



“AS YOU HAVE DONE, IT SHALL BE DONE TO YOU”

Our Lord will punish any arrogant person, as his deeds, by falling no matter how high he is. And the meek, who rely on our Lord, are the ones who will inherit the earth, and our Lord will raise them and rule among them, and they will be the light of the world.

+ **Meaning of the Name:** God's Servant.

+ **Prophecy period:** It is not exactly known, but most likely it is the time of captivity.

+ **Number of Chapters:** 1 (The shortest book in Old Testament, consisting of 21 verses).

+ **Circumstances of writing:**

- As Jacob's relationship with Esau had a lot of tension, and conflict, same as Israel and Edom... But the latter preferred to maintain the relationship of kinship and they were not enemies, until Babylon captivated the kingdom of Judah, at that time Edom refused to help Israel, but they stole them, insulted them, abused those who fled from them, and enslaved them... Accordingly, our Lord will punish them.

+ **Target Audience:** The book prophesies against Edom (the people who dwelt on the other side of the Dead Sea).

+ **Book Goal:**

- It gives us a general picture of our Lord's judgment for pride and evil in the world.
- He gives us hope and a promise that He will reign in peace with His pious and those who rely on Him.

+ **Keywords of the book:**

- Edom = offspring of Esau...a symbol of evil and corruption in the Bible.
- Jacob = the people of Israel and Judah (Jacob's descendants).
- New Jerusalem (after the return from exile) = The Church of the New Testament.
- Jerusalem inherits the nations = Preaching Christianity all over the world.



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1- Edom Judgement:

- + Edom felt that they are better than Israel and superior to them because they have lived in a strong rocky land on mountains called the mountains of Seir (meaning a land higher than the land of Israel) This made them arrogant, that no one could defeat them (verse 3).
- + But our Lord says that even if your height reaches the sky, I am still higher than you and I will bring any proud man down to earth (verse 4).
- + Our Lord says: Just as you did for your brother Jacob (the people of Israel), when you were gloating over their misfortune and their plunder, so will I do to you (verse 15).
- + This is what really happened after this talk about 100 years later... Babylon had captivated Edom, and Edom people are no longer in the history.
- + After that, our Lord transferred the words from the judgment of Edom to the judgment of the whole earth (verse 15).

+ Learned Lessons:

- Our Lord is a fair judge., but those whose deeds are: pride, lies, sins, and his thinking is not pure in our Lord. He will be rewarded with justice.
- O Lord, honor me with humility and purify me from deceptive pride, so that I do not fall without standing again.



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2- The Judgment of the Gentiles and Zion Salvation:

- + Our Lord says that all arrogant nations like Edom will fall in the same way (verse 16).
- + And therefore the fall of Edom will be an example of the fall of all the arrogant and evil nations on the day of the Lord...
- + In the Hebrew the word (Edom) it contains the same letters of the word (Adam), which means the old man who thinks in the world.
- + But as usual, revenge and judgment, are not God's last word... but its always after it that comes joy and praise.
- + And our Lord says that on this day of the Lord, Jerusalem will be survived & will not be captivated any more.
- + The rest who still have faith will fill the whole world (a reference to the Church of the New Testament that filled the entire inhabited world after the cross).
- + And of course the rest of the people of Edom could enter the people of our Lord if they believed and repented... Our Lord always accepts repentance.

+ Learned Lessons:

- The New Jerusalem resembles the New Testament Church which our Lord has given the whole world to be filled with faith, love and peace.
- Do not gloat over me, my enemy... even if our Lord allows chastisement, I will repent and return, and our Lord will return me again and make me happy.



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+ Verses that gives a brief to the book:

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
(1:3)

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 (1:4).

+ Our Lord's terrifying response to the arrogant person... Pride is the sin of Satan... and as Satan has fallen from his rank because of it, every arrogant person will fall no matter how high he rises.

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. (1:16)

But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.(1:17)

+ On the contrary, it will be the end of the humble who rely on God as follows:

- Mount Zion = Church of the New Testament.
- Jacob's house inherits their inheritance = the kingdom.



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+ Some Verses Explanation:

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. (1:15)

+ This is a rule in the book... You reap what you sow... a lie / hurt / deceived... All of this will come back to you.

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. (1:18)

+ Fire = the Holy Spirit (warmed by the Spirit)... Love and grace of the New Testament.
+ Hay: The one that will burn with fire.



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