

A painting of a prophet with a long white beard, wearing a brown robe, sitting at a desk and writing on a scroll with a quill. The scene is dimly lit, with a small cup of ink on the desk. The background is dark and textured.

# Listening to the Prophets- Part 2

## Chapter 2 Obadiah

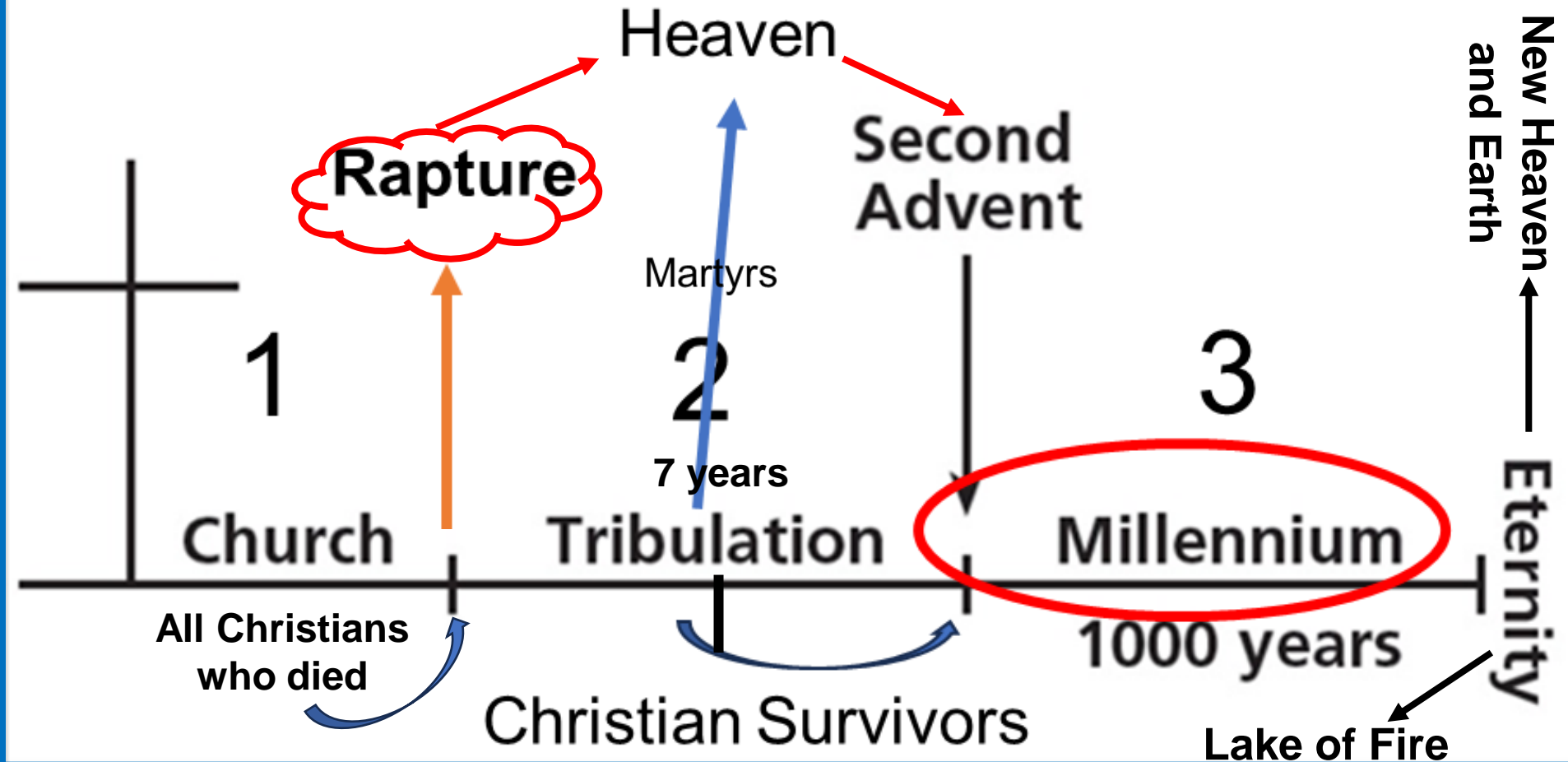
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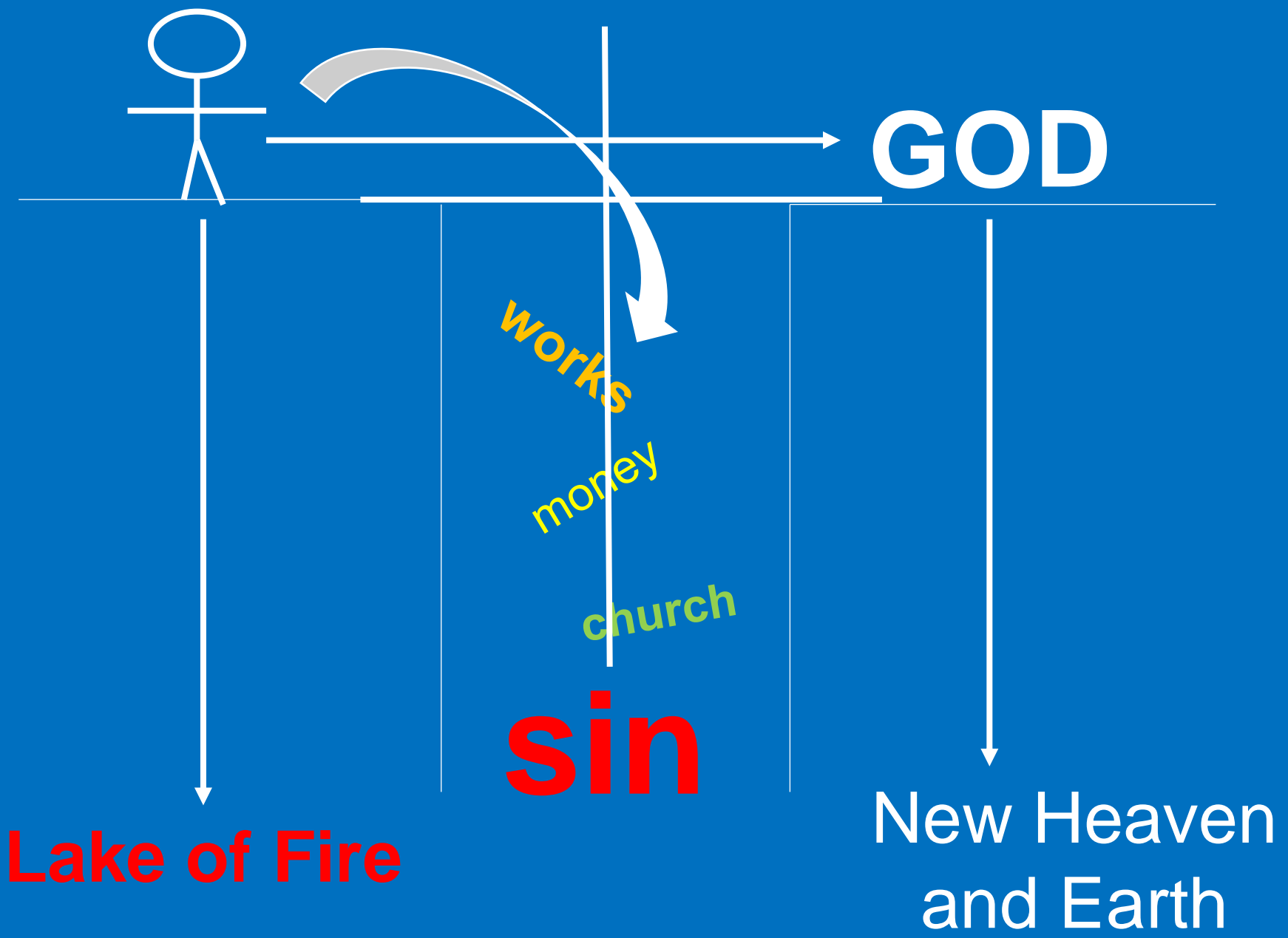
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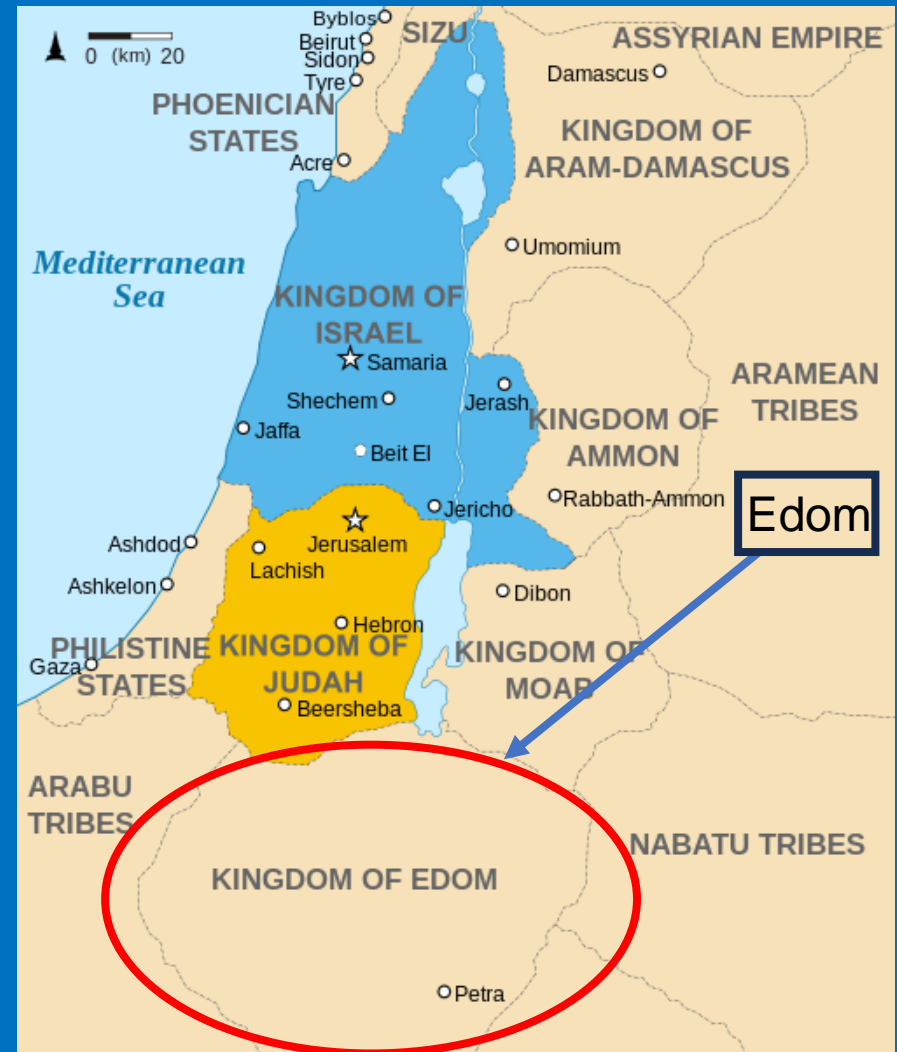




