

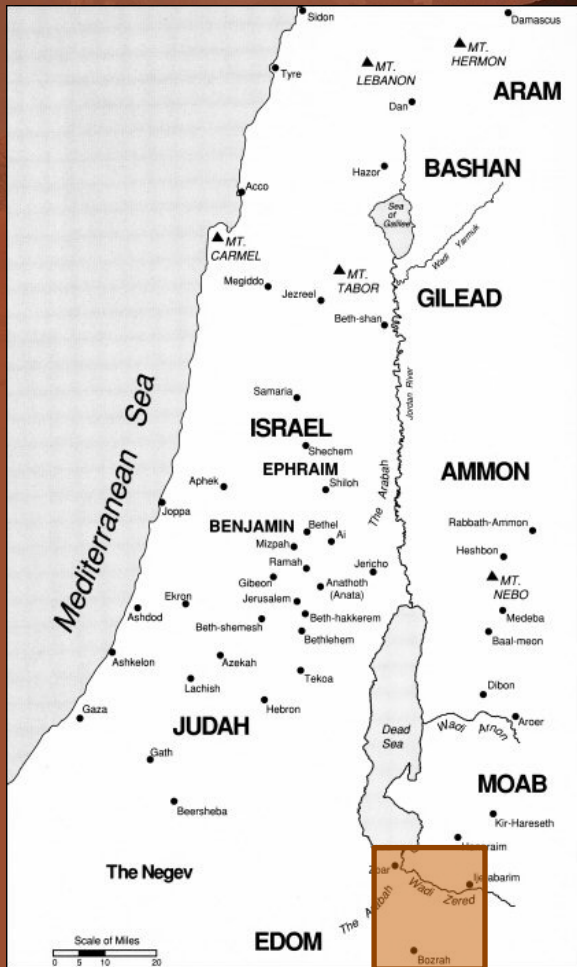


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Obadiah 1–21

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Theme: God judges His enemies for the sake of His people



Four Realities of God's Judgment

- I. God's Judgment is Inescapable (1-9)
 - A. Your Position Won't Save You (3-4)
 - B. Your Resources Won't Save You (5-6)
 - C. Your Relationships Won't Save You (7)
 - D. Your Wisdom Won't Save You (8)
 - E. Your Skills Won't Save You (9)

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II. God's Judgment is Justified (10-14)

- A. They attack God's people (10, 14)
- B. They approve of attacks on God's people (11)
- C. They enjoy attacks on God's people (12-13)

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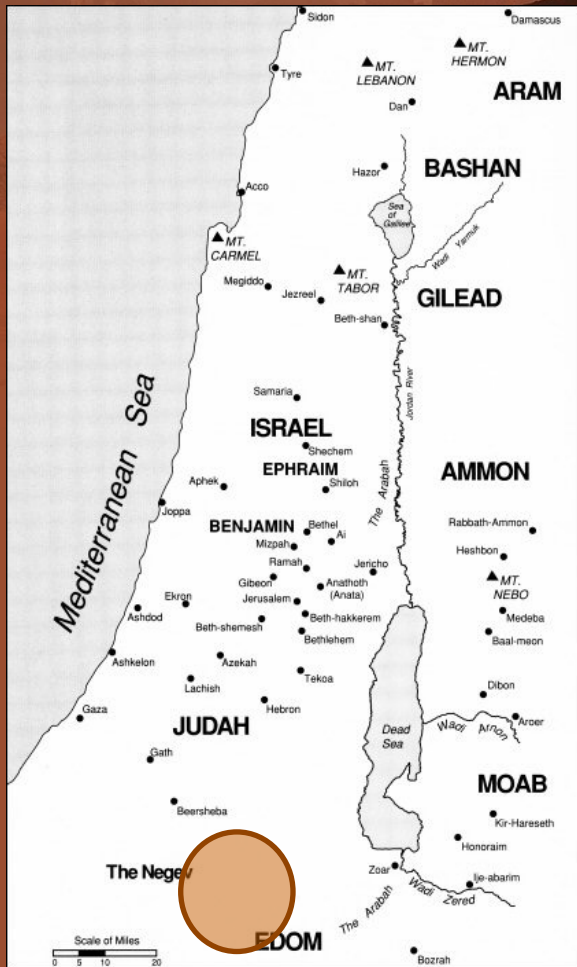
III. God's Judgment is Complete (15-16, 18)

- A. It is Impartial (15)
- B. It is Not Partial (16, 18)

