

# An Outline of Obadiah

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## *\*Introduction (1a)*

- I. The *Bad Good News*: Prophecies about Edom (1b–18)
  - A. Edom will be brought low (1b–4).
  - B. Edom will be cut off forever (5–10).
  - C. Edom will be destroyed (11–18).
    1. They were opportunistic when Jerusalem fell (11).
    2. They must not gloat over or boast about Israel’s misfortune (12–14).
    3. They will be consumed like stubble in a fire (15–18).
- II. The *Good Good News*: Prophecies about Israel (19–21)<sup>1</sup>
  - A. They will possess land again (19a–20).
    1. Jews scattered in the Negeb and Shephelah will possess land (19a).
    2. The tribe of Benjamin will possess land (19b).
    3. Jewish exiles in Babylon and Sepharad will possess land (20).
  - B. God will reestablish His kingdom (21).

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<sup>1</sup> Daniel Block uses the language “bad good news” and “good good news” in his outline of the end of the book concerning verses 15–18 and 19–21 respectively. Block, *Obadiah*, 44. I’ve chosen this language for the major divisions of the entire book.