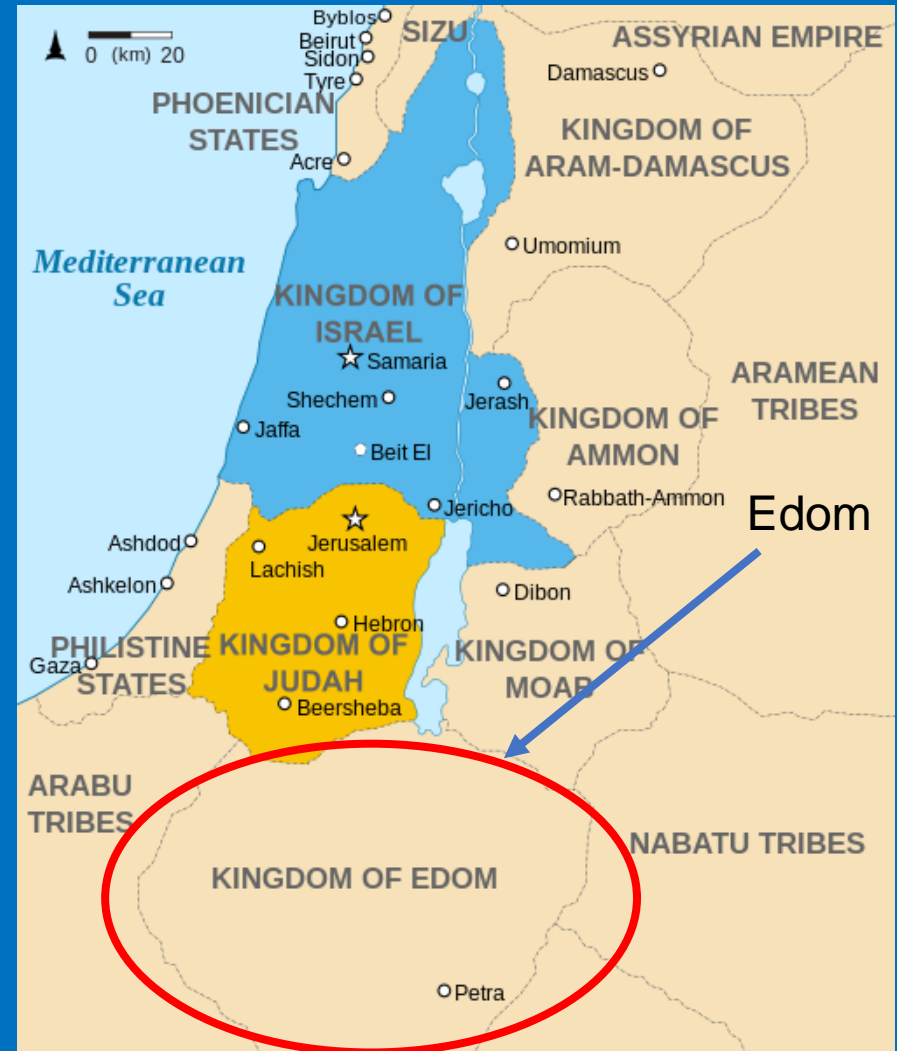
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# • Introduction-Ryrie

- 12 men listed in the Old Testament have the name “Obadiah.”
- Historically, we know very little about Obadiah except his name means “servant of the Lord.”



