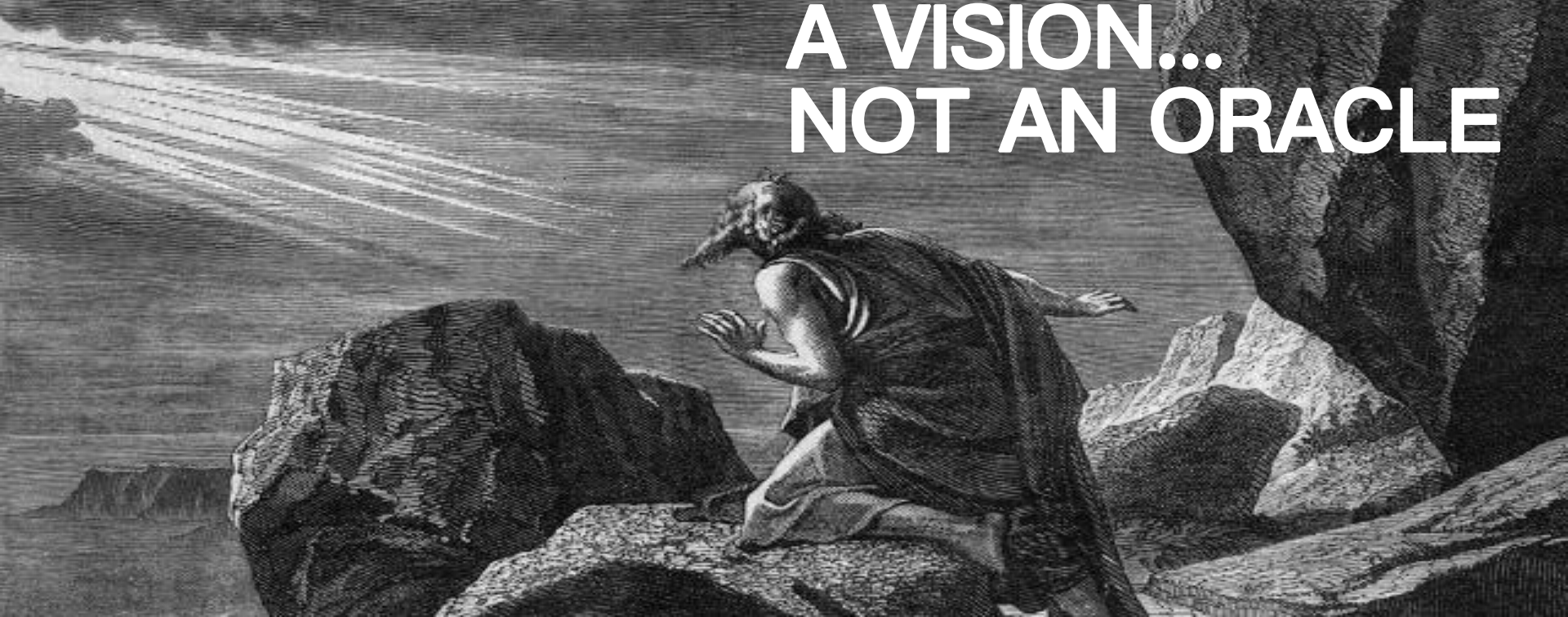


A VISION... NOT AN ORACLE



- The subject matter is primarily about the End Times
- *Hazon oved-yah koh amar adonai Yehoveh le edom*
- Obadiah's vision: thus spoke the Lord Yehoveh to Edom
- Obadiah is seeing and hearing something going on, but it doesn't involve him



THE DIVINE COUNCIL

- Obadiah acts like a court reporter
- God might be speaking to His Divine Council of *elohim*
- Psalm 82
- Divine council = elohim = administrators of Heaven and over nations
- God tells His Divine Council that some are corrupt and so will die like mortals





- Genesis 1:26
- Was God speaking to His plural self?
- More likely, to his Divine Council of *elohim*
- Obadiah 1 “we” = Genesis 1:26 “us”
- These divine beings are going to foment world leaders to work together to attack Edom

