

graceWORKS ! GOING DEEPER¹ The Papou Study Bible is a daily study provided by me to



help folks explore the depth and joy of the “conneXion” life of God. It’s my personal study, and is not intended as a doctrinal statement or statement of any church or denomination or congregation. It’s also my belief that “grace” works, and the servant of God should always want to go deeper. Multi-tasking as usual, I’m also calling this the “Papou Study Bible.” I’m writing it as if I were speaking to my girls who love me and any descendant they have that love their Papou too. And to anyone who wants to consider me a spiritual Dad or “Papou.” I want them to be able to study the Bible with Papou (grandpa in Greek) after I’m gone---and if they don’t, I’ll haunt them. The Scriptures say it’s noble to “search the Scriptures daily” to verify truth like the ancient Bereans did (Acts 17:11). My folks came from Berea. My incredible Dad (and your grandfather and great grandfather, guys), Vasil Charles Valekis taught me to do this like he did---every day until I die. He taught me and everyone I know to go to church no matter what and to put God first. While Mama (Maria Pagona Stratakis Valekis) never really did this, she made sure we listened to Daddy on this one. She would have hit us with a spatula or frying pan or worse if we didn’t.

This is a simple sharing my “daily search.” And I’d like to think it is a continuation of God’s life through my Dad through me. Both my “Dads” by the way. And a way to honor him, mama and our loving “Dad”---God. And for all of us to be together, in Spirit, even when we I join them in heaven. I like to use

the Blue Letter literal, very “visual,” Greek translation a lot to help “visualize” these truths the beautiful way Greek enables you to view.

And I like to share this with folks serving in an elder capacity, or any capacity, to grow them, challenge them, and stretch them. But especially share it with anyone I’ve ever brought to Christ and family members who truly love me. And when you study these, I’ll make sure to connect with you from heaven. *Ever an orthodox Greek, Jim Valekis*

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Colossians 1:27 (King James Version)

²⁷To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is *Christ in you*, the hope of glory

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Obadiah 1 Part 2



So apparently much of this book is paralleled in Jeremiah 49, giving some to believe that Obadiah was a contemporary of Jeremiah. Edom felt secure because of her mountain fortresses and her wise men. But Obadiah announces God’s judgment on her for her hostility to Israel---and for standing aloof in the face of her humiliation. She apparently had hidden treasures. The Ancient Greek historian Diodorus Siculus indicates the Edomites put their wealth--- accumulated from trade---in vaults in rocks. She also was to be betrayed by those who were intimates with her. Edom would suffer from a trusted friend as well---one who ate His own bread. Jesus did too! It brought to mind Christ’s sadness conveyed in this verse: **Psalm 41⁹** Even my close friend, someone I trusted, one who shared my bread, has turned (lifted up his heel in Hebrew) against me. **Perhaps you too have been hurt that way---or hurt others that way! Let’s continue our study.**

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Obadiah 7-21 New International Version

⁷ All your allies will force you to the border; your friends will deceive and overpower you; those who eat your bread will set a trap for you, but you will not detect it.

Christ’s experience of this was different. He knew who was going to betray Him, and who was going to deny Him.

Matthew 26:22-24 King James Version	Mark 14:30-32 King James Version
<p>²² And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I? ²³ And he answered and said, He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me. ²⁴ The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born . . .</p>	<p>³⁰ And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.</p> <p>³¹ But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all.</p>

⁸ “In that day,” declares the LORD, “will I not destroy the wise men of Edom, those of understanding in the mountains of Esau?”

⁹ Your warriors, Teman, will be terrified, and everyone in Esau’s mountains will be cut down in the slaughter.

¹⁰ Because of the violence against your brother Jacob, you will be covered with shame; you will be destroyed forever.

¹¹ On the day you stood aloof while strangers carried off his wealth and foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem, you were like one of them.

God expects more of brothers than just this.

¹² You should not gloat over your brother in the day of his misfortune, nor rejoice over the people of Judah in the day of their destruction, nor boast so much in the day of their trouble.

¹³ You should not march through the gates of my people in the day of their disaster,

nor gloat over them in their calamity in the day of their disaster, nor seize their wealth in the day of their disaster.

¹⁴ You should not wait at the crossroads to cut down their fugitives, nor hand over their survivors in the day of their trouble.

The NIV study bible adds: “These terms put in relief the sins of Edom. He did not act like a brother. He was like one of the strangers.

That’s a sin.

For examples of Edom’s reactions to Judah’s misfortunes, these two Scriptures are cited.