- Two probable time periods characterize Obadiah's ministry:
  - 848 B.C. before Israel's captivity in 722 B.C.
  - Or sometime after Judah's captivity in 586 B.C.
- God judged the **Edomites** for their participation against Israel (1:11-14). [ ]



- The confusion about Obadiah's ministry comes from which battle vs. 11-14 references.
- The Edomites **assisted** the Philistines and the Arabians against Israel during the reign of Jehoram, from 848-841 (2 Chronicles 21:16-17).  
[ ]



- The Edomites also assisted Babylon during the three Babylonian invasions of Judah in 605 B.C.; 597 B.C.; and 586 B.C. (Jeremiah 49:7-22), [ ] **Psalm 122:6**, **Genesis 12:3**) [ ]
- In either case, God **judged** Edom and destroyed it.
- The Edomites descended from **Esau**, Jacob's twin.



- The Edomites lived South and East of the Dead Sea below the land of Moab.
- The Edomites battled Israel who descended from Jacob.



Edom

Moab

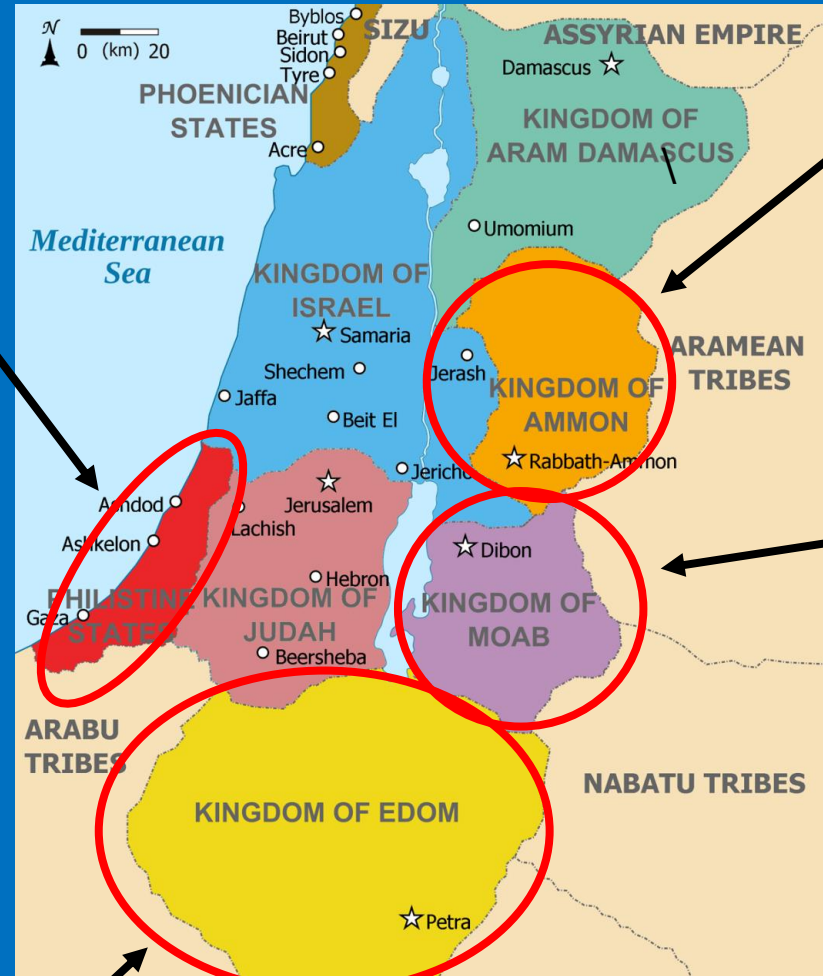


- The following verses reference Edom's opposition toward Israel: (look at map-next)

- They rejected Moses' request to pass through their land (Numbers 20:14-20). [ ]

- They opposed King Saul (1 Kings 11:14-17). [ ]

Descendants  
of Ham-Noah's  
son



Lot's  
2<sup>nd</sup>  
born

Lot's  
1<sup>st</sup>  
born

Descendants  
of Esau

Deuteronomy 20:16-18  
Joshua 6:21 [ ] [ ]

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/542965298819905669/>

- The Edomites opposed King Solomon (1 Kings 11:14-25-above slide) and Jehoram (2 Chronicles 21:8). [ ]



Moab

Edom

- From the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> centuries B.C. the Edomites settled in Mount Seir. Mount Seir was a very mountainous region south of the dead Sea. Sela (Petra) was the capital. This area was so rugged the valley could only be reached through a narrow canyon with mountain walls 200-250 feet high (Obadiah 1:3-4) [ ]

Dead Sea



- During the fifth century B.C., the **Nabataeans** dislodged the Edomites from their territory, causing them to withdraw to Southern Palestine.
- **Herod the Great** was an Edomite.



<https://www.insidehook.com/article/tech/massive-structure-found-hiding-in-plain-sight-at-petra-ruins>

# The Doom of Edom-Chapter 1

## Verses 1-4-The Certainty of Destruction [\*]

- Obadiah has only one chapter.
- Even though Edom's capital was in the natural fortress of Petra, God promised to destroy it.



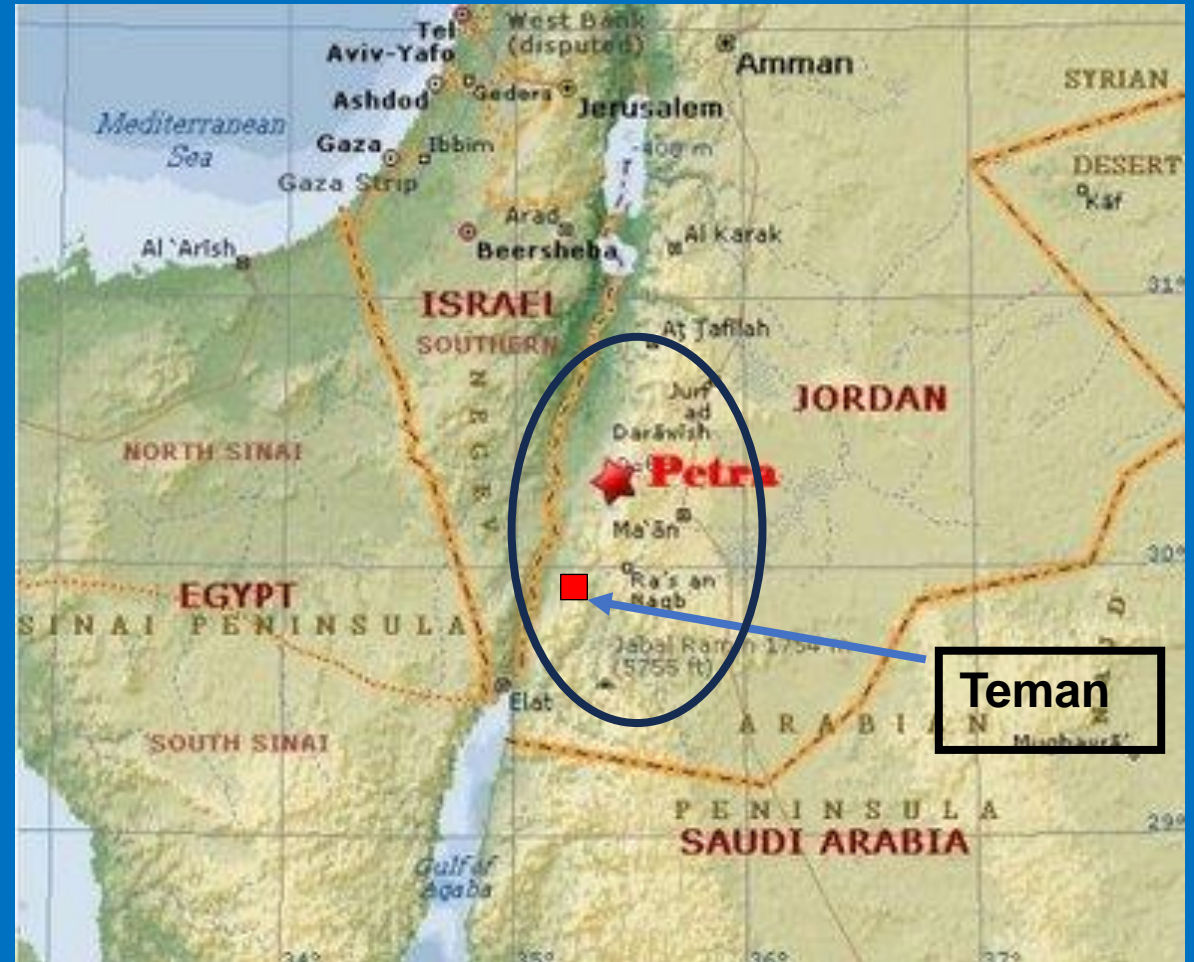
## Verses 5-9-The Completeness of Destruction [\*]

