



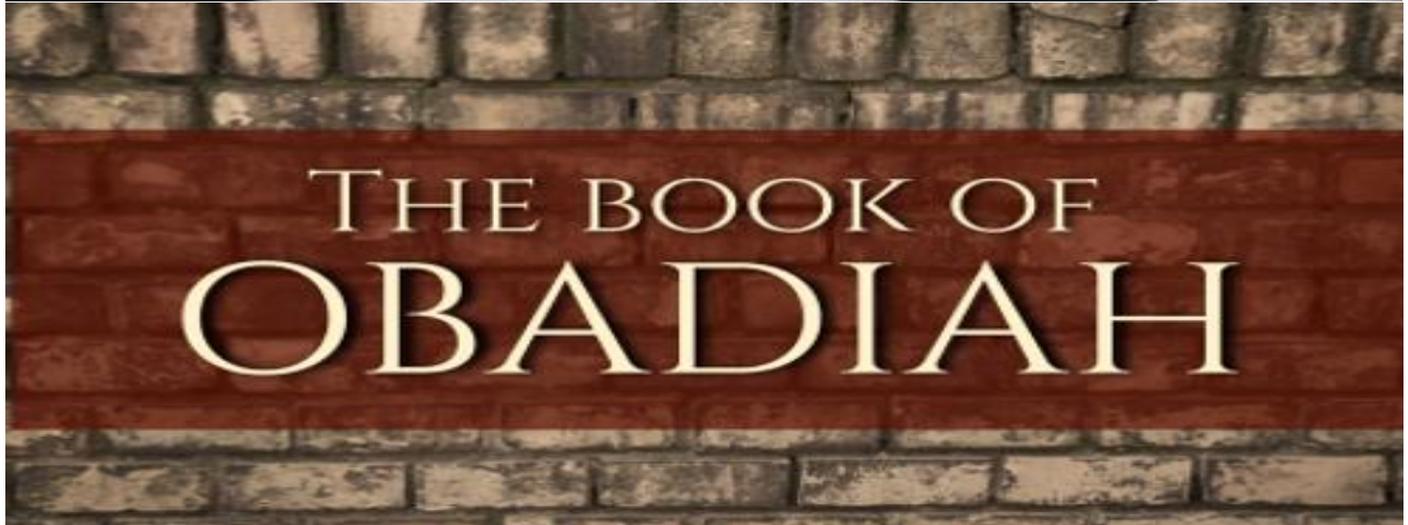
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“Almost” Everything You Need to Know About..”



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Online Bible Study

There are 3 statements that summarize what is going on in the Book of Obadiah:



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**Mahalia Jackson —
‘If you dig one ditch
you better dig two
cause the trap you
set just may be for
you’**

**Ain't no mountain high enough,
ain't no valley low enough, ain't
no river wide enough, to keep
me from getting to you.**

Marvin Gaye

quote fancy

I. LET'S READ THE TEXT

- Obadiah is the shortest book in the Old Testament

¹ The vision of Obadiah. This is what the Sovereign LORD says about Edom— We have heard a message from the LORD: An envoy was sent to the nations to say, "Rise, let us go against her for battle"—² "See, I will make you small among the nations; you will be utterly despised. ³ The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rocks and make your home on the heights, you who say to yourself, 'Who can bring me down to the ground?' ⁴ Though you soar like the eagle and make your nest among the stars, from there I will bring you down," declares the LORD.

⁵ "If thieves came to you, if robbers in the night—oh, what a disaster awaits you!—would they not steal only as much as they wanted? If grape pickers came to you, would they not leave a few grapes? ⁶ But how Esau will be ransacked, his hidden treasures pillaged! 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. 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. 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.

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. 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.

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." The LORD has spoken. ¹⁹ People from the Negev will occupy the mountains of Esau, and people from the foothills will possess the land of the Philistines. They will occupy the fields of Ephraim and Samaria, and Benjamin will possess Gilead. ²⁰ This company of Israelite exiles who are in Canaan will possess the land as far as Zarephath; the exiles from Jerusalem who are in Sepharad will possess the towns of the Negev. ²¹ Deliverers will go up on Mount Zion to govern the mountains of Esau. And the kingdom will be the LORD's.

II. WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

1. Back story – there had been an ancient feud between 2 “**brother**” nations; Edom and Israel. I refer to them as “**brother**” nations because the nation of Israel descended from Jacob; the nation of Edom descended from Esau (Genesis 25:19-26)

¹⁹ This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac. Abraham became the father of Isaac, ²⁰ and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹ Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. ²² The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³ The LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger." ²⁴ When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. ²⁵ The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. ²⁶ After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.

2. Esau sold his birthright and blessing to Jacob. **MESS!**
3. Edom refused to let the Israelites pass through its land (Numbers 20:14-21) **MESS!**

¹⁴ Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom, saying: “This is what your brother Israel says: You know about all the hardships that have come on us. ¹⁵ Our ancestors went down into Egypt, and we lived there many years. The Egyptians mistreated us and our ancestors, ¹⁶ but when we cried out to the LORD, he heard our cry and sent an angel and brought us out of Egypt. “Now we are here at Kadesh, a town on the edge of your territory. ¹⁷ Please let us pass through your country. We will not go through any field or vineyard, or drink water from any well. We will travel along the King’s Highway and not turn to the right or to the left until we have passed through your territory.” ¹⁸ But Edom answered: “You may not pass through here; if you try, we will march out and attack you with the sword.” ¹⁹ The Israelites replied: “We will go along the main road, and if we or our livestock drink any of your water, we will pay for it. We only want to pass through on foot—nothing else.” ²⁰ Again they answered: “You may not pass through.” Then Edom came out against them with a large and powerful army. ²¹ Since Edom refused to let them go through their territory, Israel turned away from them.

4. Israel’s kings has constant conflict with Edom over the years.
 - 1 Samuel 14:47; 2 Samuel 8, 13; 1 Kings 11:14-22; 2 Kings 8:20-22; 2 Chronicles 21:8ff; 2 Chronicles 28:16
5. Edom urged Babylon to destroy Jerusalem (Israel) – Psalm 137:7



III. GOD’S WORD THROUGH OBADIAH THE PROPHET

1. “How you are treating your brother is not right!”
2. God says, “I can fix the problem by fixing you!”
 - a. Just putting this out here for future discussion; we need to talk about:



- It is NOT a Christian believe or principle.
 - Hinduism & Buddhism
 - “the sum of a person's actions in this and previous states of existence, viewed as deciding their fate in future existences.”
 - Close, but....
3. God will deliver those who belong to Him.

IV. ISSUES RAISED IN OBADIAH

1. How do we treat our family members? (very broad, many issues)
2. Rejoicing over the misfortune of others
3. Defiance, pride and humility
4. God judges and punishes those who harm his people, but still extends grace, mercy and love.

V. BIBLE PROJECT VIDEO ON OBADIAH

For Next Week: Please read The Book of Jonah

VI. REMAINING STUDIES BEFORE SUMMER RECESS

- June 1 – Jonah
- June 8 – Jude
- June 15 – Micah
- June 22 – Nahum
- June 29 – Revelation
- My summer thoughts (remember what we did 2 years ago?)

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