



OBADIAH

Edom's Betrayal and Judah's Redemption



- 3 Perspectives:
- 1) Vss. 1 – 10 God is going to use the nations to attack and end Edom as a sovereign nation
- 2) Vss. 12 – 15 What Edom and all the nations are doing to Israel will bring God's wrath upon them in like kind
- 3) Vss. 16 – 18 The nations will suffer their destruction at the hand of Israel that will be acting as God's agent

WALKING AROUND THE ROCK



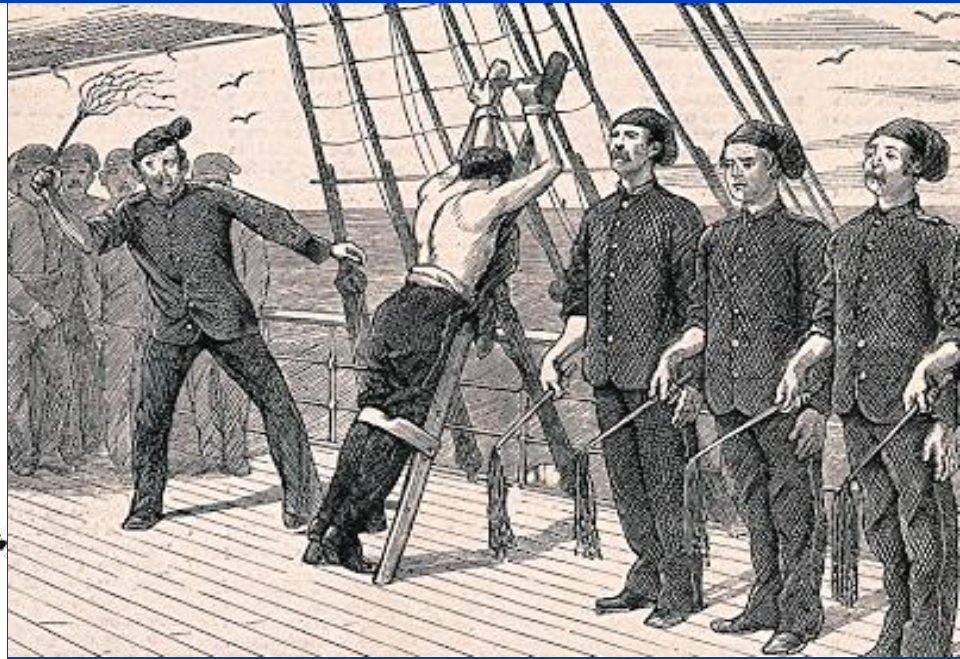
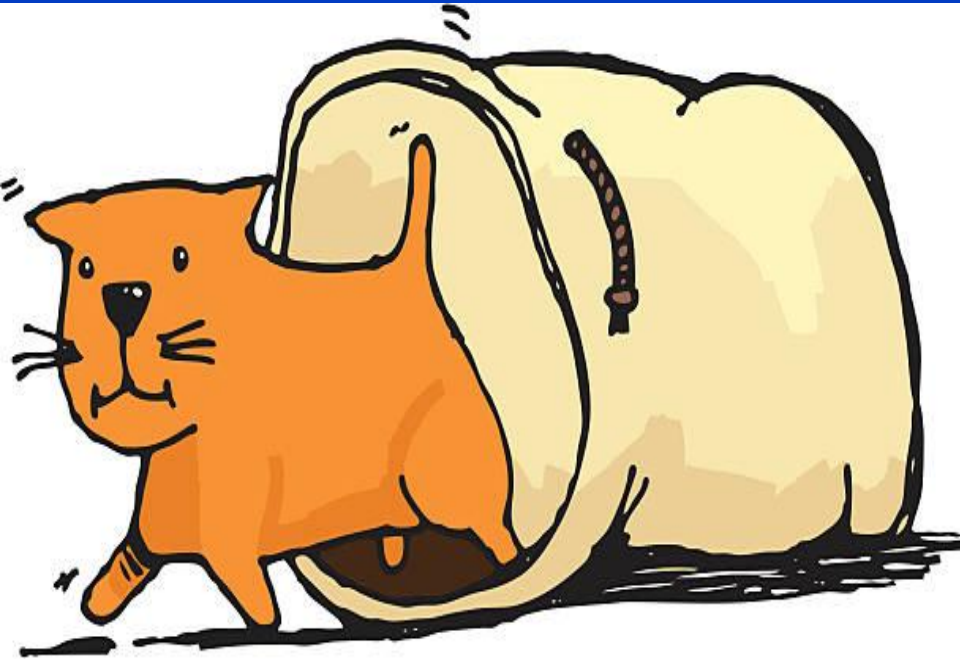
- The 3 perspectives cannot be unified into a single one
- Like walking around a rock, it just looks different depending on where you are standing
- The event when Edom and the nations are destroyed is called The Day of Yehoveh
- This event was centuries from Obadiah, but likely only years from our day

