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OBADIAH

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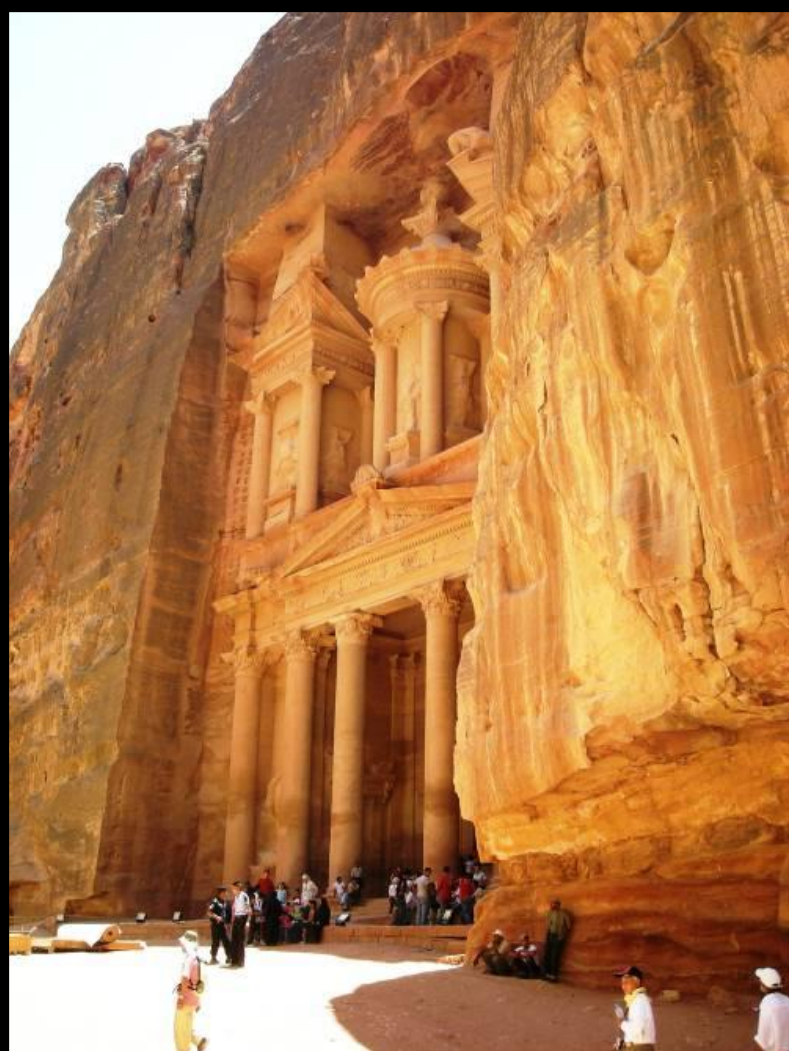
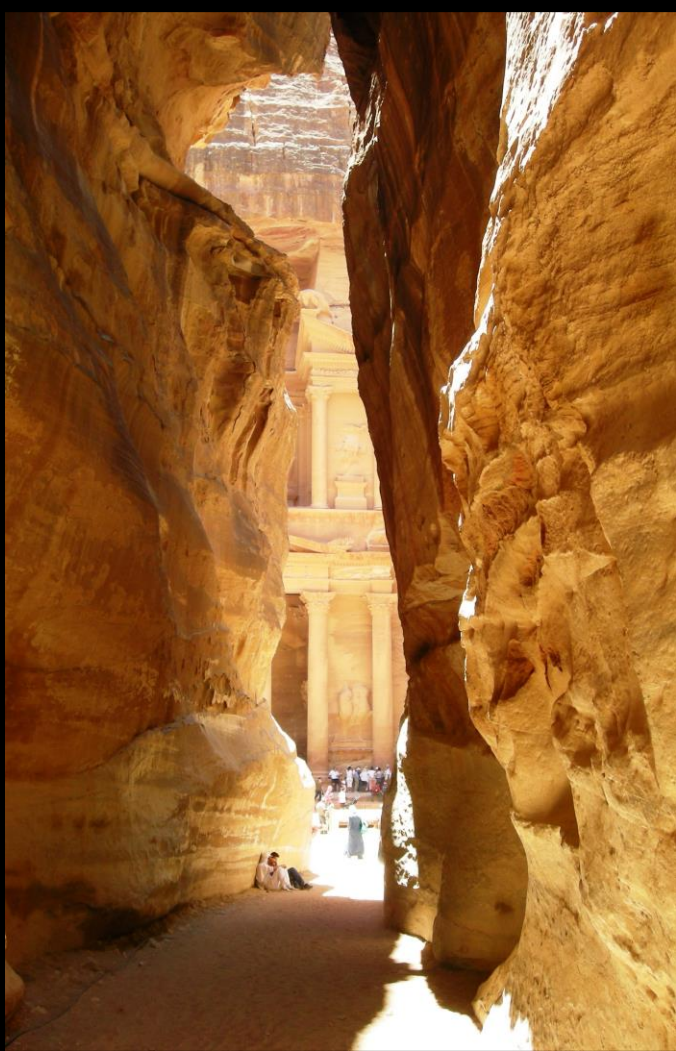


Obadiah's Message to Edom & Judah

- *The vision of Obadiah. Thus says the Lord God concerning Edom: We have heard a report from the Lord, and a messenger has been sent among the nations: Rise up! Let us rise against her for battle! (1:1)*
- **The background for Israel's struggle with Edom has deep roots in the Bible:**
 - **It begins with the tension between Jacob and Esau. (Genesis 25:23; 27:1-41)**
 - **Saul, David and Solomon all have battles with the Edomites. (1 Samuel 14:47; 2 Samuel 8:14; 1 Kings 11:14)**
 - **When Jerusalem fell to Babylon, Edom rejoiced and took advantage of Judah. (Psalm 137:7; Lamentations 4:21; Ezekiel 35)**

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 - **God's judgment against all nations. (1:15-21)**
- **The book closes with an important contrast:**
 - **Edom will be totally destroyed, and will never exist as a nation again.**
 - **The Jews will be restored. (1:17-21)**

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Edom vs. Us

EDOM

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 - **Obadiah 1:12**

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 - **Luke 18:9**

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- 3) **God sees and is coming in judgment and will take vengeance on the wicked – the ultimate “victory” of God's people over those who oppress them!**
 - **Obadiah 1:15-16; Romans 12:19; Book of Revelation**

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