A PRICKLY RELATIONSHIP



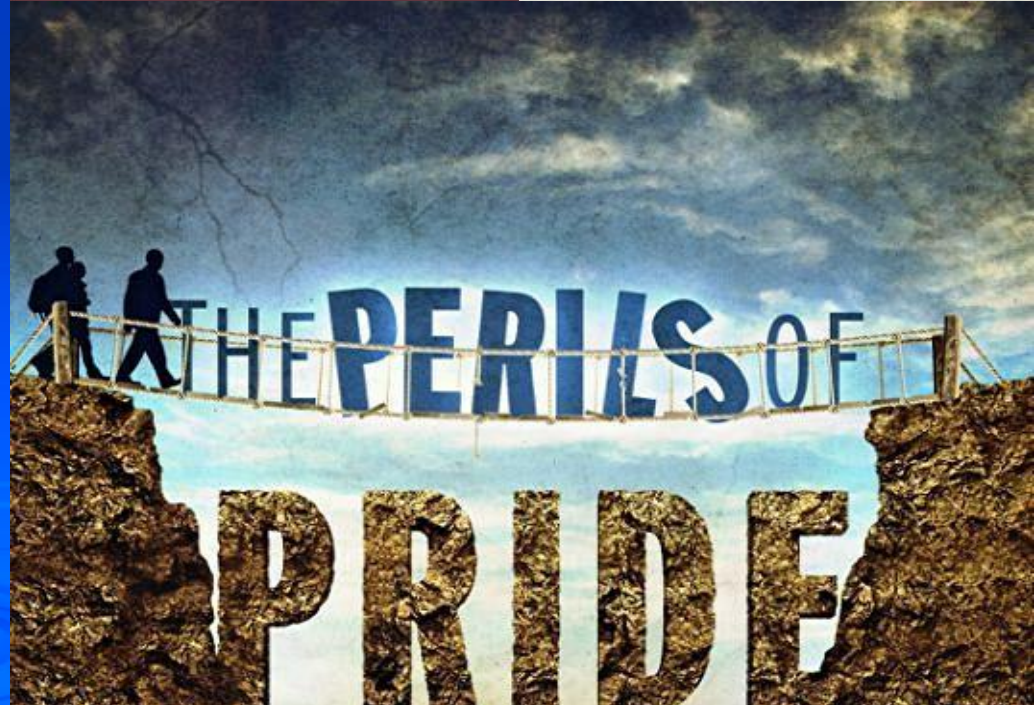
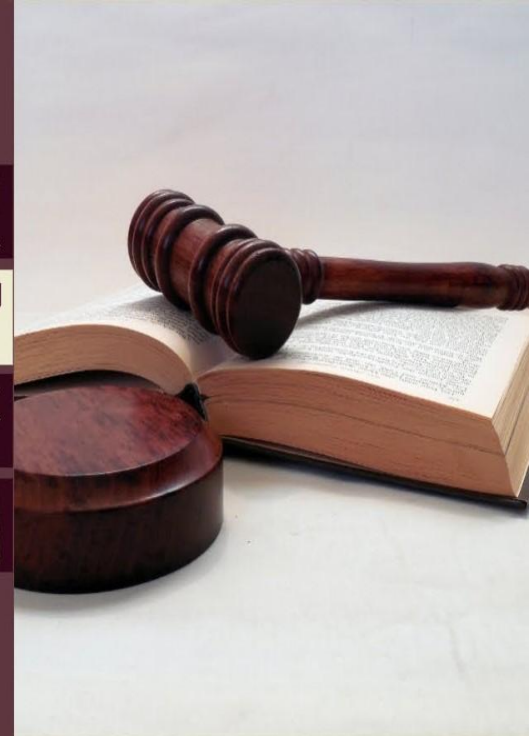
- Early on, Esau was not spoken of negatively, and was not cursed
- Esau, founder of Edom
- Their relationship deteriorated and when Israel fled Egypt, Edom would not allow Israel (Jacob) to pass through
- The Prophets begin to talk about Edom negatively
- Edom and Babylon become seen as wicked and both also become “types” representing all nations

- Vs. 2
- **Hinneh!** = Behold!
- Biblical Edom is modern day Jordan
- Vs. 3 A proud heart
- Proverbs say a danger of pride is self-deception
- In the Bible, heart = **lev** = mind
- Both Hebrews and Greeks believed thought, memory, and the will all resided in the heart organ

THE JUDGEMENT

Obidiah 1:2

OF
EDOM



THE MOUNTAINS OF EDOM



- Vs. 3 “...*who live on the heights and say to yourselves Who can bring me down to the ground?*”
- Heights = *maon* can mean mountain heights, but also the heights of Heaven where God lives
- Isaiah 14:13 – 20
- Same thought pattern in Obadiah as in Isaiah

NOWHERE IS SAFE FOR EDMOM

- Vs. 4
- No matter how high up Edom builds, God will pull them down
- Vs. 5 Thieves at night, grape pickers
- A thief can only take what he can carry; a grape picker always leaves some for the gleaners
- The Divine Council is going to whisper into the souls of the world's leaders to attack Edom





- Babylon didn't offer an alliance out of their heart to Edom, there would be payback
- Edom was no doubt reluctant to join with Babylon to fight Judah, but they felt they had no choice
- This is going to happen again...to Jordan (Edom)

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JORDAN'S SLIDE TO IRRELEVANCE

- Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians living in Jordan
- Jordan now a poorer nation
- Palestinians living in poverty, some from the 1960's
- Jordan not particularly liked by Muslim nations

EDOM AND THE DAY OF THE LORD

- Vs. 8 “When that Day comes...”
- Edom also called Esau, Mountains of Edom, Seir, Mt. Seir
- Review:
- 1) Book opens with Obadiah as a witness to a vision about Edom
- 2) Edom will already be unimportant to the world when the nations attack
- 3) God brings to mind the Divine Council and its corruption and correlates it with Edom
- 4) Edom to be decimated