- God referenced Edom's complete destruction in verses 5-6.
- As opposed to a robber taking only items of value and a grape gatherer harvesting only good grapes, God totally destroyed Edom.



<https://chongsoonkim.blogspot.com/2014/06/edom-is-doomed-for-destruction.html?sref=pi>

- Even Edom's allies turned against it (vs. 7). [ ]
- **Teman** (see map above) was known for its wise men (vs. 9; Job 2:11; and Jeremiah 49:7). [ ]
- God completely destroyed Teman.



# The Denunciation of Edom for:

(vs. 10)-  
Unbrotherliness [ ]

- Edom had a history of **violence** toward Israel (Genesis 25:33; 27:36; 33:4; Deuteronomy 2:4-5; 23:7). [ ]



<https://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/Culture/Israeli-researchers-identify-biblical-kingdom-of-Edom-602158>



## (vs. 11-12)-Aloofness

- Edom stood by and watched during Jerusalem's invasion.
- Edom **rejoiced** over the captivity of Judah. [ ]
- The days when those call evil good and good evil (Isaiah 5:20; 2 Timothy 3:1-5) [ ]



## vs. 13-14)- Aggressiveness

- Edom actively participated in attacking Jerusalem.
- Edom helped set up roadblocks to prevent the escape of the Jewish people. [ ]
- **This is opposed to God's protection of Israel in future times (Matthew 24:15-22; Rev. 12:5-6) [ ]**

