

A dramatic painting depicting a city during a battle. The scene is filled with smoke and fire, with a large, cylindrical structure on the left. The sky is dark and cloudy, and the foreground shows a chaotic scene of soldiers and civilians. The overall atmosphere is one of intense conflict and destruction.

# TALE OF TWO CITIES

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# The Book of Obadiah

After the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 586 B.C.

Prior to the fall of Edom in 553 B.C.

God's people are placed in captivity

The book deals with a bitter rivalry between these two nations



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# **SPOKEN!**

**A Raging Feud and a Resilient Flame  
Creates a Roaring Fire**

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# The Tale of Two Brothers

Genesis 25:21-26



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# The Tale of Two Brothers

## Genesis 25:21-26

Jacob and Esau were twin brothers  
that were as different as night and day

Esau → Edom

Jacob → Isarael

The battles began in the womb,  
and one came out grasping to his brother's heel

His, Jacob's, grasping never ended and he manipulated  
Esau out his birthright and outright stole his blessing for  
which Esau swore he would kill him (*Genesis 27:41*)

Eventually the two would mend fences  
(*Genesis 33:4*)

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# Isarel vs Edom

**Please let us pass through your country. We will not go through any field or vineyard, or drink water from any well. We will travel along the King's Highway and not turn to the right or to the left until we have passed through your territory." But Edom answered: "You may not pass through here; if you try, we will march out and attack you with the sword." The Israelites replied: "We will go along the main road, and if we or our livestock drink any of your water, we will pay for it. We only want to pass through on foot—nothing else." Again, they answered: "You may not pass through." Then Edom came out against them with a large and powerful army. Since Edom refused to let them go through their territory, Israel turned away from them.**

**Numbers 20:17-21**



# The Tale of Two Nations

## The Actions of Edom when Jerusalem fell

They Stood and Watched (v. 10-11)

They Rejoiced in Suffering (v. 12)

They Pillaged and Plundered (v. 13)

They Ambushed and Seized (v. 14)

Somehow this does not seem like  
“to love your neighbor as yourself”



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# **The Tale of Two Nations**

## **The Pride of Edom**

**They were trusting in their position (v. 3-4)**

**They were trusting in their knowledge (v. 8)**

**They were trusting in their military might (v. 9)**

**They were even trusting in their allies (v. 7)**

**And just like last week I see much of Edom's attitude in our attitudes today, both in our nation and in our churches**

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# **The Tale of Two Destinies**

## **A Disaster for Edom**

***Jacob will be a fire and Joseph a flame; Esau will be stubble, and they will set him on fire and destroy him. There will be no survivors from Esau.” The Lord has spoken.***

**v. 18**

**Jacob the fire would have been a reference to the two southern tribes that formed the nation of Judah**

**Joseph the flame would have been a reference to the 10 northern tribes or the nation of Israel**

**The stubble of Esau would be Edom**

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# The Tale of Two Destinies

**A warning for all**

***The day of the Lord is near for all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head.***

In this case the “Day of the Lord” is a term associated with the return of Christ (***2 Peter 3:10***)

**v. 15**

It will be a day judgement (***Hebrews 9:27-28***)

Judgement is based not on results but relationship (***Matthew 7:21-23***)

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# **The Tale of Two Destinies**

## **Deliverance for God's People**

**This company of Israelite exiles who are in Canaan will possess the land as far as Zarephath; the exiles from Jerusalem who are in Sepharad will possess the towns of the Negev. Deliverers will go up on Mount Zion to govern the mountains of Esau. And the kingdom will be the Lord's.**

**v. 20-21**

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# **The Day of the LORD**

## **A Day of Redemption**

**At that time, they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”**

**Luke 21:27-28**

**A Moment of Victory**  
**(*1 Corinthians 15:51-57*)**

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# **The Tale of Two Destinations**

**“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”**

**Mathew 7:13-14**



**What Path  
are You  
Following?**

