

# 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.