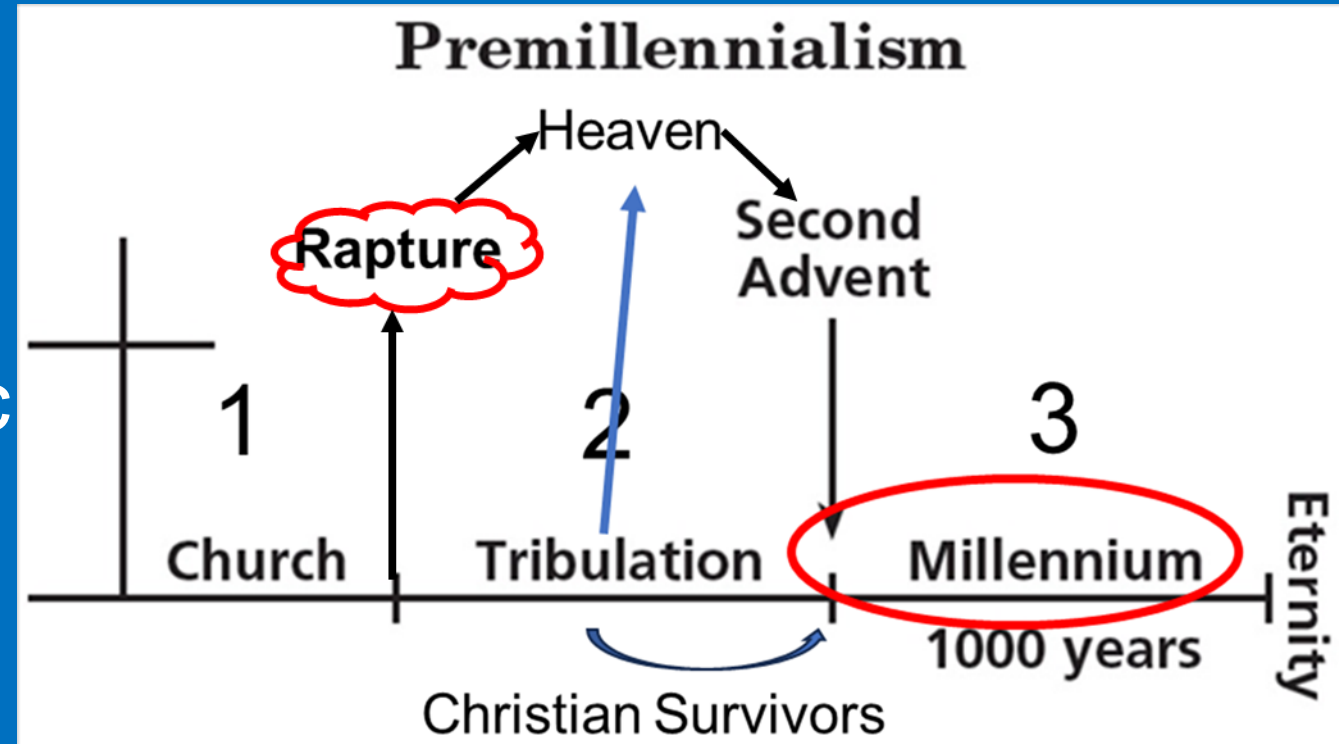


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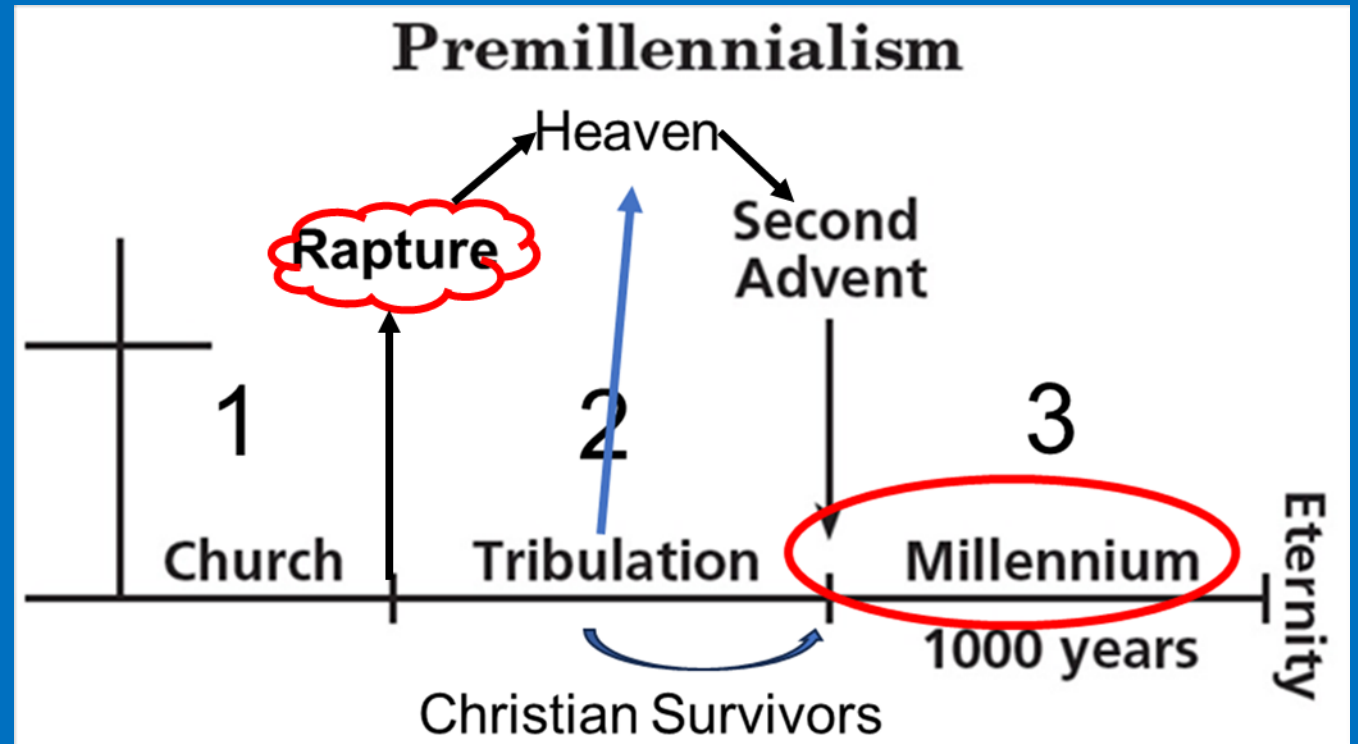
# The Destruction of Edom

(vs. 15)-The Time of the Destruction [ ]

- The Day of the Lord has three aspects:
  - A reference to a specific current historical event
  - A future event that represents a partial fulfillment of the eschatological (end times) Day of the Lord



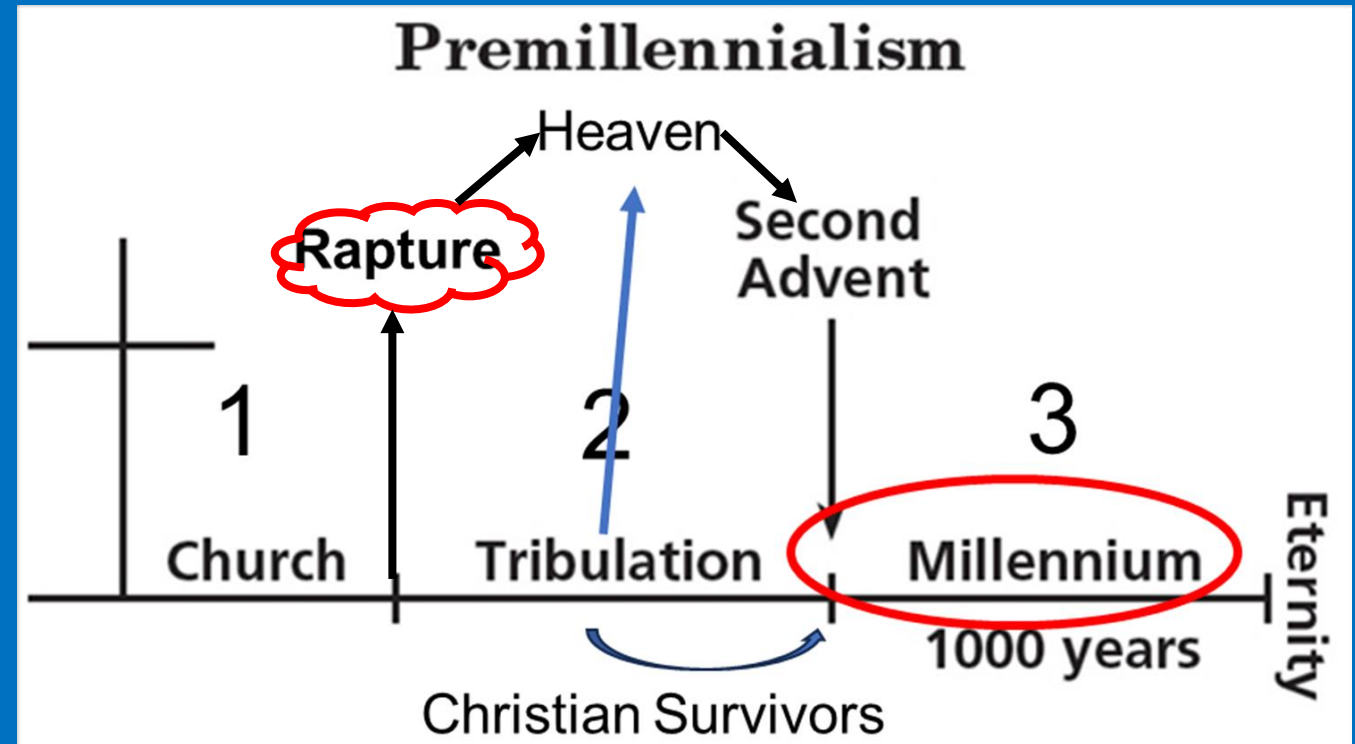
- A purely eschatological event characterizing the time of the Great Tribulation, the Second Coming of Christ, and the Millennial Period.



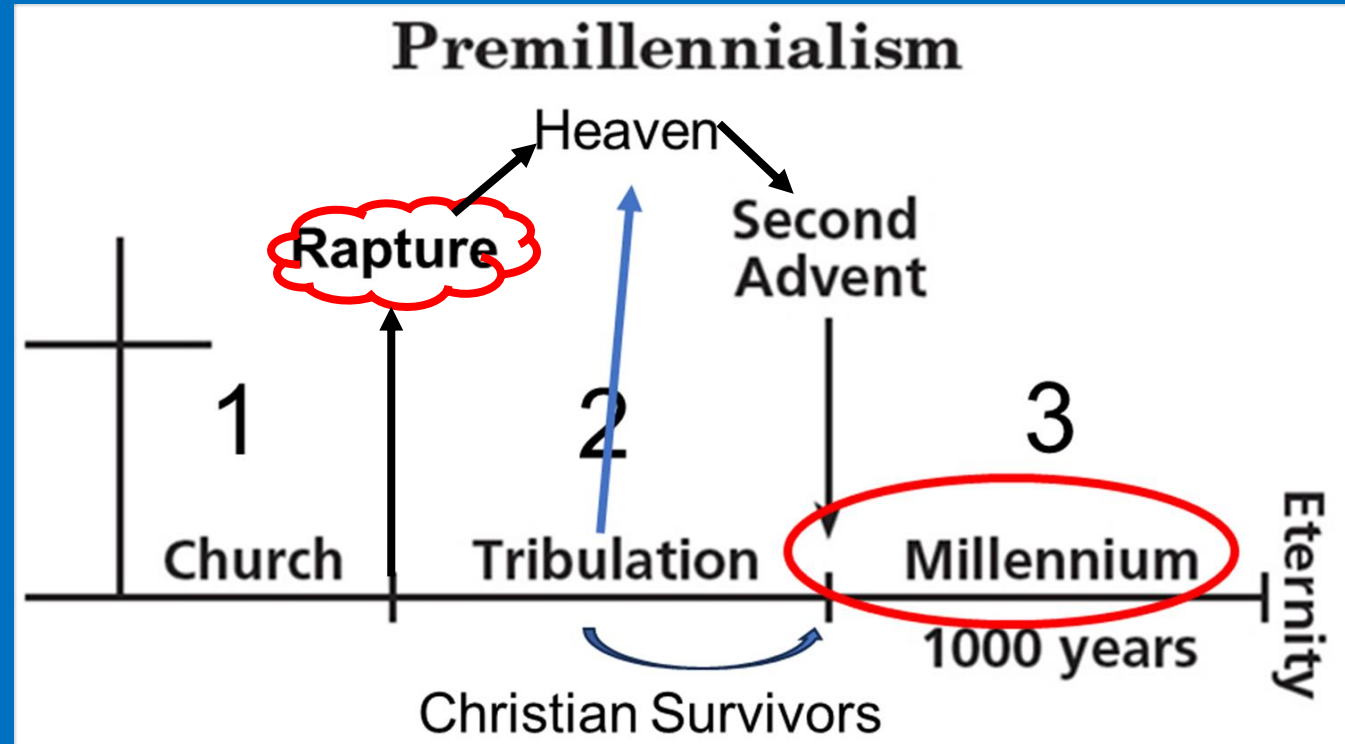
# Day of The Lord (Skipping Stone Theory- Mervinism

