



# Walking the Ancient Path

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Obadiah

# History of Israel

God's  
Covenant  
With  
Abraham

Israel

Israel

Assyria

Judah

Babylon

Exile

Return

# Prophets of Israel

Amos  
Hosea  
Isaiah  
Micah

Zephaniah  
Jeremiah  
Nahum  
Habakkuk

Obadiah  
Ezekiel

Haggai  
Zechariah  
Malachi

Joel (?)  
Jonah  
(Ninevah)



## Who was Obadiah?

- **“Servant” or “Worshipper of God”**
- **Possibly Feeble**
- **Definitely Angry**
- **Resident of Judah**
- **Spoke to Edom**

# Who Were the Edomites?

Abraham  
& Sarah

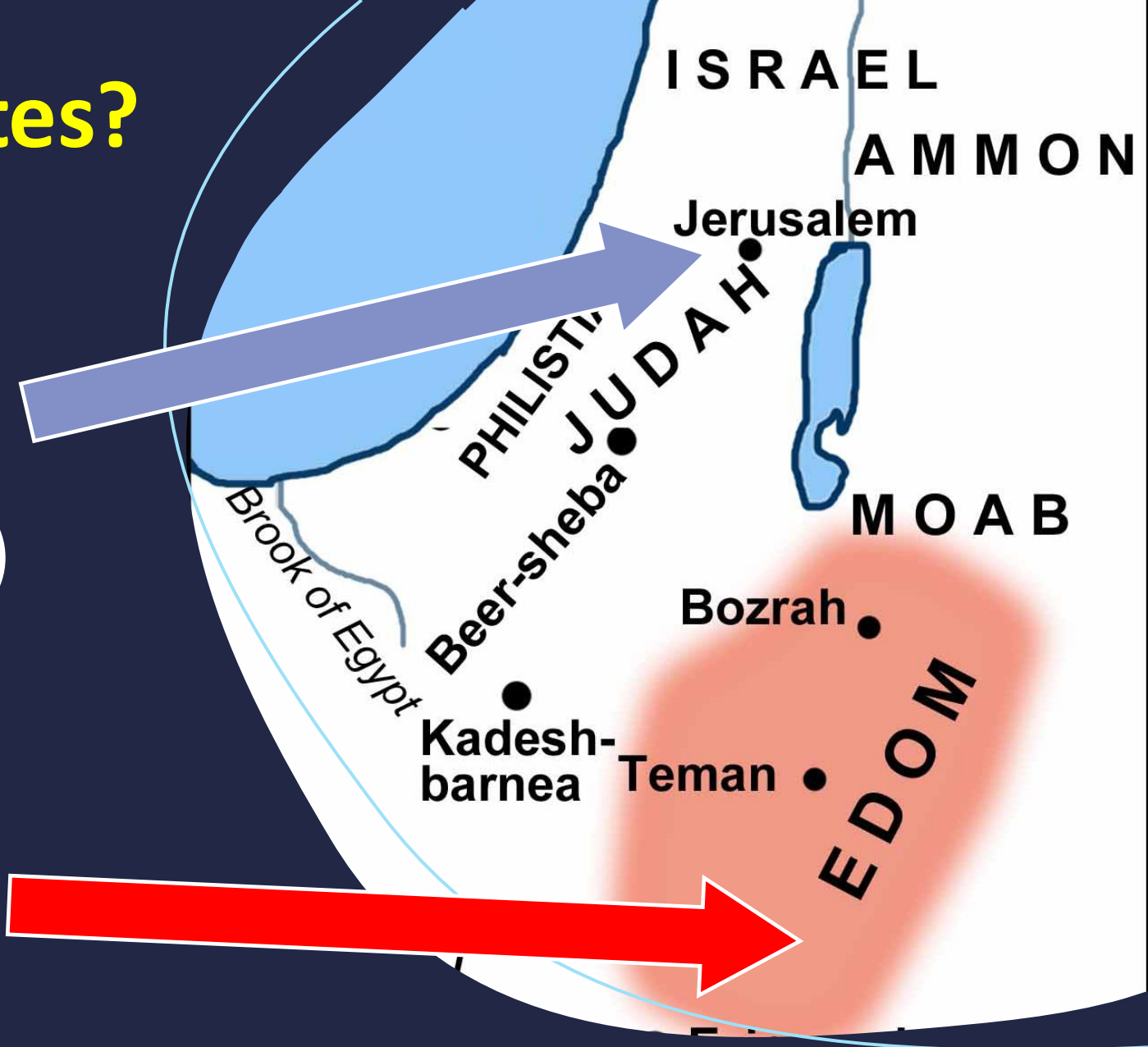


Issac &  
Rebekah



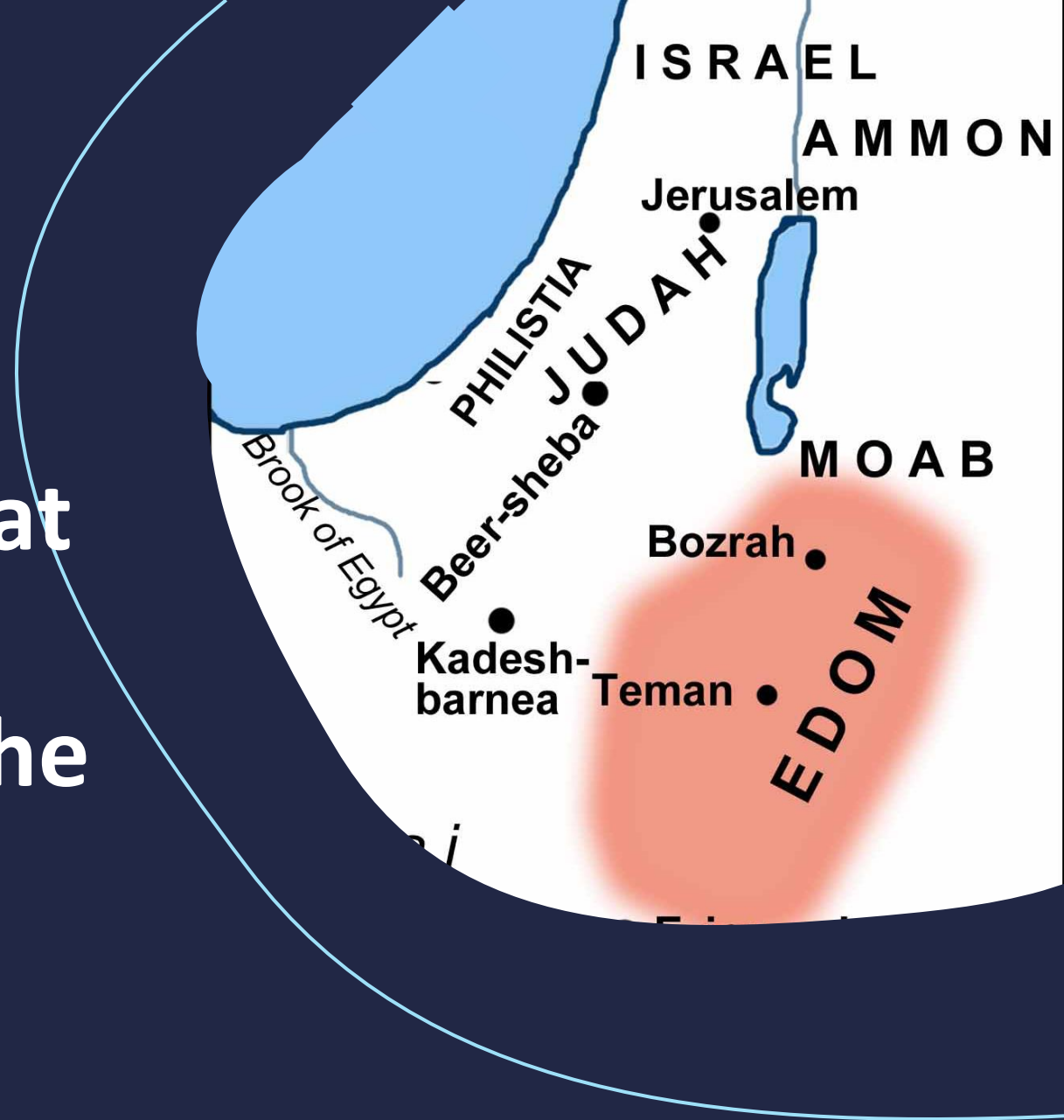
Esau  
(Edom)

Jacob  
(Israel)



## The Edomites:

- Denied Moses Access
- Enemy of Saul & David
- Gleeful at Judah's defeat
- Herod the Great (an Idumean) tried to kill the infant Jesus.
- Destroyed by Rome in 70AD