Psalm 137:7	Ezekiel 35:13
⁷ Remember, O LORD, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, Rase it, rase it, even to the foundation thereof.	¹³ Thus with your mouth ye have boasted against me, and have multiplied your words against me: I have heard them. ²

The verse in Psalms literally says “strip her.” Cities were depicted as women.

Lamentations 4:21 says: Daughter Edom. . . to you also the cup will be passed; you will

² Ezekiel 35 King James Version 35 Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face against mount Seir, and prophesy against it, 3 And say unto it, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O mount Seir, I am against thee, and I will stretch out mine hand against thee, and I will make thee most desolate. 4 I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate, and thou shalt know that I am the Lord. 5 Because **thou hast had a perpetual hatred, and hast shed the blood of the children of Israel by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity**, in the time that their iniquity had an end: 6 Therefore, as I live, saith the Lord God, I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee: sith thou hast not hated blood, even blood shall pursue thee. 7 Thus will I make mount Seir most desolate, and cut off from it him that passeth out and him that returneth. 8 And I will fill his mountains with his slain men: in thy hills, and in thy valleys, and in all thy rivers, shall they fall that are slain with the sword. 9 I will make thee perpetual desolations, and thy cities shall not return: and ye shall know that I am the Lord. 10 Because thou hast said, These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess it; **whereas the Lord was there:**11 Therefore, as I live, saith the Lord God, I will even do according to thine anger, and according to thine envy which thou hast used out of thy hatred against them; and I will make myself known among them, when I have judged thee. 12 And thou shalt know that I am the Lord, and that I have heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, they are given us to consume. 13 Thus with your mouth ye have boasted against me, and have multiplied your words against me: I have heard them. 14 Thus saith the Lord God; When the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make thee desolate. 15 As thou didst rejoice at the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee: thou shalt be desolate, O mount Seir, and all Idumea, even all of it: and they shall know that I am the Lord.

be drunk and stripped naked. **In other words, what you called for will happen to you.**

While God punishes and even wreaks vengeance, He apparently wants us to be careful about the way we act when He does. And He watches our hearts too, because He's not pleased when perpetual hatred and anger is in our hearts. Apparently in Genesis 33 Esau himself had dealt with his, somehow the attitude of anger and even bitter hatred against the descendants of Jacob. He may have dealt with the issues face to face with Jacob---but apparently something was communicated to his descendants.

¹⁵ "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.

If there were eschatological glimmerings in the mentioning of that "that day" in verse 8, it becomes a strong ray in this verse, the study Bible says. The day of the Lord brings judgment to all nations and vindication to the descendants of Jacob.

Obadiah 1:17	Joel 1:15	Amos 5:18
¹⁷ But on Mount Zion will be deliverance; it will be holy, and Jacob will possess his inheritance.	¹⁵ Alas for that day! For the day of the LORD is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty.	¹⁸ Woe to you who long for the day of the LORD! Why do you long for the day of the LORD? That day will be darkness, not light.

¹⁶ Just as you drank on my holy hill,
so all the nations will drink continually;
they will drink and drink
and be as if they had never been.

The Study Bible says that "As the Edomites profaned the Holy Mountain by carousing, so the nations "will drink and drink." Their drinking will be the bitter potion of God's judgment, which they will be compelled to keep drinking.

Jeremiah 23:15-16	Jeremiah 49:12
<p>¹⁵ Therefore this is what the LORD Almighty says concerning the prophets: "I will make them eat bitter food and drink poisoned water, because from the prophets of Jerusalem ungodliness has spread throughout the land." ¹⁶ This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Do not listen to what the prophets are prophesying to you; they fill you with false hopes. They speak visions from their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD.</p>	<p>¹² This is what the LORD says: "If those who do not deserve to drink the cup must drink it, why should you go unpunished? You will not go unpunished, but must drink it.</p>

¹⁷ But on Mount Zion will be deliverance; it will be holy, and Jacob will possess his inheritance.

¹⁸ 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."

You're either fired up and made to be "fire starting" glow by your relationship with the Lord, or you consumed by the consuming fire the Lord is.

The LORD has spoken.

As the verse in Thessalonians in the text box shows, God will avenge us. But He doesn't like it when we avenge ourselves.

Romans 12:19 New International Version

¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

We'll finish this up next time.

Hebrews 12:29 – for our God is a consuming fire.

Matthew 3:11 – He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

2 Thessalonians 1 - 6 God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you ⁷ and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. ⁸ He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.