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Thy reward shall return upon thine own head

Queen Esther asks, “let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request: For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish.”(E7:3-4). The king is angered, “So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified.” (E7:10). Esther fell down at his feet, and besought him with tears to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he had devised against the Jews(E8:3). “Wherein the king granted the Jews which were in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy.. all the power of the people and province that would assault them..and to take the spoil of them for a prey” (E8:11).

Obadiah “Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning Edom; We have heard a rumour from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent among the heathen, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle”. (O1:1) “Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down” (O1:4). How are the things of Esau searched out! how are his hidden things sought up! (O1:6). All the men of thy confederacy have brought thee even to the border: the men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee, and prevailed against thee; they that eat thy bread have laid a wound under thee: there is none understanding in him. Shall I not in that day, saith the LORD, even destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau? (O1:7-8) For thy violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee (O1:10). In the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of them. (O1:11) For the day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head. (O1:15)

He that built all things is God. (H3:4). To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: (H3:7,8). Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.) Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God...hardened through the deceitfulness of sin (H 3:10-13). He that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works..For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit..and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. All things are naked & opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. (4:10-13). Strong meat belongsto them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. (H5:14)