or of this religious organization. Now this is the greatest enemy that YAHWEH has. "Judgement begins at the house of GOD." HE doesn't love the united states and russia, that is true. But the most deceitful organization is the one that takes on the Name of the Almighty GOD, and claims to be preaching the truth, this is the most vile instrument that the devil has; this is religion. Therefore, religion goes down first. And people have an opportunity to be free of this deceit, this spell, this veil that religion has cast over the nations. They have an opportunity to see that religion has been a farce and a fraud, and if they want the truth that they should actually hearken unto Israel. Now during this time there will be a lot of sincere so-called christians, who will actually make a break to come over and serve YAHWEH. Up until this time they are deceived into thinking that possibly religion is right, and that they should strive to make the world a better place for mankind. But when they see that religion is a complete flop and that it is not the servant of YAHWEH, this is the time that the sincere religionists will come out.

Verse 10:

> **For [thy] violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever.**

Now what is the violence against thy brother Jacob? Well, we have two that were born of Isaac, we have Jacob and Esau. Malachi 1:2,3 brings out:

> 2 Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob,
> 3 And I hated Esau,

Now the two are very similar, they both claim to be servants of the Living GOD, they both have the Bible.. Now just look how deceitful this is. They both claim to be teaching you the truth, and showing you the way of life, they both claim to be blessed by YAHWEH. They are brothers, they are very close. And yet YAHWEH hates Esau and loves Jacob. Indicating that there is a vast difference between the two. Israel is doing it for the honor and the glory of YAHWEH, the Almighty God, for the truth; searching the truth and trying to do what is right. Religion is making use of it, and is

making merchandise of YAHWEH'S Holy Word. Now this is horrible, this is truly horrible. She can not get enough punishment and she is going to get it. It is going to be a horrible thing to be a religionist at this time because they will actually seek them out and they will be slaughtered all over. The wrath of the nations will be tremendous when they find out that they have been deceived. And not only been deceived, but they caused them to be deceived and that their organization that they had hoped for becomes a flop because of religion. And it is the beginning of their own destruction, because they had trusted in religion. So their fury will know no bounds, religion is really going to get it.

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> On the day when you stood by while aliens carried off his goods, and foreigners entered his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, you too were as one of them.

Now here is the brother of Jacob, the brother of Israel. There is an organization which is supposed to be serving YAHWEH, just like Israel is doing. But when Israel is in trouble what does she do? Does she help Israel? No! "On the day when you stood by while aliens carried off his goods, and foreigners entered his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, you too were as one of them." In other words, you were like the enemy. Now here is a class of people which claims to be GODly; in fact you will find a lot of them that will discuss with you and agree with you, and say "Praise the LORD," and everything else. Yet inside, deep down in their heart they wish you were dead, this is the attitude. In fact they are helping the enemy, this is what Esau did when Israel went down.

Verse 12:

> But thou shouldest not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress.

I'll read this in Smith's also:

> You should not have gloated over your brother in the day of his adversity. You should not have rejoiced over the Judeans in the day of their ruin.

So by their conduct, or by their attitude, their heart condition is exposed. They show what they are, they rejoice when Israel is persecuted, they rejoice when Israel goes down. We find that these religious organizations rejoice when the abomination is set up, but they will

actually head it up, they will lead it, they will propose to put an end to Israel, they will rejoice to see Israel go down, just like Esau, or edom rejoiced to see Israel go down. "You should not have made a wide mouth," or rejoiced "on the day of trouble."

Verse 13:

> **Thou shouldest not have entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; yea, thou shouldest not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid [hands] on their substance in the day of their calamity;**

In other words, when they were being attacked, they came in too. "Yea, thou shouldest not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity," In other words, when they went down, we find that edom helped carry away the goods showing clearly whose side they were on. Now if they were truly with Israel, if they were truly with their brother, they would have helped fight off the enemy, and not helped the enemy.