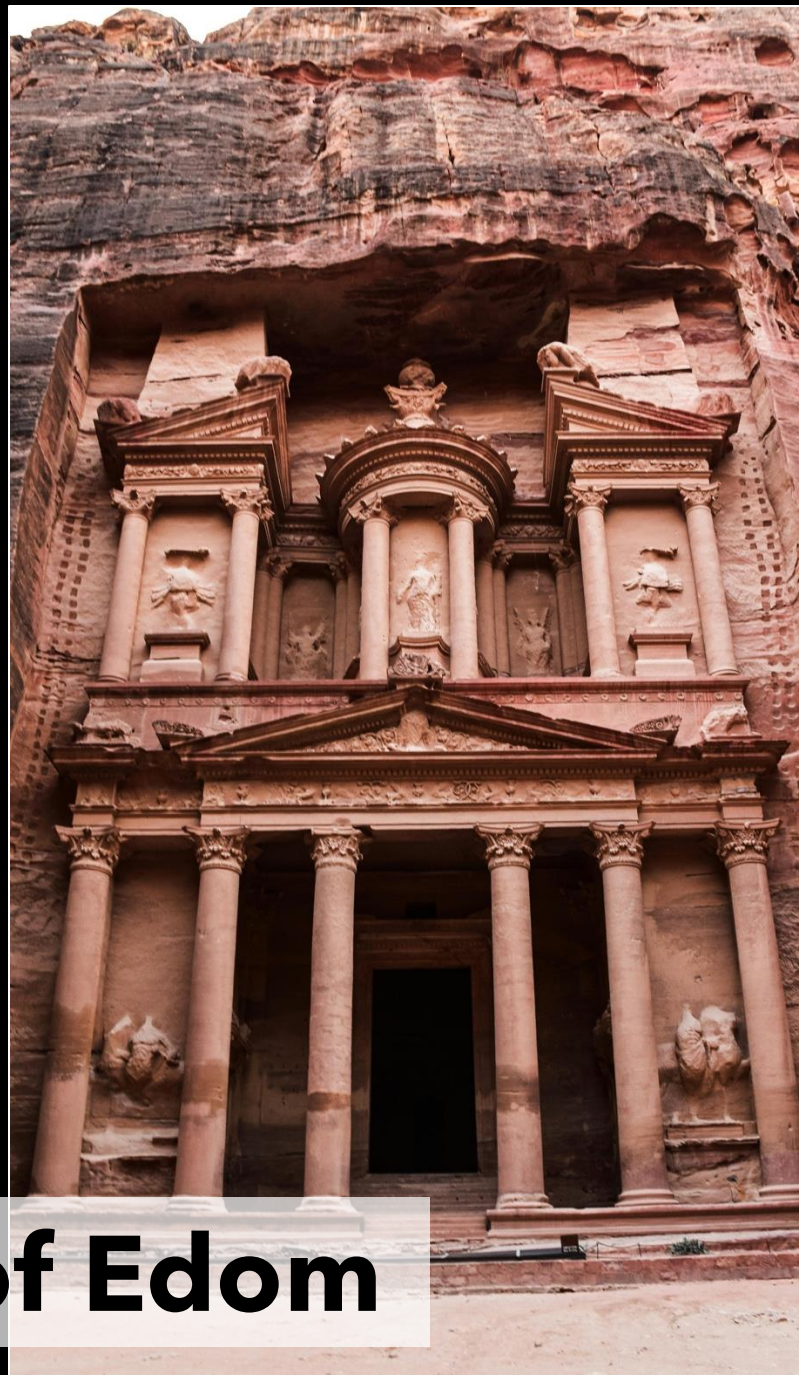
**What did  
God say to  
Edom?**

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**<sup>1</sup> This is the vision that the Sovereign Lord revealed to Obadiah concerning the land of Edom. We have heard a message from the Lord that an ambassador was sent to the nations to say, “Get ready, everyone! Let’s assemble our armies and attack Edom!”**

**<sup>2</sup> The Lord says to Edom, “I will cut you down to size among the nations; you will be greatly despised. <sup>3</sup> You have been deceived by your own pride because you live in a rock fortress and make your home high in the mountains. ‘Who can ever reach us way up here?’ you ask boastfully.**