The Day of the Lord can refer to God's **judgment** or **action** at any point of time.

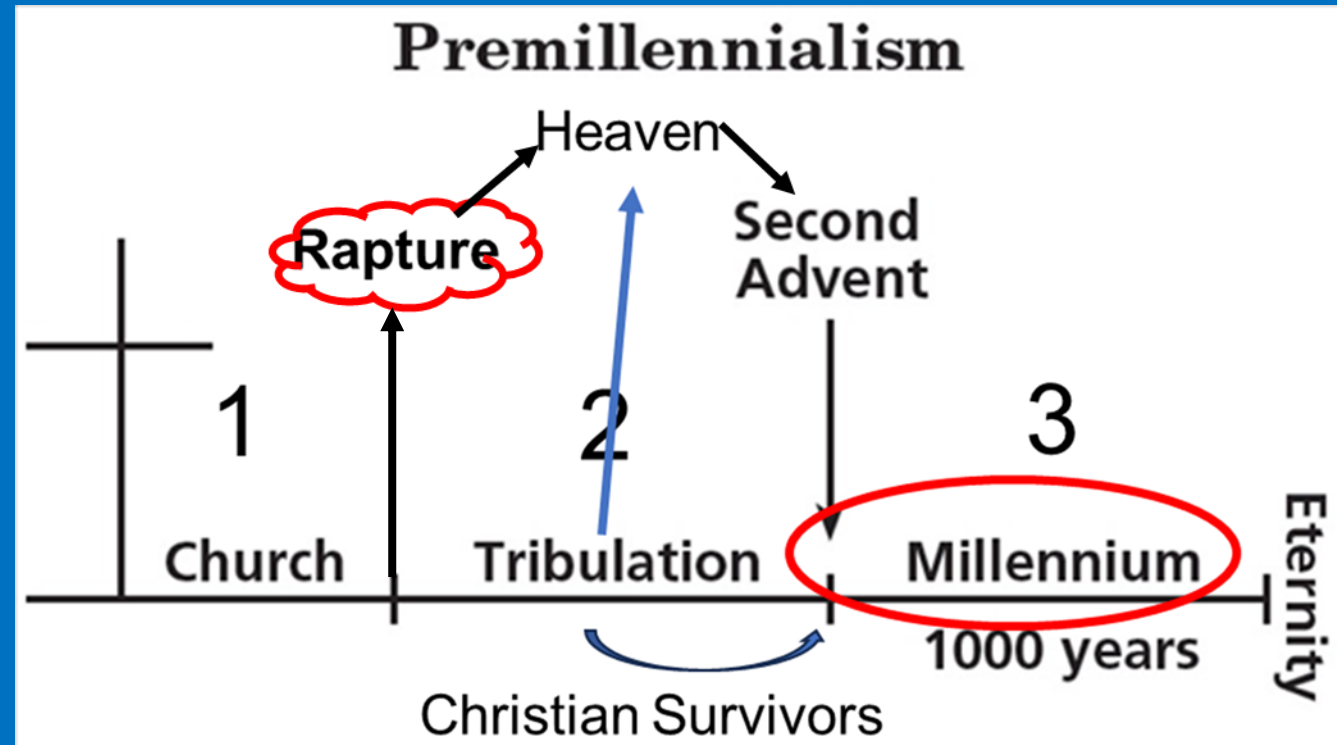
- Judgment or action in the present
- Judgment or action in the near or far future



- Judgment or action during the “end times” (judgments in the book of Revelation and Christ’s second coming)