Verse 14:

> **Neither shouldest thou have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape; neither shouldest thou have delivered up those of his that did remain in the day of distress.**

Now YAHWEH is bringing out all the things that she has done to show you that she is against those who are truly YAHWEH'S People. Now here some of the Israelites are trying to escape. So what does she do? She blocks them so that they don't get out. Well, blocking means they are going to be captured, going to be killed. YAHWEH is telling us here in symbols that the religionists of this world, edom, will actually be against the LORD'S People, against Israel, and will be with the enemies of YAHWEH'S People, and they will do everything they can to see that Israel is defeated.

Verse 15:

> **For the day of the LORD [is] near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.**

Or your deeds will return to you, you will get exactly what you did to them. Now remember "the day of the LORD is upon all the heathen." The day of YAHWEH comes in the last days, and it falls upon the heathen. This means that all those who are not truly Israel, not truly HIS People, are heathen. This would include all the religions of this world that are not Israel. We find that there is one who truly call themselves Israel, there is an israel of the flesh, but the Bible answers very plainly that this israel is not the Israel of GOD, and they have to accept the Messiah in order to be the Israel of YAHWEH, and this they have not done. So HE says that those how have the faith of Abraham become the children of Abraham, (Gal. 3:7). In other words, you don't have to be flesh and blood descendants. He plainly states, "out of these very stones I could raise up seed to Abraham," so HE doesn't need the blood of the jews to fulfill HIS Promise. What HE does want is a people who desire to serve HIM.

Verse 16:

> **For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, [so] shall all the heathen drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been.**

This pictures that YAHWEH will give them that which will destroy them. In other words, they are going to partake of HIS punishment, "you are going to drink, you are going to take that which will destroy you." "You shall swallow down and you shall be as though you had not been." In other words, when they are completely gone forever, they are as though they had never been. You will look around for them and no where in sight will you see this monstrous organization which influenced the entire world, and which was the enemy of Israel, which prevented YAHWEH'S Purpose from going forward. So they will be as though they had not been. Revelation 18:3 has something to say on that:

> For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

So the wrath of her fornication; in other words, what she does brings about YAHWEH'S Wrath.

Verse 17:

> **But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.**

Upon Mount Zion, this is HIS Capital Organization in the heavens, "there will be deliverance." In other words, those who listen to YAHWEH'S invisible organization, these are the ones that are delivered.

"..and there shall be holiness." Only there, no place else, no church, no organization on the face of the earth, but only through Mount Zion, and those who adhere to Mount Zion. They must understand this and never try to find the blessings on this earth through a religious organization.

"..and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions." In other words, everything that the religionists of this world once controlled, the authority that they once had, and the blessings that they once had through the devil's organization, will be taken over by Israel, it will be given to Israel by YAHWEH because they have proven themselves and they can be trusted. "Israel will inherit the possessions of the heathen." (Ps. 105.44).

Verse 18:

> **And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be [any] remaining of the house of Esau; for the LORD hath spoken [it].**

Now you know what stubble is, it is hay or different things that really burn up. You use it to start a fire because it burns so rapidly. So Jacob pictures YAHWEH'S People. Joseph which was one of the tribes of Israel pictures YAHWEH'S People. "Jacob shall be a fire, and Joseph a flame and Esau shall be stubble." In other words, Israel is going to set them on fire, and when they are set on fire they will burn completely. It is not anything that is hard to burn, stubble will really burn. "..and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be anything remaining of the house of Esau; for the LORD hath spoken it."

Verses 19 and 20:

> 19 And [they of] the south shall possess the mount of Esau; and [they of] the plain the Philistines: and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria: and Benjamin [shall possess] Gilead.
> 20 And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel [shall possess] that of the Canaanites, [even] unto Zarephath; and the captivity of Jerusalem, which [is] in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the south.

The Moffatt's Translation brings out:

> 19 And they shall hold the Negeb (Esau ranges), the lowlands of the Philistines, the hill country, (both Ephraim's district and Samaria's), and Gilead of the Ammonites.
> 20 Exiles from Halah and the Harbor shall hold Phoenecia as far as Zarephath, and the exiles of Jerusalem who are in Sepharad shall hold the towns of Negeb.

The Negeb is the desert. This is only bringing out that Israel will possess everything that they once possessed.

Verse 21:

> And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S.

