



## No one attacks God's people and remains unpunished



Further announcements of judgment for other enemies of Israel follow. The Ammonites will feel God's punishment for what they did to Israel. They were as unconcerned as Moab. "Who will come against me?" they thought (v4). But now they must hear that Israel will conquer their inheritance (v2).

A similar judgment will meet the **Edomites**. The Lord will "bring them down", even from their fortresses in the rock (v16).

To the widows and orphans in Edom, however, the Lord promises His help (v11).



134. Which verse says the Ammon will be blessed in the future, er together with Israel?

135. To what is the downfall of Edom compared?



According to Deuteronomy 2:19 the Ammonites were a neighbouring people to Israel, which the Israelites were not allowed to fight against. The reason is that, being descendants of Lot, they were close blood relatives of the people of Israel (Genesis 19:38).

> The Edomites were descendants of Esau. Towards the end of their wandering through the wilderness they refused to allow the Israelites to travel through their land. Ever since then there has been continual enmity between the two peoples.

> When Jerusalem was conquered, the Edomites came, murdering and plundering, and settled in the south of Judah as far as Hebron. This behaviour gives these prophecies over Edom their sharpness.



No one can call God to account for what He does! Read again verse 19!

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To the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (w17-18)