

Obadiah

Major Message from a Minor Prophet



Last SUNDAY Big Day for BLAIRS

While Granddaughter CELEBRATING 11th B-Day One Side of Globe in KZ
 Daughter in Law having 1st GrandSON on OTHER Side – Portland, OR, USA
 DAYNA There NOW – Grandma Time w/ Kekoapomaik'i – Blessed Warrior

Time in LIFE – What KIND of World will our GRANDCHILDREN Enjoy?
 Just FEW Minutes of Nightly News put FEAR in HEARTS – World of WOE
 Do we have any HOPE – Kids? Grandkids? this World of Pain & Sadding?

Several Months > 4000 year old Story – FAMILY called by GOD of the BIBLE

As their Children were BORN – LINE of COVENANT Established

PROMISE: Coming 1 GREAT Descendent – ONE Man both GOD and MAN

Abe & SARAH's Son PROMISED Son ISAAC, he & Rebekah TWIN Sons

When OLDER Twin Brother ESAU came for BLESSING only thing left this:

Esau said to his father, "Have you but one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father." And Esau lifted up his voice and wept. Then Isaac his father said: "*Behold, away from the fatness of the earth shall your dwelling be, and away from the dew of heaven on high. By your sword you shall live, and you shall serve your brother; but when you grow restless you shall break his yoke from your neck.*" Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him
 Genesis 27.38-41

ESAU went AWAY from Covenant FAMILY with ANTI-Blessing upon him

WILD, RESTLESS, POWERFUL – LIVING by the SWORD, Unrestrained

Away from FATNESS of Fertile FARMLAND > Stronghold Rock Formations

Esau threatened to KILL Brother Jacob for STEALING his BLESSING
CENTURIES Later the FRATERNAL HATRED had NOT COOLED Down
Soon STRUGGLE between TWIN Brothers became STRIFE between 2 Nations
NATION that emerged from ESAU's Descendants: EDOM, or SEIR or HOR

Clash continues CENTURIES: cited Numb, Deut, Psalms, Ezek, Amos, Jerem
Shortest Book in OT – OBADIAH – Ancient EDOM is MAIN SUBJECT
OBADIAH = “Servant of God/Yahweh” 12 diff O's in Bible / Which One??

PROPHETS > Covenant PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS

Came to CALL People of GOD to REPENTANCE, COVENANT Faithfulness
If People of God were MORE RIGHTEOUS we would have had LESS Prophets!
Message TO JUDAH – Southern Nation – ABOUT EDOM – Alienated Brothers
Obadiah – Scholars know almost NOTHING about him – 12 other Obadiah's

MINOR Prophet : Sports MINOR League – Not the BEST, Lacking some SKILL
ONE & ONLY 1 Meaning of MINOR when say MINOR Prophet – SHORTER
MINOR Prophets pack MAJOR MESSAGE > Hope to Show you from Obadiah

v. 1 The vision of Obadiah. // like VISION of Apostle JOHN in the Revelation
Not SURE WHEN OBADIAH Preached, Conservative Scholars 850 to 312 BC

2 Main POINTS this Prophet makes about PEOPLE of EDOM

1st Half of Message – Reassure God's People Edom will be Punished

2nd Half – All Nations under God's Sovereign Rule and Control

1. Haughty before God

a. Proud of her Strength



Ancient Kingdom of EDOM – a.k.a. Seir, Hor, Esau /

South East of JUDAH

Just over 150 kms LONG / HALF that Distance WIDE

1st Ref of AREA: ONE of KINGDOMS that Captured Abe's Nephew LOT

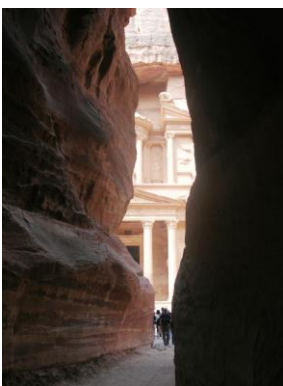
“the Horites in their hill country of Seir” Genesis 14.6

Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom
Genesis 32.3



NATURAL Strength & SECURITY / HIGH Cliffs
Red Sandstone Cliffs 1,500 meters high

Ancient CITY of STONE, Heb. SELA / Gk. PETRA



Only Entrance thru km long High, Narrow GORGE, CANYON

12 Men could HOLD OFF Entire Attacking ARMY

Rest of the World could NOT touch Them

Natural Fortress PROTECTED Edomites

No Airplanes, Bombs, or SCUD Missal



TODAY Kingdom of JORDAN – desolate WASTELAND

STRANGE Creatures carry Cameras & Water Bottles

Many Historical Details of Small Kingdom are Shrouded in MYSTERY

KEY – Behind this HUMAN Plot, the SOVEREIGN God is at Work in World

Learn WHY and HOW they FELL > thru VISION of God’s Prophet OBADIAH

ANCIENT Message has MODERN Application to ALL our NATIONS Today

v. 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?’

Edom did not MAKE those Sandstone Cliffs – that NATURAL FORTRESS

Strange how we can be SO PROUD over Something we had Nothing to do With!

Just as EVE was Deceived by SERPENT – Edom deceived by own STRENGTH

On BOTH of them the JUDGMENT of God Rightly FELL

EDOM arrogantly asks “Who will bring ME Down?” / Creator God “I will!”

v. 4 Though you soar like the eagle and make your nest among the stars, from there I will bring you down,” declares the LORD.

EAGLE – Image of Edom’s apparent SAFETY – Untouchable – Free, Boundless

IMPREGNABLE Mountain Homes & FORTRESSES > PROUD Confidence

No EARTHLY Power can EVADE the Sovereign, Steady, JUSTICE of God

The arrogant Edomites reflect in their heart, the locus of their pride, that they are invincible. Secure from human attack through no merit of their own, as they are literally elevated above their enemies so they are raise metaphorically above them with pride...In her boast, Edom was looking the wrong way. Being beyond man’s reach she forgot the incomparable greatness of God. David W. Baker

vs. 5,6 “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? But how Esau will be ransacked, his hidden treasures pillaged!

Thieves CANNOT Carry OFF Everything > GOD Can! Totally DEVoured!

God EXALTS Nations > But PRIDE Deceives Rulers to think THEY did it!

Historians TRACE 21 Great Civilizations > RISEN / FALLEN by PRIDE

Our Nations THINK Army, Navy, Technology: We are UNTOUCHABLE!

b. Proud of her Connections



KING'S HWY thru Edom –

Major TRADE Route btwn SYRIA and EGYPT –

Edomites became great TOLL Collectors and TRADERS

as they Waged War and Levied Tribute

v. 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.

Edom TRUSTED in her ALLIES for DEFENSE & PROTECTION

Nothing wrong with HAVING FRIENDS – NATIONAL or PERSONAL Level

Modern Age of DIPLOMACY – United Nations – Soldiers Light Blue Helmets

WISH they Could bring PEACE to our WORLD – HUGE, Impossible, TASK

Want to MAKE Friends – Social Chatter Mrs. Obama's head Uncovered in Saudi

Is it WRONG to Make ALLIANCES, Work for Peace? – SURELY NOT!

But you'd be UTTER FOOL to put your ULTIMATE HOPE in Man

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

Psalm 20.7

The only thing in which a nation is ever truly secure is a humble and obedient relationship to God.

James Boice

c. Proud of her Wisdom

v. 8 “In that day,” declares the LORD, “will I not destroy the wise men of Edom, those of understanding in the mountains of Esau? Your warriors, Teman, will be terrified, and everyone in Esau’s mountains will be cut down in the slaughter.

One MORE Source of Edom’s PRIDE > their WISE MEN

ELIPHAZ the foremost Friend of JOB was a TEMANITE // from EDOM

Another of Job’s friend’s was a SHUHITE > Name of a Mountain in Edom

Solomon's wisdom surpassed the *wisdom of all the people of the east* and all the wisdom of Egypt. 1 Kings 4.30

By 312 BC Edom called IDUMEA > The HEROD’s were Idumeans

EDOMITES Strong GROUNDS for Confidence in their WISDOM

They were CLEVER, Could OUTSMART Others, Figure a WAY OUT

We, too, have things we rely on for our security, including charms, military power, ethnic identity, witchcraft, cultural ideologies of male power and domination, and political power. We need to ask ourselves why we seek refuge in something other than God. Augustine Musopole, Malawi

But they could NOT OUTSMART an OMNISCIENT, ETERNAL God

God’s Judgment > OVERRIDING & OFFENSIVE Sin of PRIDE

HUH? God DESTROYED them for PRIDE?? That’s it?? REALLY??

