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"Who will bring me down to the ground?"

"For there was no such thing as Edom, which turned back to help against her brother, Jacob." (Obadiah 17, 19). Edom's pride also deceived them into thinking they could abuse other people and get away with it. The Lord was particularly offender by Edom’s “violence against your brother, Jacob” (v. 10). Israel and Edom were closely related, being the descendants of Isaac’s twin sons, Jacob and Esau. Abusing anyone would be wicked enough, but oppressing your kin, especially when God had chosen them to be His covenant people, was outrageous.

We would never let pride deceive us as it did Edom. Or would we? We’re the USA! We have the best military, supermarkets loaded with food, and liberty unsurpassed. We don’t need God – we’re invincible! (How long will God tolerate perversion and slaughter before He says, “I will bring you down!”?)

Individually, do we think God doesn’t care when we mistreat others? Perhaps we treat church members well, but what about folks we don’t know? From the teen who serves our food to the tech who fixes our car, it’s too easy to make them the victims of our frustration. Our pride makes us feel entitled to unload on them.

Let us beware, lest pride deceive us!