The Cup of God's Wrath



- Vss. 16 – 18 are addressed to Judah
- Jeremiah 49:7 – 22
- Hebrew Roots approach: we are to understand the words as the people who wrote and read them did
- Drinking the cup of wrath is a powerful metaphor
- Metaphor = “...two thoughts of different things active together supported by a single word or phrase...”

UNDERSTANDING METAPHORS



- Don't let the cat out of the bag, and don't reveal a secret...two thoughts active together
- What has a cat in a bag have to do with not divulging a secret? Nothing!
- The metaphor actually began in the Royal Navy and had to do with whipping using a cat-of-nine-tails

LITERAL vs. METAPHOR

- Sometimes taking a verse as a metaphor is superior to taking it literally
- When a verse makes little sense or is false on its face or incoherent, it is probably a metaphor, simile or expression
- James 2:10
- If we break one commandment, are we really judged as if we broke all 613 laws?
- This makes no logic or sense, so it must be a metaphor or an expression



IT'S THE EXPERIENCE THAT'S AT ISSUE

- “Drinking” and “cup” are about wine drinking
- **Kos** = cup, often used as a metaphor for a person’s fate or allotted portion
- Psalm 116:12 – 14
- **Yayin, Tirosh** = wine
- Wine was part of every Jew’s diet, rich or poor
- Biblically, the use of wine is fine, even ordained, but the downside is drunkenness
- Drunkenness is at the center of “drinking from the cup of Yehoveh’s wrath”





