

- [1] (it **is**) (the) vision of Obadiah [*“servant of YH”*]
 [1-2] thus **says** my **Lord, YHWH**, to Edom
 [2] a report, we **have heard**, from with YHWH
 [3] and an envoy, among nations, **has been sent**
 [4-5] “**arise**, and **let** us **arise** against her, for war!”
- [1] behold, **small** –
 [3] I **will make you**, among (the) nations
 [2-3] **being despised**, you (**will be**), **very!**
 [4-5] (the) pride of your **heart has deceived you**
 [1-2] (he) **dwelling** in (the) **clefs** of rock, (the) **height** of his seat
 [3] (he) **saying** in his heart
 [4] who **will bring** me **down** (to) earth?
 [5] if you **soar** like an eagle
 [6] and if, between (the) stars, you **set** your nest
 [4] from there, I **will bring** you **down**
 [5] (**is**) utterance of YHWH
- [7] if thieves **had come** to you
 [8] if (those) **despoiling** (by) night –
 [9] how you **would have been cut off!** –
 [10] **would** they **not steal** their sufficiency?
 [1-2] if (those) **gathering, came** to you,
 [3] **would** they **not leave** (the) gleanings?
 [4] how (there) **has been plundered**, Esau!
 [5] (there) **have been searched out**, his hidden-treasures
 [6] as far as the border, (there) **have sent** you, all men of your covenant
 [7] they **have deceived** you
 [8] (there) **have prevailed** against you, (the) men of your peace
 [9] (for) your bread, they **have set** an ambush under you
 [10] **there is not**, understanding, in him
- [1-2] **will** (there) **not (be)**, in (the) **day**, the **that – (is)** utterance of YHWH –
 [3] and I **will destroy** (the) **wise** from Edom
 [4] and (the) **understanding** from (the) mountain of Esau?
 [1] and (there) **will be dismayed**, your mighty, [*O*] Teman
 [2] in order that (there) **will be cut off**, man, from (the) mountain of Esau, by
 slaughter
 [3-4] from (the) violence of [*toward*] your **brother, Jacob**, (there) **will cover** you,
 shame
 [5] and you **will be cut off**, to everlasting

This is a translation and a study of the Book of Obadiah. This work presents the possible presence of a literary numbering system in Obadiah. Following the PebbleCounting hypothesis, this numbering system appears to be inherent in the Ancient Hebrew and consistently used throughout Obadiah, as it is in other books of Scripture.

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- [1] in (the) **day** of your, **to stand** from, opposite
 [2] in (the) **day** of (there) **to take captive**, strangers, his [*Jacob's*] wealth
 [3] and foreigners **entered** his gate
 [4] and upon Jerusalem, they **cast** (the) lot
 [5] also you (**were**) like one of them!
- [1] and **let** (you) **not gloat** in (the) **day** of your brother
 [2] in (the) **day** of his calamity
 [3] and **let** (you) **not rejoice** before (the) sons of Judah, in (the) **day** of their destruction
 [4] and **let** (you) **not make great**, your mouth, in (the) **day** of distress
 [5] **let** (you) **not enter** into (the) gate of My people in (the) **day** of their calamity
 [6] **let** (there) **not look** – also you! – at his misery in (the) **day** of his calamity
 [7] and **let** (you) **not send** [*loot*] in his wealth in (the) **day** of his calamity
 [8-9] and **let** (you) **not stand** upon the crossroads, **to cut off** his fugitives
 [10] and **let** (you) **not deliver up** his survivors in (the) **day** of distress
- [1] for near (**is**) (the) **day** of YHWH, upon all the nations
 [2-3] as which, you **have done** – it **will be done** to you
 [4] your recompense **will return** upon your head
 [5] for as which, you **have drunk** upon (the) mount of My sacredness
 [6] (there) **will drink**, all the nations, continually
 [7-8] and they **will drink** and **swallow**
 [9-10] and they **will be**, as (if) they **had not been**
- [1] and in (the) mountain of Zion, (there) **will be** an escape
 [2] and it **will be holy**
 [3] and (there) **will possess**, (the) house of Jacob, their possessions
 [4-5] and (there) **will become**, (the) **house** of Jacob, a **fire**
 [6-7] and (the) **house** of Joseph, a **flame**
 [1-2] and (the) **house** of Esau, for **stubble**
 [8] and they **will burn** against them
 [9] and **consume** them
 [3] and (there) **will not be** a survivor to (the) house of Esau
 [5] because YHWH **has spoken**!
- [4] and (there) **will possess**, the **Negeb**, (the) mountain of Esau
 [5] and (the) **Shephelah** [*lowland*], (the) Philistines
 [6-7] and they **will possess** (the) **field** of Ephraim and (the) **field** of Samaria
 [10] and **Benjamin**, the Gilead
 [8-9] and (the) captivity of the **district**, the **this** (**will be**) to (the) sons of Israel –
 [10] which, (they **are**) Canaanites, as far as Zarephath

[1-2] and (the) captivity of Jerusalem, who (are) in Sepharad, will possess
(the) cities of the Negeb

[3-4] and (there) will go up, saviors, with (the) mountain of Zion, to judge
(the) mountain of Esau

[5] and (there) will be to YHWH, the kingdom