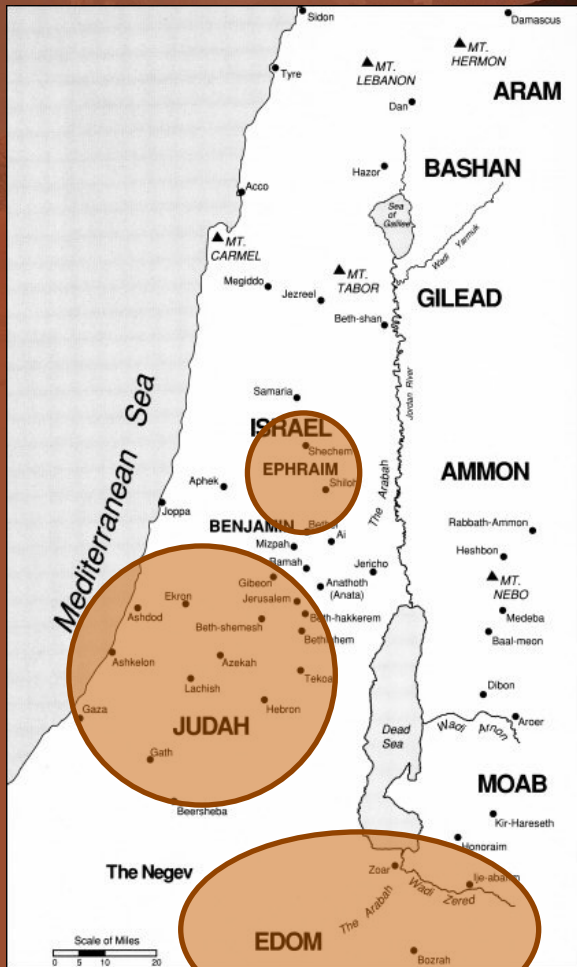
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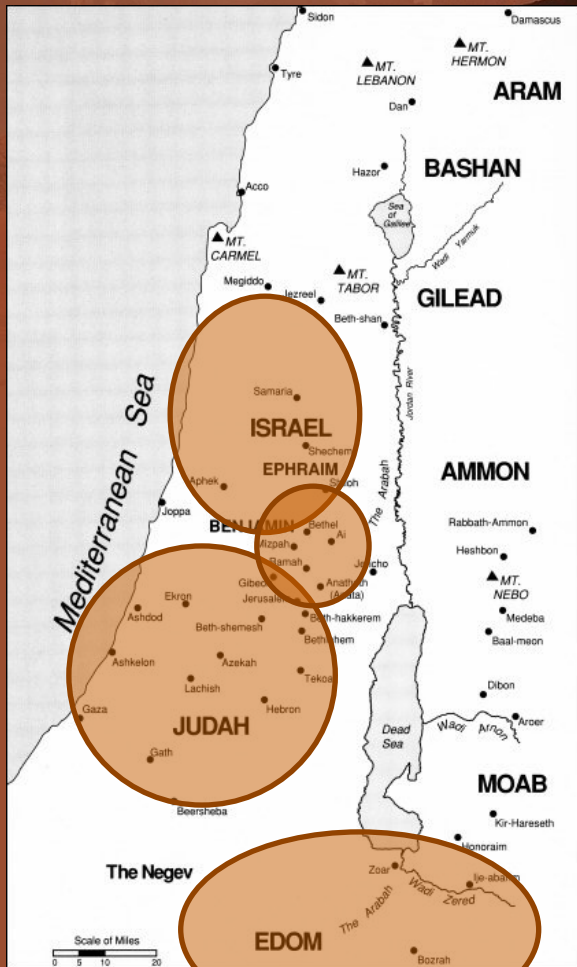
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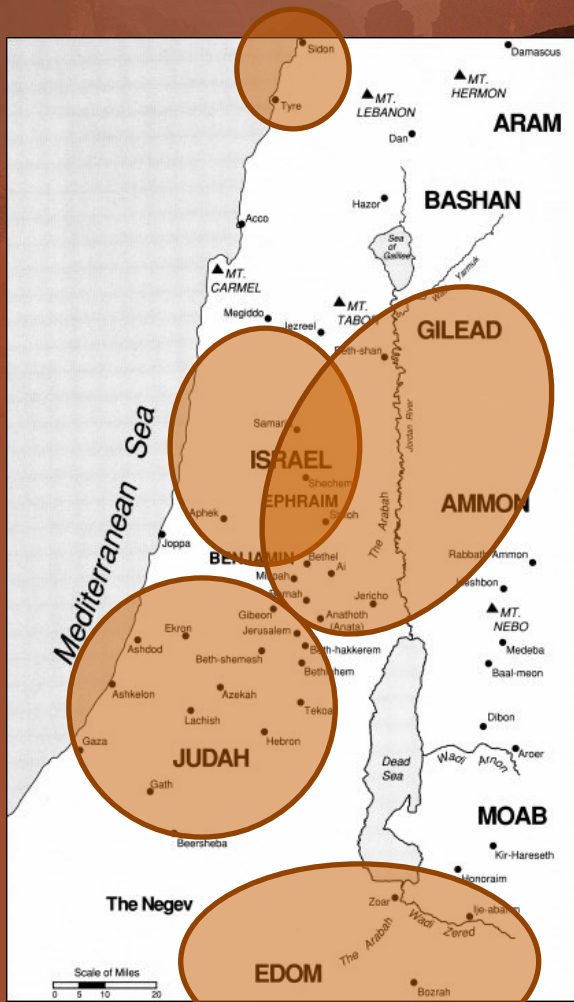
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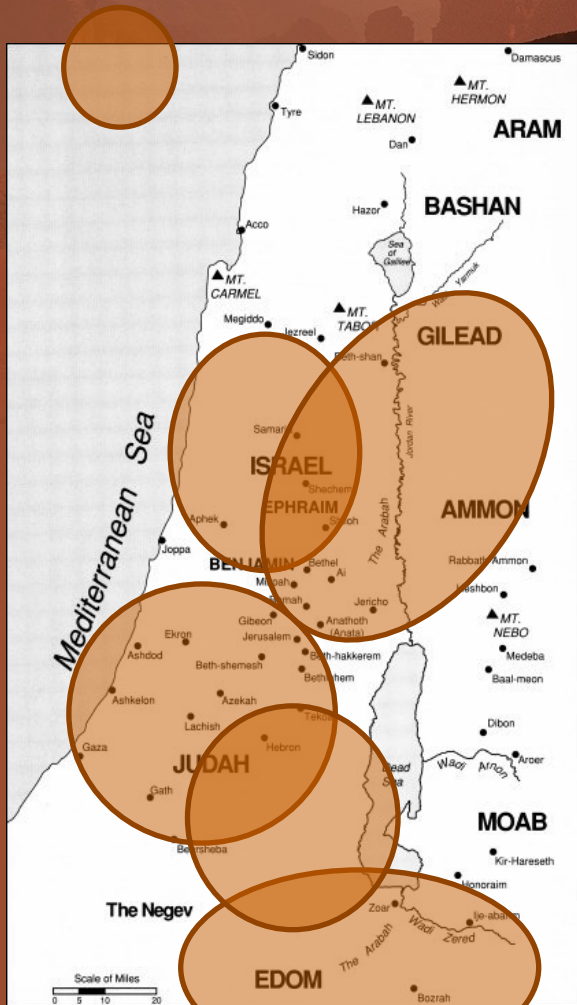