“He’s a really GOOD GUY but he’s just a bit PROUD” = No Big Deal!

“He’s a really GOOD GUY but he’s Fornicator, Thief, Murder, Homosexual..”

No Way! Moral Sensibilities are OUTRAGED! > Sin Scale needs Recalibration

PRIDE was Reason SATAN Fell > Pride is FUNDAMENTAL Denial of God

PRIDE shakes FIST in God’s Face and DARES “Who needs you?” Not ME!!

2. Heartless to their Brothers

PRIDE of Edom was Shown in TREATMENT of ISRAEL > Their Brother

v. 10 Because of the violence against your brother Jacob, you will be covered with shame; you will be destroyed forever.

BIBLE places High Regard on FAMILY RELATIONS

SIGN of Readiness or Disqualification for Leadership > Family Relations

Bible refers to NATION – ISRAEL – as if it were a PERSON > JACOB

Book of Numbers – Edomites REFUSED Traveling Brothers to Pass thru Land

DID Not give them DROP of WATER as Passed thru HIGH DESERT

GROWING INTENSITY of Sin against Israel....

LATER in the history of Israel > Edom grew in POWER and Expanded

Here is List of EDOM'S Crimes against Humanity – Like God's World Court

a. Standing aloof in their Moment of Need

v. 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.

ISRAEL was RAIDED and PLUNDERED and Edomites WATCHED

The LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" Genesis 4.9

STOOD ALOOF > Like CAIN "Am I my brother's keeper??" Answer YES!!

So MANY Bad things Happen in WORLD Today – We become NUMB

MEDIA wants to force its Priorities on Us – 17 Killed Charlie Hebdo Paris

TERRIBLE, SAVAGE, INEXCUSABLE – Freedom of Speech, Press, Ideas

Millions PROTEST Waving PENS – "I am Charlie" – REALLY Muslims ask?

YOU are one's who MOCK – Man we call a PROPHET of Living God

Grieve 17 Deaths – We Should – Media silent at Same Time 2000 killed Nigeria

Charlie Hebdo > NIGER 70 churches burned, Dozen Christians KILLED

b. Singing over their Misery – SILENT Approval >> SINGING over Suffering

v. 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.

REJOICE and GLOAT over Judah's Suffering > We're Stronger, Wiser, Better!

GLOAT implies STARING with MORBID CURIOSITY > Gawk at Accident

Rejoice when OTHER Guys have Problems – Wrong Denom. Or Wrong Nation

Do WE find JOY in the PAIN of those we don't Care for? Gossip with GLEE??

As he HUNG on Cross Jesus quoted words of this Psalm

For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet — I can count all my bones — they stare and gloat over me

Psalm 22.16,17

c. Stealing their Money

v. 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.

DOOR Open > Go in an LOOK Around, Maybe Find Something USEFUL!

Mobs in America – Protest Injustice – Break in Stores & Steal Big SCREEN TV

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. Ephesians 5.11,12

d. Enslaving the Miserable

v. 14 You should not wait at the crossroads to cut down their fugitives, nor hand over their survivors in the day of their trouble.

When Jews RAN from Enemies Destroying Jerusalem > Edomites Caught Them
Tied them Up > SOLD them Back to their Destroying Enemies!

EDOMITES called them Strangers, Source of Income – God calls BROTHERS
Modern, Sophisticated WORLD > More SLAVES in 21st C than ever in History
Opposite of Jesus who SETS FREE / like Satan who Kills, Steals, Destroys

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should
restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be
tempted. Galatians 6.1

3. Punishment of All the Guilty

v. 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.

VERSE 15 > HINGE on which STORY TURNS > EDOM will Meet their GOD

NOT JUST EDOM > Camera Pulls back Edom is just ONE Nation Under God

FIXATE on OUR KIDS or GRANDKIDS – God LOVES All

God is King of Kings and Lord of Lords > SOVEREIGN over Every Nation

NEAR > Imminent = READY – Nothing will PREVENT IT > Any Moment!