DRUNKENNESS

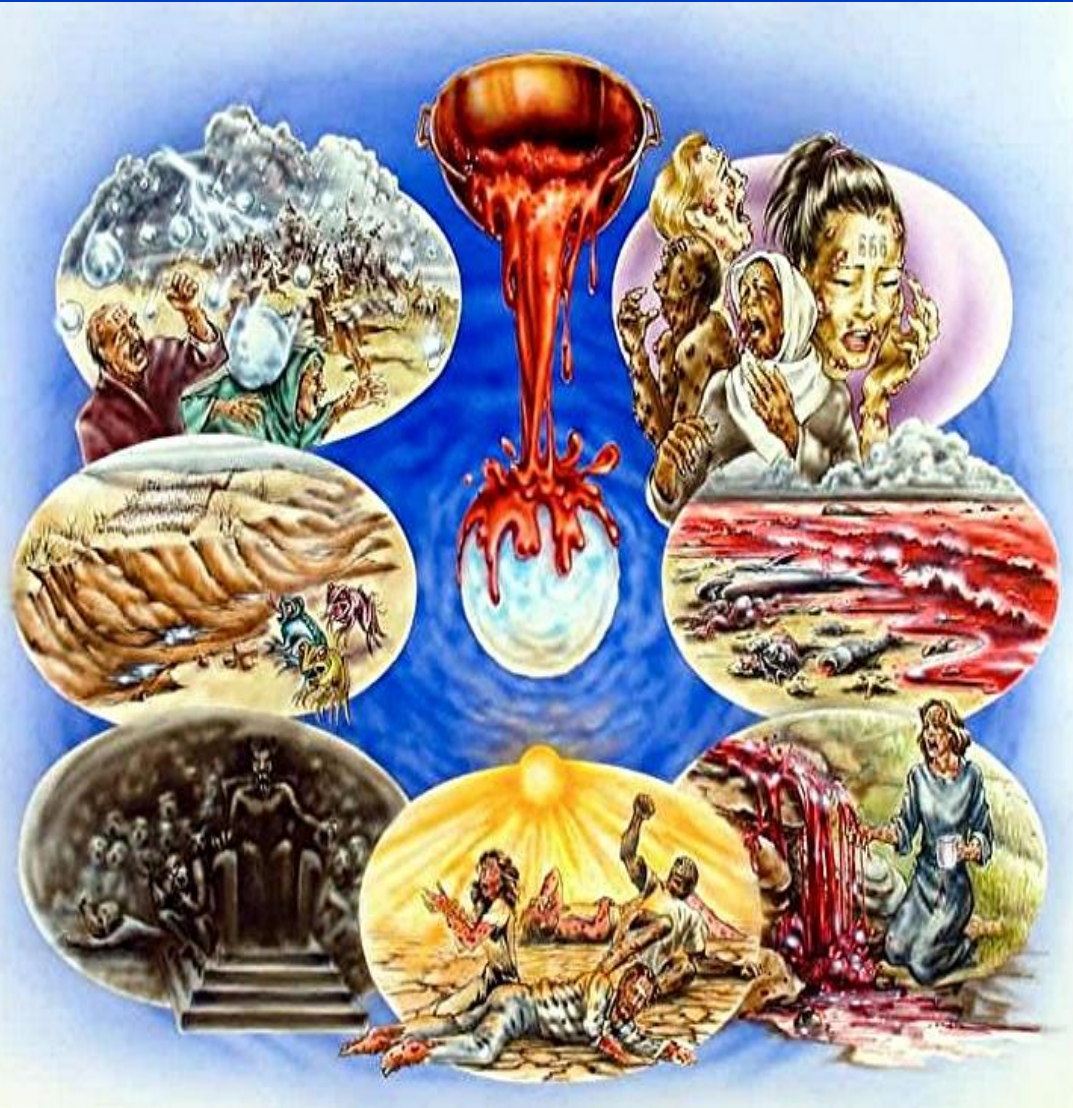
- Drinking usually means drinking wine
- Israel soundly defeats an enemy and “drinks the blood of the slain”
- Job 15:15 – 16
- Proverbs 26:6
- In the Bible, drinking wine is fine, drunkenness is not
- Proverbs 23:31 – 35
- Proverbs 26:9

*Experiencing God's
wrath is like this*



- Being drunk can make one helpless
- Drinking can make a person become disgraced
- All the terrible effects of what it's like to be under God's wrath are like the result of drinking too much
- Our behavior, mind, emotions will be affected and we'll do bad things to our friends, family, and others

GOD'S WRATH ON THE DESERVING



- The Rapture somehow saves the righteous from God's wrath
- The prophetic word itself is what sets God's wrath into motion
- One must prepare because the End Times is inevitable
- The nations are destroyed because of their hostility towards Israel

GOD'S HOLY MOUNTAIN

An aerial photograph of Jerusalem, Israel, taken during sunset. The city is densely packed with buildings, and the Dome of the Rock is prominent in the center. The sky is filled with orange and yellow clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon. The text "GOD'S HOLY MOUNTAIN" is overlaid at the top in a white, sans-serif font.

- **Ki** = for = because of
- Because vss. 16 – 18 address Judah, they are the “you” who have drunk on My holy mountain
- Even though it is referring to Jerusalem, it is meant to include all of Judah
- The destruction of the nations will be so complete it will be as if they never existed
- Isaiah 17:14 Jeremiah 46:28