The Moffatt's Translation:

> Marching to Sion hill for victory and vengeance upon Esau's ranges. So shall the Eternal reign.

Or as The Authorized Version brought out: "the Kingdom shall be the LORD'S."

So Israel will possess everything that the heathen once possessed; this was a typical possession. This pictures that everything that the heathen hold today will be controlled by Israel.

"..and the Kingdom shall be the LORD'S" In other words, it is going to be YAHWEH'S. Right now it is not YAHWEH'S Kingdom; it is the devil's kingdom. So this is the great change that takes over. The entire Kingdom, the entire earth will be YAHWEH'S and HE will be RULER. HE has simply permitted the devil to rule throughout this 6,000 years. I want to read a few more verses in Isaiah 32:16-18, and bring out some of the blessings:

Verse 16:

> Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

Now this is where there once was nothing, there was no security, there was nothing at all.

Verse 17:

> And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

So there can be no peace unless people do what is right. Here they are talking about peace all the time, and they are robbing the people, and really taking them over left and right, conniving with bribes, and working schemes in the dark, and committing all types of injustices, and then they speak of peace, that they are going to have peace on this earth. They will never have peace; they do not know the ways of peace. But HE says "the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever." So you have to do what is right, you have to treat people justly in order for the people not to be irritated, not to have any hostile attitude, and not to have any revolution of any kind, or rebellion of any kind. But in the Kingdom there will be none of these afflictions and the people will be dwelling in quiet assurance forever.

Verse 18:

> And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;

In other words, like YAHWEH brought out in Micah 4:4:

> but they shall sit every man will be under his vine and under his fig tree, and none shall make them afraid.

There will be nothing to worry about. In case you do not think you are afraid today, examine yourself and you will see that you have got plenty to worry about, every time the mailman comes you don't know what it coming. If your job doesn't go well, you may lose your place, or your car, etc. So there is no security of any kind, you don't know what is coming up next. But when the wicked are destroyed, and YAHWEH'S Kingdom will have full reign, there is absolutely nothing to worry about; there will be no bills coming in the mail, no one cancelling your insurance. There will be nothing that now afflicts mankind. There will be no danger of warfare, the world situation will be solved, and there will be plenty of blessings and everlasting life forevermore. And the things that afflict mankind will be completely erased. But they will not be erased for the heathen because they will not obey. The heathen will not be partakers of these blessings, the heathen will have to be put out of the way in order to make way for those that want to do what is just and right. And this thing is certain and is being performed in your day and you are living in the last days and

are a part of YAHWEH'S Organization. You can have the blessing of taking part in the greatest blessing the earth has ever seen. And shortly you will see the greatest destruction of the wicked that the world has ever seen. But you don't want to have their blood on your hands, you want to warn them. HE brings out in Ezekiel that they must be warned. Warn the wicked that he will die, if he doesn't take heed the blood is not on your hands. Ezekiel 33:7-9:

> 7 So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.
> 8 When I say unto the wicked, O wicked [man], thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked [man] shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.
> 9 Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

If he takes heed he may live. If he hears and does not take heed the blood is on his own hands. So Israel is living in the last days, and we must fulfill what YAHWEH expects from us.

Questions

1: Verse 16: How did Esau "drink upon YAHWEH'S Holy Mountain."?

A: Esau, like the heathen, drink of YAHWEH'S Wrath. But YAHWEH is showing that religion gets it first, and that the rest of the heathen will soon go down, just as she did.

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OBADIAH

The book of Obadiah consists of a single prophecy, or judgment, directed against Edom. Edom was the nation, or establishment founded by Esau, whom as you may remember, was the twin brother of Jacob. But being born first, Esau was in line for the brithright and the blessings that accompanied it. This birthright, and what significance it held, is of key importance to understanding who Esau and his descendants picture.

Genisis 25:24-34 will be quoted to familiarize you with the account. The Authorized Version (A.V.) will be referred to throughout this chapter study unless otherwise noted.