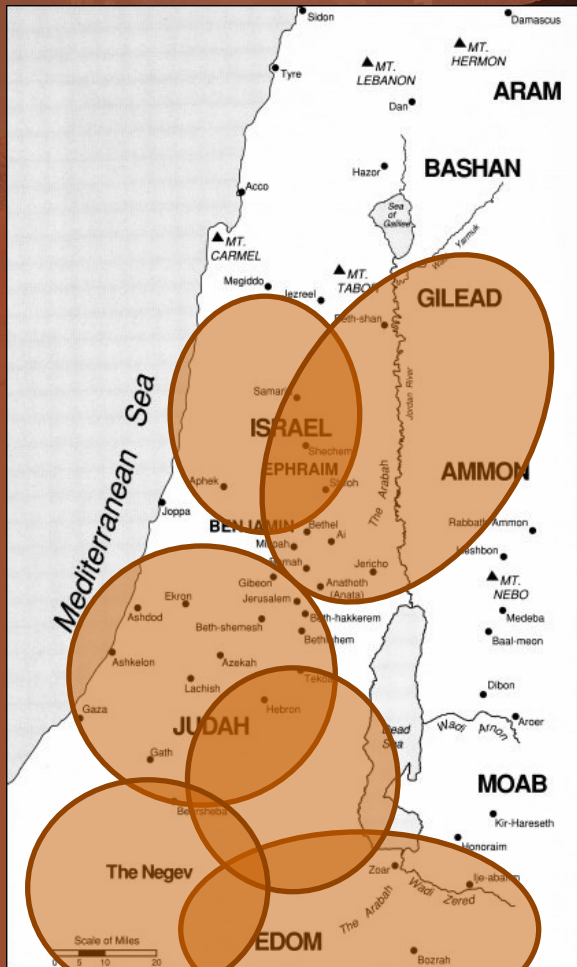












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- A. They will escape judgment (17a)
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- D. They will rule (21a)
- E. They will be with God (21b)

Bible Knowledge Commentary

The short Book of Obadiah presents a powerful message. It shows what happens to those who reject God's Word and His grace, rebelling in foolish pride.

During Edom's prosperity many in Israel could have asked, "Why do the wicked prosper?" But the voice of Obadiah comes thundering through the pages of the Old Testament and is echoed in the New: "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows" (Gal 6:7) Obadiah's words underscore the fact of God's justice. "For we know Him who said, It is Mine to avenge; I will repay. '... It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb 10:30–31).

One who responds in obedience to the grace of God has everything to gain, but a person who spurns His grace in pride has everything to lose.

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