Day of the Lord: Joy for the Faithful, Judgment for those who Fight against God

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of
the LORD? It is darkness, and not light Amos 5.18

God shows not only his sovereignty over all people by not permitting unrequited
wickedness, but also his justice by not permitting punishment to exceed the
crime. David W. Baker

v. 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.

Drunken Revelry of Edomites on God’s Temple Hill, they’ll drink Cup of Wrath

Like Daniel 5 King Belshazzar > Drunken Orgy with Goblets of God's Temple
 Hand of God written the Word of Judgement: God has numbered the days of
 your kingdom and brought it to an end

vs. 18-20 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. 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. 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.

God's EXILED People will RECLAIM lost INHERITANCE – Borders Restored
 Modern ISRAEL quotes this in mtgs of KINESSET – they are Literal Fulfillment
 Nation that FEARS & FOLLOWS God, NOT correct description Atheistic Israel

Believe OBADIAH – All PROPHETS – All Scripture – Fulfilled in Jesus Christ
 ...the Son of God, Jesus Christ...For all the promises of God find their Yes in
 him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.
 2 Corinthians 1.20,21

So NATION that OBADIAH sees in God's FUTURE is CHURCH of Jesus

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own
 possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of
 darkness into his marvelous light.
 1 Peter 2.9

4. Promise of Amazing Grace

a. God our Savior

v. 17 But on Mount Zion will be deliverance; it will be holy, and Jacob will
 possess his inheritance.

Day of the Lord will bring DELIVERANCE for the People of God

God will make a HOLY Kingdom > Not by Man's Pride, Power, or Wisdom

But by BLOOD and RIGHTEOUSNESS >

Who is this who comes from Edom...*OT Slang for WORLD of SIN & Rebellion*

GOD enters into this EVIL ARENA and WINS Redemption for Fugitive Slaves

he who is splendid in his apparel, marching in the greatness of his strength? "It is I, speaking in righteousness, mighty to save." Why is your apparel red, and your garments like his who treads in the winepress? "I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with me; I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath; their lifeblood spattered on my garments, and stained all my apparel. For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and my year of redemption had come. I looked, but there was no one to help...so my own arm brought me salvation, and my wrath upheld me. I trampled down the peoples in my anger; I made them drunk in my wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth"... And he became their Savior. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. Isaiah 63.1-9

Not PICTURE of God SUFFERING Servant – as we See Him on CROSS

Picture of GOD JUDGE and EXECUTOR of Perfect JUSTICE – Final Day

DAY when TRUTH Revealed / SCORES Settled / Blood on Cloak NOT His

DAY seen by OBADIAH & ISAIAH seen & described by John the Revelator

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God Revelation 19.11-13

Jesus, Captain & Savior/ Word of God/ WIN final Battle over All God's Enemies

BECAUSE the BATTLE is WON > HEAVEN is OPENED

HALLELUJAH! What a SAVIOR!!

b. God who Sends

v. 21 Deliverers will go up on Mount Zion to govern the mountains of Esau. (NIV)

ESV – SAVIORS > Really JUDGES

OTHNIEL & EHUD – Saved, Delivered and JUDGED God’s Covenant People
Under THEOCRATIC Rule of GOD in the FINAL DAY he will appoint leaders:

Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world?...Do you not know that we are to judge angels?
1 Corinthians 6.2,3

Next great SAVING Event after Cross/Resurrection > PENTECOST

Not day to be SELFISH about Gifts >> Sent out with GIFTS give them Away

Church called into SINFUL, DANGEROUS World to Announce SALVATION

ENGAGED in Hard Task Now – Still MILLIONS Never HEARD Saving Name!