> 24 And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.
> 25 And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.
> 26 And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel[1] ; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them.
> 27 And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.
> 28 And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.
> 29 And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came in from the field, and he was faint:
> 30 And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom.
> 31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.
> 32 And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?
> 33 And Jacob said, Sware to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.
> 34 The Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright.[2]

To lay more of a foundation for this chapter, we must alsc refer to Malachi 1:1-4.

> 1 The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi.
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> 2 I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob,

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1 Jacob's holding onto the heel of Esau depicted the struggle between the two.

2 Another instance of a birthright being lost is in 1 Chronicles 5:1,2.

YAHWEH is distinguishing between the two brothers, Jacob and Esau. One HE loves, and the other HE hates. As seen, Esau was the firstborn and as such was in line for the birthright, mentioned earlier. The birthright consisted of not only a double portion of the father's estate, but more importantly, the position of head of the household and YAHWEH'S blessing of guidance to direct the family. As the head of the household, it would have been Esau's responsibily to guide the family in a righteous and GODLY manner. This was an honor and a privilege to be respected and appreciated.

The first opportunity was Esau's, but we find that he did not appreciate this position and blessing for he sold his birthright for a bowl of lentil soup. This act proved that the birthright really meant nothing to him.

So with Esau's conduct, YAHWEH uses him and his establishment (Edom) to picture a class of people who have had the first opportunity, and have reniged selling their priviliges for the immediate, tangable, material benefits of the world. In other words, they're selfish. They have absolutely no spirit, which is manifested in the statement: "Wherein hast thou loved us?"

Jacob, on the other hand, wrestled through the night with an angel (even after having his hip dislocated) for YAHWEH'S blessing. But even though he was exhausted and in excruciating pain, he would not let the angel go. Through all this, Jacob perservered, for he felt that if he let him go, he would lose everything. (You can imagine how tiring it is to wrestle for only a few minutes, let alone through the night.) And it was only after the angel was satisfied that Jacob had proven his point, that the struggle ended.[3]

At that point Jacob's name was changed to Israel, which means: "he who strives with [or "for"] YAHWEH." Having YAHWEH'S blessing was foremost in Jacob's life, nothing mattered more.

So we have two brothers: one loved YAHWEH and wanted to do what was right, and the other did not.

> **3 And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.**

We find in history that Edom and his heritage were literally laid waste. No more need be said of this.

> **4 Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverished, but we will return and rebuild the desolate places; thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever.**

What Edom builds are the religious organizations of the world. This actually leads us to the head of religion, which is the roman catholic church. She will be the one to dominate all other religions on the face of the earth.

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3 Refer to Genesis 32:24-28 R.S.V.

Their vow is to return and restore what they once had. Where she lost her position of world domination, she will regain this stature as the "abomination of desolation" spoken of by Daniel the Prophet. This is the promise of those who have met with YAHWEH'S dissaproval. They started out wrong, they continued wrong, they wind up in destruction, and will never be restored. This is religion. The people who worship YAHWEH the way that they want to worship, not the way in which HE commands. They manufacture a religion of conveniece mixed with falsehood and compromise. They deceive the ignorant of the world because they appear to be pious and GODLY, but they do not deceive YAHWEH'S elect. (Refer to Matthew 24:24.)

With this, we will begin with the first verse of Obadiah.

Verse 1:

> **The vision of Obadiah. Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning Edom; We have heard a rumour from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent among the heathen, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle.**

This is an announcement that the heathen are turning on Edom, or religion. As we go on we'll see how this happens.

Verse 2:

> **Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen: thou art greatly despised.**

Now making someone small, or greatly reducing them, indicates that they will be trampled upon. At this point in time religion is looked up to in favor. Politicians go to church often during election time to appear GODLY and gain the favor of people. Religion reciprocates by being the servant of the ruling element. This is proven by religion supporting whatever country they happen to be in, regardless whether or not YAHWEH'S will is ignored. They even have the audacity to hold elections (to vote for the leaders of satan's organization) in their churches.

So then, they descend from the highest position, a position of favor, to the lowest. And when they are the lowest, no one pays any attention to them.

Verse 3:

> **The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?**

Religion has been proud. They have been looked up to for they have a mighty organization with millions of followers. Pathetically, the misled of the world actually believe that they are what they claim. This is a blasphemous organization, but while they are still in authority, they are enjoying themselves.