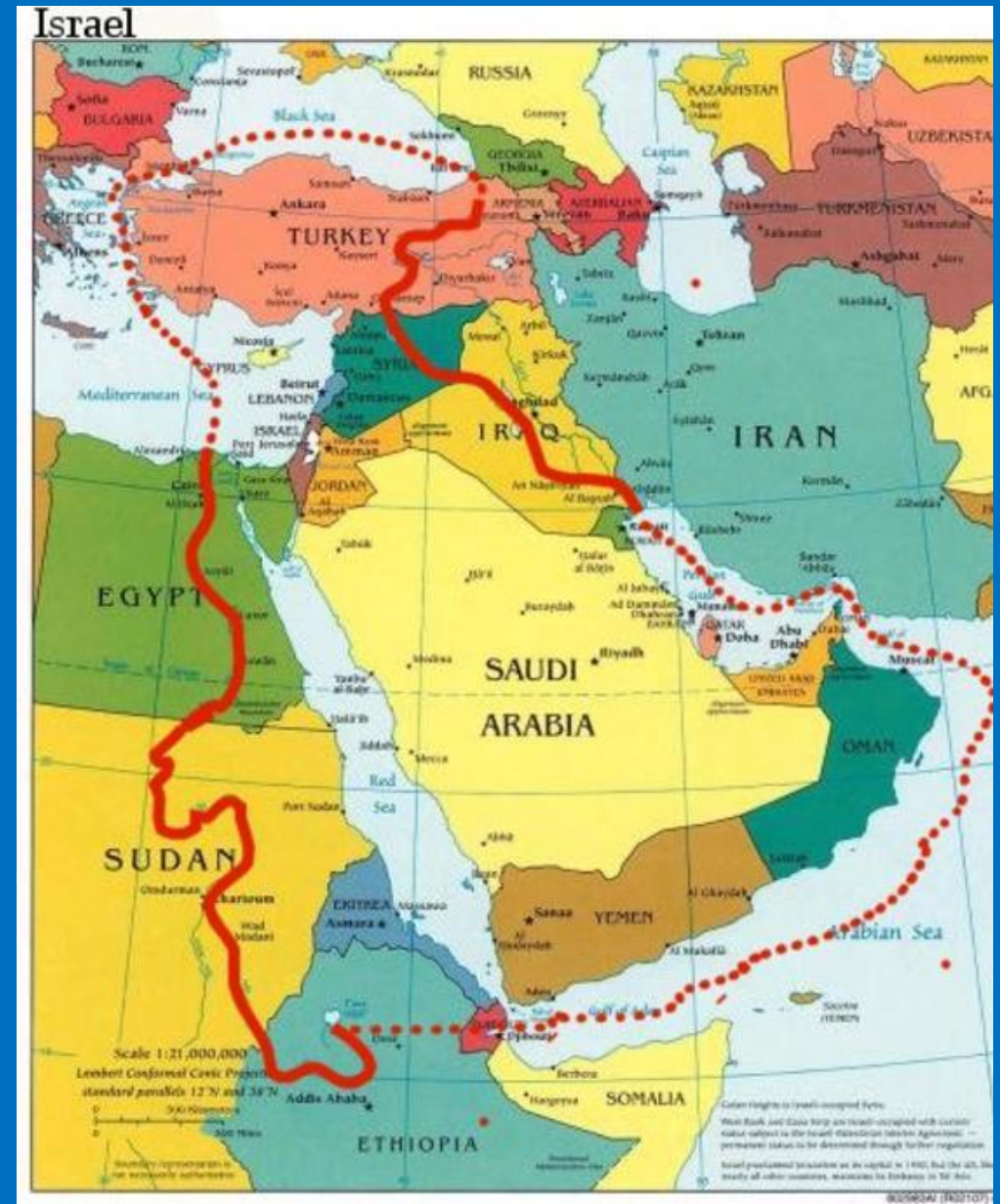


- Verse 15 refers to Christ's second coming and His judgments on **heathen** nations [ ] (Joel 3:2). [ ] See Matt. 25:31-34, 41. [ ]
- Edom's judgment, however, would not wait until the eschatological Day of the Lord. This judgment would come much sooner.



# (Vs. 16-21)-The Nature of the Destruction Prior to Jesus' Coming

- 1:16-17 [ ]
- God promised Israel would endure but Edom would be reduced to rubble (vs. 18). [ ]
- In the future, God will give the land of Edom to Israel (19-21). [ ]





## Summary

- God's promises and judgments always come true despite how ill-logical or impossible they may appear.
- Israel, Judah, and Edom never believed their demise would come-yet it did.
- God promised to Destroy Edom and to restore Israel during the Millennial Kingdom.
- Prophecy gives us glimpses into God's character of judgment and grace.

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- The Bible consistently tells us not to fear but to trust God.
- God's promise of help stands as sure as any prophetic word given against Babylon, Assyria, Egypt, Rome, Edom, Moab, or Canaan.
- God does have our best interests at heart-we must trust Him for everything.

[End---]

## Obadiah 1:11-14

- 11 “On the day that you stood aloof, On the day that strangers carried off his wealth, And foreigners entered his gate And cast lots for Jerusalem— You too were as one of them. 12 “Do not gloat over your brother’s day, The day of his misfortune. And do not rejoice over the sons of Judah On the day of their destruction; Yes, do not boast On the day of their distress.

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- 13 “Do not enter the gate of My people On the day of their disaster. You indeed, do not gloat over their catastrophe On the day of their disaster. And do not lay a hand on their wealth On the day of their disaster. 14 “Do not stand at the crossroads To eliminate their survivors; And do not hand over their refugees On the day of their distress. [ ]

## 2 Chronicles 21:16-17

16 Then the Lord stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines and the Arabs who bordered the Ethiopians; 17 and they came against Judah and invaded it, and carried away all the possessions found in the king's house together with his sons and his wives, so that no son was left to him except Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons. [ ]

## 1 Kings 11:14-17

14 Then the Lord raised up an adversary against Solomon, Hadad the Edomite; he was of the royal line in Edom. 15 For it came about, when David was in Edom and Joab the commander of the army had gone up to bury those killed in battle, and had struck and killed every male in Edom 16 (for Joab and all Israel stayed there for six months, until he had eliminated every male in Edom), 17 that Hadad fled to Egypt, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, while Hadad was a young boy. [ ]

2 Chronicles 21:8

8 In his days Edom broke away from the rule of Judah,  
and appointed a king over themselves. [ ]

## Obadiah 1:3-4

3 “The arrogance of your heart has deceived you,

The one who lives in the clefts of the rock,

On the height of his dwelling place,

Who says in his heart,

‘Who will bring me down to earth?’

4“Though you make your home high like the eagle,

Though you set your nest among the stars,

From there I will bring you down,” declares the Lord.

[ ]



## Obadiah 1:1-4

1 The vision of Obadiah.

This is what the Lord God says concerning Edom—

We have heard a report from the Lord,

And a messenger has been sent among the nations saying,

“Arise, and let’s go up against her for battle”—

2 “Behold, I will make you small among the nations;

You are greatly despised.

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3 The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rocks and make your home on the heights, you who say to yourself, 'Who can bring me down to the ground?' 4 Though you soar like the eagle and make your nest among the stars, from there I will bring you down," declares the Lord. [ ]

Obadiah 1:5-9

5 “If thieves came to you,

If robbers by night—

Oh how you will be ruined!—

Would they not steal only until they had enough?

If grape-pickers came to you,

Would they not leave some gleanings? [ ]

6“Oh how Esau will be searched,  
And his hidden treasures searched out!

7“All the people allied with you  
Will send you to the border,  
And the people at peace with you  
Will deceive you and overpower you.

They who eat your bread  
Will set an ambush for you.

(There is no understanding in him.)

8 “Will I not on that day,” declares the Lord,

“Eliminate wise men from Edom,

And understanding from the mountain of Esau?

9 “Then your warriors will be filled with terror, Teman,

So that everyone will be eliminated from the mountain of Esau by murder. [ ]

Job 2:11

11 Now when Job's three friends heard about all this adversity that had come upon him, they came, each one from his own place—Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite; and they made an appointment together to come to sympathize with him and comfort him.

Jeremiah 39:11

7 Concerning Edom. Thus says the Lord of hosts, "Is there no longer any wisdom in Teman? Has good counsel been lost to the prudent? Has their wisdom decayed? [ ]

Obadiah 1:10

10 “Because of violence to your brother Jacob,  
Shame will cover you,  
And you will be eliminated forever. [ ]

## Genesis 25:30-34

and Esau said to Jacob, “Please let me have a mouthful of that red stuff there, for I am exhausted.” Therefore he was called Edom by name. 31 But Jacob said, “First sell me your birthright.” 32 Esau said, “Look, I am about to die; so of what use then is the birthright to me?” 33 And Jacob said, “First swear to me”; so he swore an oath to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. 34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew; and he ate and drank, and got up and went on his way. So Esau despised his birthright. Over---



## Deuteronomy 2:3-5

Now turn north, and command the people, saying, “You are going to pass through the territory of your brothers the sons of Esau, who live in Seir; and they will be afraid of you. So be very careful; do not provoke them, for I will not give you any of their land, not even as much as a footprint, because I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession.

