

# OBADIAH

## Background Information

### Person

His name means “Servant of Jehovah” or “Worshipper of Yahweh”

### Ministry

Southern kingdom of Judah

### Date (Two possible views)

- Late View - Possible link – Jeremiah 49: 14-16 - Contemporary of Jeremiah - Prophet at time of Babylonian captivity.
- Early View - 840 BC - Relating invasion to Philistines and Arabians during Johoram's reign,

### Background

Edom who is from Esau – Their capital is Petra

Israel who is from Jacob – Their capital is Jerusalem

### Theme

God will oppose those who oppose Jews and protect those who protect Israel.

Shortest Old Testament book – 21 verses

“This small book speaks of the danger of the great sin of pride and arrogance, the feeling of superiority that often results from taking advantage of others.”

Cross references of God's judgments on Edom

Psalm 83:5-18; 137:7	Isaiah 11:14; 21: 11-12; 34:5; 63:1-6
Jeremiah 49:7-22	Lamentation 4:21-22
Ezekiel 25:12-14; 35:1-5	Joel 13:19
Amos 1:11-12; 9:11-12	Malachi 1:2-5

Information taken from:

- Bible knowledge commentary.
- Joel Spencer – class notes
- Exploring the minor prophets – Phillips

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Obadiah 4

Though thou exalt *thyself* as the eagle,  
and though thou set thy nest among the stars,  
thence will I bring thee down, saith the LORD.

# THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly memory verse – Obadiah 4

Read – Obadiah 1: 1-2

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Time spent in prayer \_\_\_\_\_

Examine –

1. Whose vision is this?
2. Who is this concerning?
3. What have they heard?
4. Where is it from?
5. What is sent among the heathen?
6. Define Ambassador –
7. What is God challenging them to do?
8. What are they among the heathen?
9. They are greatly \_\_\_\_\_.

Using your background material, answer the following questions:

1. From where did Edom come?
2. What was their capital?
3. How many times does God mention judgment on them?
4. What would God do to those who helped Israel?

Apply-

What is your feeling towards God's chosen people?

Do you joke about them?

Do you think you are better than they are?

Are you glad when they have bad things happen?

Edom found out this was not wise!

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Praise: \_\_\_\_\_

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Main thought to meditate on today: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly memory verse – Obadiah 4

Read – Obadiah 1:3-6

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Time spent in prayer \_\_\_\_\_

Examine –

1. What had deceived them?
2. Where did this originate?
3. Where is their house?
4. To what is this referring? (Contact Pastor Ogle with the answer)
5. How is their habitation?
6. What have they said in their heart?
7. What bird does God use to illustrate His point?
8. Even if they put their city in the \_\_\_\_\_ God would find them.
9. What would God do to them?
10. When do thieves come?
11. How much would they steal?
12. If grape gatherers came would they leave a few?
13. What do you think the rhetorical question is talking about?
14. To help you understand verse 6, think about what you would do if you had great wealth or riches. Would anything not be left?
15. Would they find all his treasures?

Apply-

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Weekly memory verse – Obadiah 4  
Read – Obadiah 1:7-9

Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time spent in prayer \_\_\_\_\_

Examine –

1. Define Confederacy –
2. What did these men do to them?
3. These men were originally at what with them?
4. What did they do now?
5. Who laid a wound on them?
6. What is not in these people?
7. What will God destroy from Edom?

NOTE: Edom and Esau are the same thing and are used interchangeably!

8. What will He destroy in Esau?
9. Who will be dismayed?
10. From where are these men?
11. What will happen to all the men of mount Esau?
12. How will this happen?

Apply-

There is no help for Esau or anyone who rebels against God. His own friends have forsaken him. His mountain refuge is not sufficient. Nothing can save him from God's hand of judgment. Do you think you will escape His judgment?

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Weekly memory verse – Obadiah 4

Read – Obadiah 1:10-14

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Time spent in prayer \_\_\_\_\_

Examine –

1. Why is God doing all this?
2. What will cover them?
3. What will last forever?
4. When Israel was captured, what did Esau (Edom) do?
5. What did the strangers do to Jerusalem?
6. List the eight things that they should not have done:
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. What, in your opinion, was the worse one they did?

Apply-

How should we treat our enemies?

Do you have any enemies?

How do you treat them?

What could you do today to someone you don't like that would demonstrate a Christ-like spirit?

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Read – Obadiah 1:15-17

Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time spent in prayer \_\_\_\_\_

Examine –

1. What is near?
2. Who is it going to affect?
3. What will be done to them?
4. What will return upon them?
5. Where did they drink?
6. What will the heathen do continually?  
NOTE: Apparently this is a celebration for victory, but it also showing God's judgment!  
The statement to drink of the cup of God's wrath is used often.
7. When they finish drinking God's cup of wrath, what will it be like?
8. Where will there be deliverance?
9. Where is this place?
10. What else shall be there?
11. Who will rightfully get their inheritance?

Apply-

One day we will be delivered from this world. This will come through death or the rapture!  
What are you looking forward to the most about meeting God?

What are most scared of in meeting Him?

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Weekly memory verse – Obadiah 4

Read – Obadiah 1:18-21

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Time spent in prayer \_\_\_\_\_

Examine –

1. What will the house of Jacob be?
2. What will the house of Joseph be?
3. What will Esau be?
4. Who will win this battle?
5. What will be left of Esau?
6. Who has spoken this?
7. What will the people of the south possess? (4 Things)
  
8. Who will possess Gilead?
9. Who will possess the land of Canaan?
10. Who will have the cities of the south?  
NOTE: This is a basic description of the boundaries of Israel and that they will have what is rightfully theirs.
11. From where will Esau be judged?
12. Who will own the Kingdom?

Apply-

If you were judging Esau, what would you do to them?

If you were judging yourself, how would you deal with you?

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Weekly memory verse – Obadiah 4

Read – Obadiah

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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Examine –

1. What nation is God judging?
2. Where are they dwelling?
3. What do they think about this place?
4. Can they run from God's judgment?
5. Who turned on them?
6. During an attack on Jerusalem what did the people of Edom do?
7. How will God judge them?
8. What two things will be on Mount Zion?
9. What will the house of Jacob be?
10. What will Israel one day possess?
11. Whose kingdom is it?

Apply-

What jumped off the page at you about this little book and why?

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