Proverbs 16:18 warns of such an attitude.

> Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

HE also says they dwell in the clefts of the rock. This means that just as an animal hiding in the clefts of the rocks would be hard to reach, they feel that they are safe and inaccessable. They feel that no one, YAHWEH included, will be able to catch them and bring them down.

Revelation 18:7 describes her attitude perfectly.

> How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

This portrays the attitude that they have had it made all along, are secure (not being a widow), and will continue forever in this manner.

Verse 4:

> Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the LORD.

In other words, YAHWEH'S hand of judgment will reach them no matter where they go. No matter how lofty they think they are, or how inaccessable they may become, they cannot escape YAHWEH'S judgments. Again, this is pointing, or leading us to the restoration of the holy roman empire. In YAHWEH'S due time, and HIS timing is perfect, HE will reach them and thrash them to the ground.

Also compare the phrase in Revelation 18:7 "...How much she hath glorified herself...", with verse 4 where it states: "Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars..." She has given this position to herself, and not been authorized by YAHWEH to govern the affairs of the earth.

To this end, Revelation 18:8 states:

> Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

In other words, she will meet a swift, degradating, through end; because it is YAHWEH who is behind her undoing.

Verse 5:

> **If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night, (how art thou cut off!)[4] would they not have stolen till they had enough? if grapegatherers came to thee, would they not leave some grapes?**

YAHWEH begins by saying "If thieves came to thee", and then interjects the thought "how art thou cut off!" or "how thoroughly you have been destroyed." HE continues saying, "would they not have stolen till they had enough?" Or that if the grapegatherers had come, wouldn't they have left some grapes? (After the harvest gleaners would come and gather whatever was left behind by the harvesters, showing that not all was taken.)

But Edom's destruction is thorough, there is nothing left. It would be better for her if she was plundered by others, at least there might be some trace left of her. However, YAHWEH does the job completely, and nothing will remain of her.

Verse 6:

> **How are the things of Edom searched out! how are his hidden things sought up!**

They have secrets, which if they are revealed will hurt her. But, for the moment, they are able to keep the truth hidden from the people. They can do this because the people are afraid to question, being in fear of sinning against GOD.
But religion can't get away with this indefinitely. YAHWEH will reveal HIS understanding, through Israel, and see that all their scams and intentions are exposed. YAHWEH has several ways of expressing this, Revelation 17:16 being one.

Revelation 17:16:

> **And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.**

Briefly, the ten kings represent all the leaders of the earth. The whore pictures religion (the catholic church specifically), for although she claims to be a Holy and pure organization, she is, in reality, an unclean, unfaithful, organization which has an improper and immoral relationship with the leaders of the world. These "kings" will begin to hate her when her claims of being able to solve their problems prove to be empty words with no substance.

Making her desolate and naked means that they will expose her to the world. They have been partner to her dark secrets and unrighteous dealings and will make public her true nature. In doing this, she is entirely consumed and destroyed, which is pictured by them eating her flesh and burning her with fire. A form of 'Watergate' of the Vatican you might say.

Verse 7:

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4 Or 'O how you will be ruined!' New American Standard translation.

> All the men of thy confederacy have brought thee even to the border: the men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee, and prevailed against thee; they that eat thy bread have laid a wound under thee: there is none understanding in him.

Verse 7 will also be quoted from the Living Bible translation .

> All your allies will turn against you and help to push you out of your land. They will promise peace while plotting your destruction. Your trusted friends will set traps for you and all your counterstrategy will fail.

Now as long as they are within their own borders they are secure. Being brought to the border indicates that they are going to be cast out altogether, and that they will no longer be present.

The men of their confederacy are those whom she has had dealings with, or committed spiritual fornication with. A confederacy is a union.5 These are the kings of the earth with whom she has aligned herself with and had secret discussions and dealings. These were the men that were at peace with her and then turn on her when things don't go their way.

James Moffatt translates the last portion of this verse: "...plots you had no wit to see." In other words, Edom, or religion, did not expect this at all, which is in harmony with Revelation 18:7, which was previously quoted.