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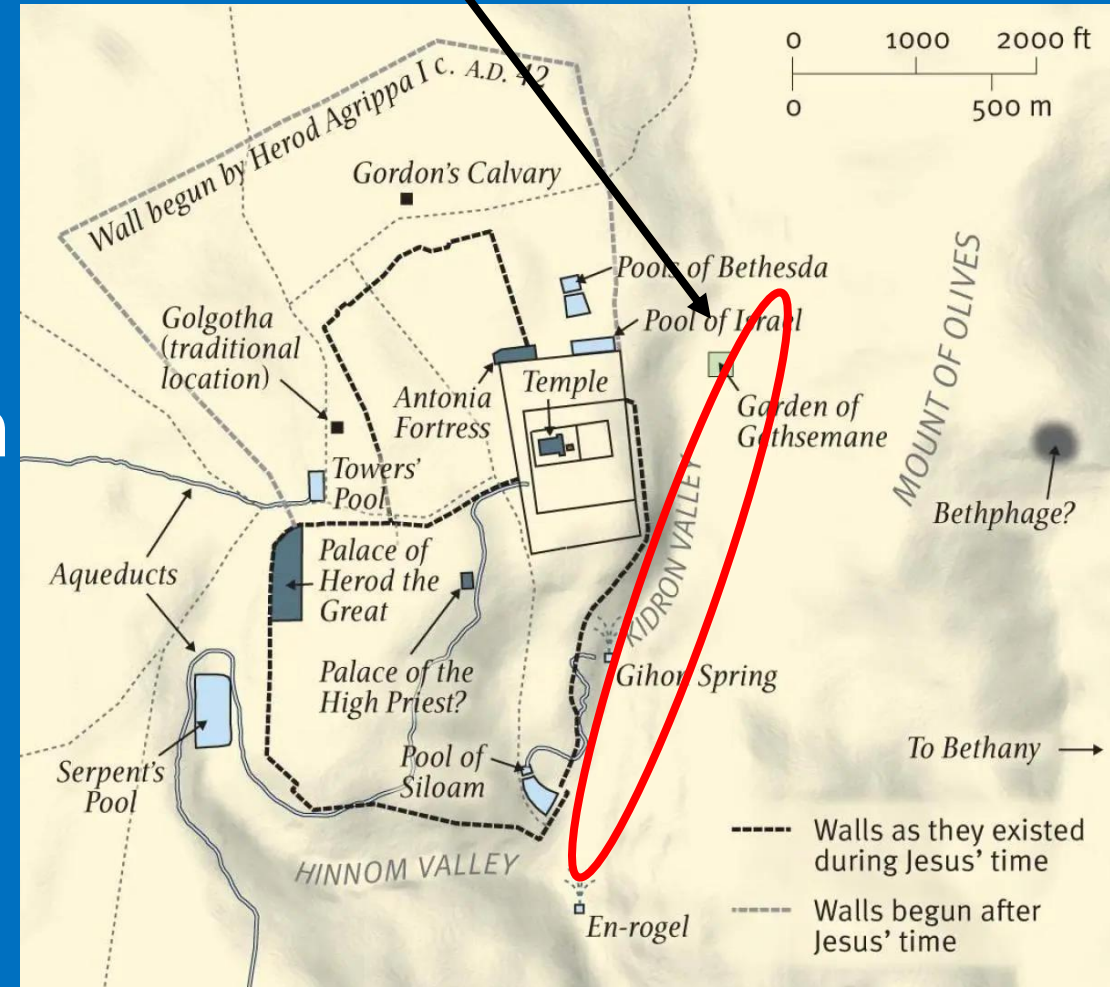
Obadiah 1:15

15 “For the day of the Lord is near for all the nations.  
Just as you have done, it will be done to you.  
Your dealings will return on your own head. [ ]

# Joel 3:2

1 “For behold, in those days and at that time, When I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, 2 I will gather all the nations And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there On behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; And they have divided up My land. [ ]

## Kidron Valley



Obadiah 1:16-21

16 Because just as you drank on My holy mountain,  
All the nations will drink continually.

They will drink and swallow

And become as if they had never existed.

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17 But on Mount Zion there will be those who escape,  
And it will be holy.

And the house of Jacob will possess their possessions.

See Zechariah 14:1-5 [ ] [ ]



18 Then the house of Jacob will be a fire  
And the house of Joseph a flame;  
But the house of Esau will be as stubble.  
And they will set them on fire and consume them,  
So that there will be no survivor of the house of Esau,”  
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19 Egypt will become a wasteland,  
And Edom will become a desolate wilderness,  
Because of the violence done to the sons of Judah,  
In whose land they have shed innocent blood.  
20 But Judah will be inhabited forever,  
And Jerusalem for all generations.  
21 And I will avenge their blood which I have not avenged,  
For the Lord dwells in Zion. [ ]

Obadiah 1:18

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Psalm 122:6

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

“May they prosper who love you.

Genesis 12:3

3 And I will bless those who bless you,

And the one who curses you I will curse.

And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.” [ ]

## Numbers 20:14-20

14 From Kadesh Moses then sent messengers to the king of Edom: “Thus your brother Israel has said, ‘You know all the hardship that has befallen us; 15 that our fathers went down to Egypt, and we stayed in Egypt a long time, and the Egyptians treated us and our fathers badly. 16 But when we cried out to the Lord, He heard our voice and sent an angel and brought us out from Egypt; now behold, we are at Kadesh, a town on the edge of your territory.

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17 Please let us pass through your land. We will not pass through field or through vineyard; we will not even drink water from a well. We will go along the king's highway, not turning to the right or left, until we pass through your territory.' ”

18 Edom, however, said to him, “You shall not pass through us, or I will come out with the sword against you.”

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19 Again, the sons of Israel said to him, “We will go up by the highway, and if I and my livestock do drink any of your water, then I will pay its price. Let me only pass through on my feet, nothing else.” 20 But he said, “You shall not pass through.” And Edom came out against him with a heavy force and with a strong hand. [ ]



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8 Flee away, turn back, dwell in the depths,

O inhabitants of Dedan,

For I will bring the disaster of Esau upon him

At the time I punish him. [ ]

Isaiah 5:20

20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;

Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness;

Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:1-5

1 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. 2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, 4 treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these. [ ]

## Matthew 24:15-22

15 “Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16 then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. 17 Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house. 18 Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. 19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

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20 But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath. 21 For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. 22 Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

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Rev. 12:5-6

5 And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne. 6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

Mervinism about this flight

Daniel 11:40-41 [ ]

Matt. 25:31-34, 41

31 “But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; 33 and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.

34 “Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

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41 “Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels... [ ]



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## Daniel 11:40-41

40 “At the end time the king of the South will collide with him, and the king of the North will storm against him with chariots, with horsemen and with many ships; and he will enter countries, overflow them and pass through. 41 He will also enter the Beautiful Land, and many countries will fall; but these will be rescued out of his hand: Edom, Moab and the foremost of the sons of Ammon.

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Jerusalem



[ ]

Obadiah 1:15

15 “For the day of the Lord is near for all the nations.

Just as you have done, it will be done to you.

Your dealings will return on your own head. [ ]

## Deuteronomy 20:16-18

16 Only in the cities of these peoples that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, you shall not leave alive anything that breathes. 17 But you shall utterly destroy them, the Hittite and the Amorite, the Canaanite and the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite, as the Lord your God has commanded you, 18 so that they may not teach you to do according to all their detestable things which they have done for their gods, so that you would sin against the Lord your God.

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## Joshua 6:21-Defeat of Jerico

21 They utterly destroyed everything in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox and sheep and donkey, with the edge of the sword. [ ]

## Obadiah 1:7

7 All the men allied with you  
Will send you forth to the border,  
And the men at peace with you  
Will deceive you and overpower you.  
They who eat your bread  
Will set an ambush for you.  
(There is no understanding in him.) [ ]

## Zechariah 14:1-5

1 Behold, a day is coming for the Lord when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you. 2 For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. 3 Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle.

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4 In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south. 5 You will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the Lord, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!

End--- [ ]

Water You turned into wine / Opened the eyes of the blind

There's no one like You, None like You

Into the darkness You shine / Out of the ashes we rise

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