

The Book of OBADIAH

Judgement on Edom

All we know about Obadiah is his name, and it was a common name.

Name means: “Servant of the Lord” “Servant of Jehovah”

Shortest book in the Old Testament 21 verses

New Testament: Philemon- 25 verses, 2nd John- 13, 3rd John- 14, Jude- 25 verses

Date: 586 BC? Refers to The destruction of Jerusalem and temple

There are some views which give it an earlier dating of 887 BC or 840 BC

God can talk about 300 years in the future like it was yesterday.

Genesis 25:21-34 Jacob and Esau Vs 25 Esau “*came out red*” so they called him Esau

Vs. 30 Esau sells his birthright for “red pottage” or “red Stew”

Therefore his name was called Edom.

Vs. 34 “*Thus Esau despised his birthright.*”

The birthright was a spiritual heritage. Esau was saying, “I would rather have a bowl of soup than have a relationship with God.”

Genesis 36:1 “*Now this is the genealogy of Esau, who is Edom.*”

Numbers 20:14-21 The King of Edom refused to let Israel pass through during the Exodus

Jeremiah 49:7-10 & 17-18 The Destruction of Edom

Psalms 137:7-9 Edomites were present and participating in the destruction of Jerusalem.

They were rejoicing and cheering on the destruction and the killing of babies.

OVERVIEW OF OBADIAH

Vs. 1-16 Edom - Destruction Esau - Edomites

Vs. 17-21 Israel - Restoration Jacob - Israelites

1:1 *The vision of Obadiah. “Thus says the Lord God concerning Edom.”*

:3&4 The sin of pride Compared to Isaiah 14:12-15, the fall of Lucifer
Petra Capital of Edom
In Jordan today, 50 miles South of Dead Sea. 170 miles Southwest of Amman, Jordan

:5&6 Total defeat. Nothing left. Jeremiah 49: 7-11

:8&9 Proud of their wisdom Jeremiah 49: 7-11 and Job 4:1

:10-11 Stood with Babylon against Jerusalem, not for Jerusalem.
“against your brother Jacob”

- 1:12 They were rejoicing at the destruction of “your brother” the children of Judah
Psalm 137:7-9
- :13 You watched what happened and did nothing but rejoice. Then you stole their stuff
when they were taken captive to Babylon. **God saw it.**
- :14 You hindered those trying to escape. And you turned them over to the Babylonians.
- :15 *“As you have done, it shall be done to you.”*
- :16 Edom had a drunken celebration on Mt Zion, the ruins of Jerusalem.
Isaiah 34:6-10
5 years after Babylon destroyed Jerusalem, Babylon destroyed Edom.
Archaeologists discovered and uncovered Petra in 1812.
As God prepares to pronounce Judgement on Israel, the Northern Kingdom, He mentions
judgement on the surrounding areas.
Amos 1:11 & 12 Teman, near Petra- hillside fortress and Bozrah- Ancient capital of Edom

17 – 21 Victory for Jacob

- :17 **BUT,** :16 Edom will be as though it had never been
:17 Deliverance on Mt Zion
- :18 No survivors in the house of Esau *“For the Lord has spoken”*
- :20 Zarephath (Sidon-on the coast Northwest of Israel) Luke 4:25-26
Sepharad Israel will possess from the North to the South
- :21 1) Deliverers shall come to Mt Zion
2) To judge the mountain of Esau
3) And the kingdom shall be the Lord’s

The Old Testament begins in Genesis with Jacob and Esau and ends in Malachi with Jacob and Esau. Malachi 1:2, 3a God said, *“I loved Jacob and hated Esau.”*
The perpetual struggle between the Spirit and the flesh, good and evil.

The line of Herods (under Roman Rule) came from the Idumeans – the Greek form of Edom
Herod the Great 37-4 BC Built the temple in Jerusalem and killed all the baby boys
Herod Antipas 4 BC-AD 39 Had John the Baptist beheaded, Trial of Jesus Luke 23:6-12
Herod Agrippa II AD 50-100 Paul’s testimony in Acts 25 & 26, Jewish revolt in AD 70.
His death in AD 100 was the end of the Herodian dynasty of Kings of Judea (Roman Rule).

God hates sin and judgement will come. God calls everyone to forgiveness and restoration.