Verse 8:

> Shall I not in that day, saith the LORD, even destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau?

Verse 8 will also be quoted in the translation by James Moffatt.

> Will not that be the day, says the Eternal, when I wipe out all the astute from Edom and the shrewd men from Esau's ranges?

The time of their fall takes place when they begin to lose their understanding. They begin to lose their understanding when their problems begin to increase. When their problems increase, the rulers of this world will see that they certainly are not qualified to take authority over the affairs of the earth. The problems will be multiplying, and they will not be solving them. And the problems that they claim to be solving will, in reality, be going deeper into trouble and confusion.

So this is why the rulers of the world can no longer bear with them and throw them out in disgrace. At this point comes the symbolic destruction of the wise men. But before doing this, they will give good reason as to why they are taking such drastic action. And, as

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stated before, she will be thoroughly exposed by those who know her best, the members of this world.

Verse 9:

> And thy mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter.

Temen, being a city in Edom, represents the Edomites, or is merely another way of saying Edom. They are dismayed because they have no more answers and their complete destruction is right around the corner. Their own members,and their former allies are turning against them and there will be no escape for them. What more perilous condition could arise from amoungst men?

Verse 10:

> For thy violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever.

This violence spoken of actually took place in history. Edom, the descendants of Esau, rose up and fought against Israel. YAHWEH never forgot this. Esau and Jacob (or Israel) were brothers, they were close, and yet the descendants of Esau fought against the descendants of Israel.

The question at this point is, how, in the fulfillment, or these last days, can we make the association of brotherhood between the antitypical Edom (or religion), and the restored nation of Israel?

To begin with, we both claim to be serving the same GOD. We both use the Bible. We are both, one might say, religous, and teaching the scriptures -- supposedly. There is, nevertheless, a vast difference between the two. As we saw Esau hated Jacob (or Israel) for wanting to serve his GOD to the fullest, in the proper manner. So in the fulfillment, Esau, or religion, will hate Israel for taking the proper course. This violence took place once; this violence will take place again when religion rises to the fore once again as the abomination of desolation spoken of earlier.

Now when the nations become angry against religion, it is not because of she has done to Israel. This is actually YAHWEH'S judgment. And because it is YAHWEH'S judgment, when religion falls, it will be for ever.

YAHWEH will not tolerate the merchandising of HIS word. Religion's manner of teaching the scroptures consists mainly of reading a few verses, or perhaps a chapter, and then taking a collection. Some even have the audacity to take collections before and after reading the verses (without explanation) .

Verse 11:

> In the day that thou stoodest on the other side, in the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of them.

This is a bit clearer in the translation by J.M. Powis Smith which renders it in this manner:

> On the day when you stood by, While aliens carried off his goods, And foreigners entered his gates, And cast lots upon Jerusalem, You, too, were as one of them.

Israel had enemies who were fighting her. At this stage, Edom was not one of her direct enemies, (?) but as we can see, had no compassion on the plight of her supposed kin. She raised no hand in support, or bothered to denounce the enemy while Israel's goods were carried off. Instead, she grinned in pleasure at Israel's adversity. Moreover, it states concerning Edom, "you were as one of them", showing that because she didn't help, she was actually siding up with Israel's enemies. YAHWEH is bringing out increasing evidence that Edom is truly demonized and will prove to be against the true LORD'S people.

Verse 12:

> But thou shouldest not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress.

Again, this is better rendered in Smith's translation.

> You should not have gloated over your brother, on the day of his adversity, You should not not have rejoiced over the Judeans, on the day of their ruin. You should not have made a wide mouth, on the day of trouble.

YAHWEH is repremanding Edom for doing these hateful things. At first Edom was merely present and not lifting a finger to help. This progresses to the point where she is gloating, rejoicing over Israel's calamity.

Although we will not quote the passage, Revelation 11:7-10 prophesied of a time when the people of the world, mainly christians, will gloat over our symbolic death, rejoicing and sending each other gifts.

Verse 13:

> Thou shouldest not nave entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; yea, thou shouldest not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid hands on their substance in the day of their calamity.

