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God's Promises in Obadiah

The book of Obadiah contains a prophecy against the nation of Edom, which had mistreated Israel. However, there are no explicit promises made by God in this short book. Instead, the prophecy primarily focuses on God's judgment against Edom for their sins.

- 1. In verse 15 of Obadiah, there is a mention of a promise that "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." This promise refers to the eventual judgment of all nations, including Edom, for their actions.
- 2. Additionally, in verse 17, there is a promise of restoration for Israel, which reads: "But on Mount Zion will be deliverance; it will be holy, and Jacob will possess his inheritance." This promise suggests that despite the suffering that Israel has endured at the hands of Edom, they will ultimately be victorious and regain their rightful inheritance.
- 3. However, it's important to note that these promises are not specific to any individuals or groups but rather speak to a general sense of justice and restoration that will be accomplished through God's actions.
- 4. In verse 18, God declares that "The descendants of Jacob will be a fire and the descendants of Joseph a flame; the house of Esau will be stubble, and they will set it on fire and consume it." This promise suggests that the people of Israel will ultimately triumph over their enemies, and that God will bring justice to the oppressed.
- 5. In verse 21, there is a promise of "saviors" who will come to Mount Zion to judge the mountains of Esau. This promise suggests that God will raise up leaders or agents to bring about justice and judgment against those who have mistreated Israel.
- 6. Finally, in verse 17, there is a promise that "the kingdom will be the Lord's." This promise suggests that despite the apparent power and dominance of Edom and other nations, ultimately God is in control and will establish his kingdom on earth. Overall, the book of Obadiah primarily focuses on God's judgment against Edom, but there are a few promises made that speak to God's ultimate justice, restoration, and sovereignty.