NO time REST or RETREAT: Whole Church, takes Whole Gospel, Whole World

Jesus promised this FINAL DAYS DUTY to His Faithful APOSTLES

Mt ZION will be God’s Administrative Center of Eschatological Theocracy

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.
Isaiah 2.1-4

c. Glory to the Sovereign

v. 21 And the kingdom will be the LORD’s. Obadiah’s FINAL REFRAIN

Not just because God is CREATOR – Even More SAVIOR, JUDGE, KING

CREATOR poured out His BLOOD to PURCHASE a NEW CREATION

Sees what APOSTLE JOHN saw in the REVELATION

“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”
Revelation 11.15

OBADIAH had to WRITE with EYES of Faith – Edom looked Unstoppable Foe

Need SAME Eyes of FAITH to Believe ANCIENT Promises of OBADIAH

Much EASIER to See BLOODY Heads on ISIS Platters

Nigerian School Girls stolen from their FAMILIES and FUTURES

TINY churches SNUFFED Out by TYRANTS and TERRORISTS of WORLD

1 my Heroes – Charles Colson – Powerful Staffer for Corrupt President –

Humble Servant of KING of Heaven – founder PRISON FELLOWSHIP

Colson Led PF team to INDIANA STATE PRISON

After large Mting where GOSPEL Preached to 100's – Team went Cell to Cell

Time Short – Colson catching Plane for mtg with Governor of IND > PF Min

1 Team Member – Death Row see JAMES BREWER soon Executed for Murder

Colson “*Hurry, up, we gotta go!*” / Team Member asked for Few Minutes

“*This is very important. I am Judge Clement. I sentenced this man to die. But now he is born again. He is my brother and we want a minute to pray together.*”

Colson writes: I stood frozen in place looking on that scene. Two men – one black, one white, one powerless, one powerful, one condemned to die, the other the judge who pronounced that sentence. Yet here they stood grasping a Bible together, united as one Christian brother with another. Is there anything greater than that? Is any force in the world more powerful?

OBADIAH ¹ The vision of Obadiah. Thus says the Lord GOD concerning Edom: We have heard a report from the LORD, and a messenger has been sent among the nations: "Rise up! Let us rise against her for battle!" ²Behold, I will make you small among the nations; you shall be utterly despised. ³The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rock, in your lofty dwelling, who say in your heart, "Who will bring me down to the ground?" ⁴Though you soar aloft like the eagle, though your nest is set among the stars, from there I will bring you down, declares the LORD. ⁵If thieves came to you, if plunderers came by night — how you have been destroyed! — would they not steal only enough for themselves? If grape gatherers came to you, would they not leave gleanings? ⁶How Esau has been pillaged, his treasures sought out! ⁷All your allies have driven you to your border; those at peace with you have deceived you; they have prevailed against you; those who eat your bread have set a trap beneath you — you have no understanding. ⁸Will I not on that day, declares the LORD, destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of Mount Esau? ⁹And your mighty men shall be dismayed, O Teman, so that every man from Mount Esau will be cut off by slaughter. ¹⁰Because of the violence done to your brother Jacob, shame shall cover you, and you shall be cut off forever. ¹¹On the day that you stood aloof, on the day that strangers carried off his wealth and foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem, you were like one of them. ¹²But do not gloat over the day of your brother in the day of his misfortune; do not rejoice over the people of Judah in the day of their ruin; do not boast in the day of distress. ¹³Do not enter the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; do not gloat over his disaster in the day of his calamity; do not loot his wealth in the day of his calamity. ¹⁴Do not stand at the crossroads to cut off his fugitives; do not hand over his survivors in the day of distress. ¹⁵For the day of the LORD is near upon all the nations. As you have done, it shall be done to you; your deeds shall return on your own head. ¹⁶For as you have drunk on my holy mountain, so all the nations shall drink continually; they shall drink and swallow, and shall be as though they had never been. ¹⁷But in Mount Zion there shall be those who escape, and it shall be holy, and the house of Jacob shall possess their own possessions. ¹⁸The house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau stubble; they shall burn them and consume them, and there shall be no survivor for the house of Esau, for the LORD has spoken. ¹⁹Those of the Negeb shall possess Mount Esau, and those of the Shephelah shall possess the land of the Philistines; they shall possess the land of Ephraim and the land of Samaria, and Benjamin shall possess Gilead. ²⁰The exiles of this host of the people of Israel shall possess the land of the Canaanites as far as Zarephath, and the exiles of Jerusalem who are in Sepharad shall possess the cities of the Negeb. ²¹Saviors shall go up to Mount Zion to rule Mount Esau, and the kingdom shall be the LORD's.