The picture unfolds as Edom is entering the gate right behind Israel's enemies and begins looting and plundering with the others as

if she were one of the enemy. This is increasing evidence of the attitude of Edom.

Now in these last days, in the fulfillment of this prophecy, there will be a great deal of hypocracy in religion. We may well have religionists speak friendly to us; but by their actions, or by what they do, you will see whose side they are on. They will pretend to be on Israel's side, asking what will appear to be sincere questions. They will commend Israel on their faith and knowledge; and then do what they can to have them arrested, or hurt in some other manner. For example, if one of Israel were to be arrested for refusing to pay Income Tax, they would side with the world and twist the scriptures to make it look like we were the criminals. And this done under the guise of doing it "for the good of the people." They will appear GODLY, but all along they are against YAHWEH'S people and are serving the devil. We have already seen an example of this with the scribes and pharisees. Although they did not physically crucify Yahshua, they used all their considerable influence to have the "authorities" do their dirty work for them.

This is where Israel, in the last days, must be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. The words we speak must be accurate and true to the scriptures.

The first half of verse 14 reads:

> **Neither shouldest thou have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape;**

In other words, they went even further by cutting off the escape of those trying to save their lives. This, to repeat, is ever increasing evidence that Edom, or religion, is on the side of the enemy and against Israel, and therefore, YAHWEH. All this, even though they are supposedly religious and serving the same GOD; like Esau and Jacob who had the same father.

The second half of verse 14 reads:

> **neither shouldest thou have delivered up those of his that did remain in the day of distress.**

The evidence has been fully disclosed. It has swung from them, at first, just being present, to plundering, to cutting off the escape of those fleeing, to delivering those who remained to the enemy for the slaughter. What more evidence could you be given to know that they are definitely against the LORD'S people?

Verse 15:

> **For the day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.**

Notice how Edom, or religion, the supposed brother of Israel, is called "heathen." In the past, there were only two distinctions:

Israel and the heathen, or gentiles. Likewise, in the last days there are still only two: Israel and the heathen.

For all religion's claims as to YAHWEH being their FATHER, their actions prove exactly what they are. Heathen!

If they are citizens of any worldly nation, if they are not serving YAHWEH in the manner HE prescribes, if they are serving themselves (in essence, satan), then they are heathen.

Religion, primarily christianity, is just as mysterious, outlandish, and blinding as any pagan religion. And no wonder, for many of the rituals, dress, and doctrines come directly from paganism.

Any organization which is a part of this world, or satan's organization, cannot be part of YAHWEH'S Kingdom. Religion, and again primarily christianity, is an integral part of this world, for without its support and deceit the nations (to such an extent) could never have misled the masses into their wars, schemes, and oppression. For this they will be repaid. Revelation 18:6,7 expresses this well.

> 6:Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled to her double.
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> 7: How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

The phrase "filling to her double" expresses a similar, like, or twin of what she gave others, as is clarified in verse 7. As she has destroyed others she will be totally destroyed, and you cannot be destroyed doubley.

Verse 16:

> For as you have drunk upon my holy mountain, all the nations round about shall drink; they shall drink, and stagger, and shall be as though they had not been. Revised Standard Version RSV.

The drinking described here is also mentioned in Revelation 18:3 which states:

> For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

In a very pictorial and expressive manner, YAHWEH'S wrath is pictured as something one could drink. Religion drinks and drinks of this wrath until they become like they never existed. They are totally consumed without a trace.

HIS holy mountain is HIS mountain of judgment, and the judgment is against them.

Verse 17:

> But upon Mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.

YAHWEH is pointing the way to deliverance, or how one is to avoid destruction. It is through Mount Zion,. which is YAHWEH'S heavenly organization (Isaiah 2:3) comprized of Yahshua and 144,000 who reign with Him having the dual office of kings and priests.

It is through this organization that YAHWEH instructs HIS people as to HIS will. Those who have the intelligence, and are blessed with HIS spirit, will recognize the authority of this organization and the provisions HE has made for their survival. Those who do not are not accepting Yahshua as their Lord, in spite of their claims, and will perish with the rest of the disobedient.