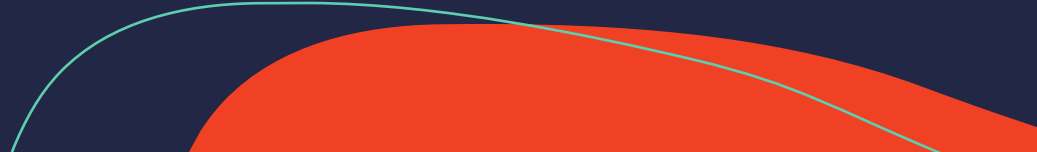
**Petra of Edom**

**<sup>4</sup> But even if you soar as high as eagles and build your nest among the stars, I will bring you crashing down,” says the Lord. <sup>5</sup> “If thieves came at night and robbed you (what a disaster awaits you!), they would not take everything. Those who harvest grapes always leave a few for the poor. But your enemies will wipe you out completely!**

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Why did He  
say it?

**It A  
Message  
The  
Oppressed  
Need To  
Hear**





**It A  
Message  
The  
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Need To  
Hear**



**It A  
Warning  
Oppressors  
Need to  
Heed**

**15 “The day is near when I, the Lord, will judge all godless nations! As you have done to Israel, so it will be done to you. All your evil deeds will fall back on your own heads.**

**16 Just as you swallowed up my people on my holy mountain, so you and the surrounding nations will swallow the punishment I pour out on you.**

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What did the  
Edomites  
do?

**10 “Because of the violence you did to your close relatives in Israel, you will be filled with shame and destroyed forever. 11 When they were invaded, you stood aloof, refusing to help them. Foreign invaders carried off their wealth and cast lots to divide up Jerusalem, but you acted like one of Israel’s enemies.**



**12 “You should not have gloated when they exiled your relatives to distant lands. You should not have rejoiced when the people of Judah suffered such misfortune. You should not have spoken arrogantly in that terrible time of trouble. 13 You should not have plundered the land of Israel when they were suffering such calamity. You should**

**not have gloated over their destruction  
when they were suffering such calamity.  
You should not have seized their wealth  
when they were suffering such calamity.**

**<sup>14</sup> You should not have stood at the  
crossroads, killing those who tried to  
escape. You should not have captured the  
survivors and handed them over in their  
terrible time of trouble.**

# What did they do?



DEPARTMENT OF  
INDIFFERENCE

**1. Nothing.**

“When they were  
invaded, you  
stood aloof,  
refusing to help”

v. 11



## **What did they do?**

**1. Nothing.**

**2. Gloated.**

**“You should not have gloated when they exiled your relatives to distant lands.” v. 12**



## What did they do?

1. Nothing.
2. Gloated.
3. Looted.
4. Betrayed.
5. Enslaved.

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**Why does it  
matter?**

**This is not  
just an  
Edomite  
problem.**

**1John 3:17**

**But whoever has worldly  
goods and sees his  
brother *or sister* in need,  
and closes his heart against  
him, how does the love of  
God remain in him? (NASB)**

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Is their  
hope?



**16 Just as you swallowed up my people on my holy mountain, so you and the surrounding nations will swallow the punishment I pour out on you. Yes, all you nations will drink and stagger and disappear from history.**

**17 “But Jerusalem will become a refuge for those who**

**It ain't over.**

**17 “But Jerusalem will become a refuge for those who escape; it will be a holy place. And the people of Israel will come back to reclaim their inheritance. 18 The people of Israel will be a raging fire, and Edom a field of dry stubble. The descendants of Joseph will be a**

Holiness is coming.

Note - why

**18 The people of Israel will be a raging fire, and Edom a field of dry stubble. The descendants of Joseph will be a flame roaring across the field, devouring everything. There will be no survivors in Edom. I, the Lord, have spoken!**

**Drastic  
Contrast  
  
Children  
of Joseph**

**19 “Then my people living in the Negev will occupy the mountains of Edom. Those living in the foothills of Judah will possess the Philistine plains and take over the fields of Ephraim and Samaria. And the people of Benjamin will occupy the land of Gilead.**

Total  
Turn  
Around

**20 The exiles of Israel will return to their land and occupy the Phoenician coast as far north as Zarephath. The captives from Jerusalem exiled in the north will return home and resettle the towns of the Negev.**

A Return  
Home

**21 Those who have been rescued will go up to Mount Zion in Jerusalem to rule over the mountains of Edom. And the Lord himself will be king!”**

A New  
Kingdom  
Where  
God Rules