An example of the importance of explicit obedience is in the instructions given Noah. YAHWEH forewarned him of what was to happen and what steps were needed to avoid the destruction. If Noah would have taken the attitude that "I'm a good person, I don't hurt anyone, GOD will protect me", he and his family would have surely died with the others. Or if he had altered the instructions, let's say, built an airplane, or bomb shelter, etc., he would have perished with the rest of the disobedient. Or if he would have bestowed a position upon himself that he was not in line for, such as believing that he was going to heaven and didn't have to worry about doing any physical "works", he would have perished with the rest of the disobedient.

To continue, it also mentions that the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. Israel started through the house of Jacob, therefore, it is merely another way of saying "the house of Israel." Their possessing the possessions of Edom is the same promise given that Israel would inherit the earth and possess the wealth of the gentiles.

Verse 18:

> And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for the LORD hath spoken it.

The translation by James Moffatt translates verse 18 in this manner:

> For the house of Jacob shall be fire, and Joseph's house a flame, with Esau's house like straw to be kindled and consumed, till not a soul is left of Esau's house - by order of the Eternal.

Jacob is where the house of Israel started. Focusing in a bit closer, Joseph, himself being true Israel and not a type, represents all of true Israel.

In plain language, the true Israel that YAHWEH restores in the last days will be as a consuming fire to Edom, or religion, which is pictured as stubble, or "straw" which catches fire easily and burns

rapidly. The destruction, soley through Israel's interjection of the truth, will totally destroy the false religions of this world. Again, religion drinks of YAHWEH'S cup of wrath first, and then all the others of this world follow. Organizations will go down first, and the individuals, if they do not recognize and obey YAHWEH'S organization, will themselves go down.

Not ulitizing the attributes of YAHWEH, they will turn on themselves in all their fury completely eradicating themselves from the planet. In this way Israel conquers and inherits their wealth without striking a single physical blow.

Verse 19:

> **And they of the south shall possess the mount of Esau; and they of the plain the Philistines: and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria: and Benjamin shall possess Gilead.**

Now the south, or Negeb as some translations bring out, pictures those of the desert, or those who are deprived, or those who are the lowest in the world. This is Israel.

This forms the picture of Esau, or religion, which is the mightiest, being conquered by the ones who are held down. This is prophesied in Isaiah 26:6, which states:

> **The foot shall tread it down, even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy.**

The Philistines were the heathen, or YAHWEH'S enemies. They also typify those who will be destroyed. Ephraim and Samaria pictures the Israel under the law, or the Israel of the flesh. The Israel of promise is doing the work that they should be doing. Inclusive of this is the preaching and building of the Kingdom under the guidance of Zion and the Prophets.

Benjamin was the offspring of Rachel, who was the mother of true Israel (Joseph)[5]. For this reason he also is picturing true Israel. Gilead means "heap [of testimony]." This means that Israel will possess this heap of truth, or testimony.

So in one verse it has brought out that religion will be destroyed, that we are doing the work the fleshly Israel should have been doing, and that we possess the truth and are giving testimony.

Verse 20:

> **And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel shall possess that of the Canaanites, even unto Zarephath; and the captivity of Jerusalem, which is in Sepharad, shall possess of the cities of the south.**

The typical Israel did, in times past, conquer the heathen. Through their disobedience, however, they forfeited everything.

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5 Refer to the "Food For The Other Children Of Joseph" article.

YAHWEH'S plan did not fail though, for as the typical Israel conquered the heathen and took their possessions, the true Israel will conquer the heathen, as previously described, and inherit their wealth.

Verse 21 will be read from the New American Standard translation:

> **The deliverers will ascend Mount Zion To judge the mountain of Esau, And the kingdom will be the LORD'S.**

The deliverers spoken of are Yahshua and the 144,000 who are with Him. Judgment begins, or starts, at the house of the LORD (1st Peter 4:17); then progresses downward to those claiming to be of the LORD'S house, which is religion, and eventually extends to include all of the devil's organization. The result will be the destruction of the wicked and the total possession of the Kingdom by YAHWEH.