

Obadiah: Prophecy Against Edom

Notes on Obadiah

Obadiah: “Servant of Jehovah” or “Worshiper of Jehovah”

Like Joel, it is impossible to determine the date of this prophecy, because no historical landmarks are given. There are two strong possibilities:

- 1) During the reign of Jehoram (see **2 Chr. 21:8-10, 16-17**).
- 2) When Judah was taken into Babylonian captivity (see **Psalm 137:7**). The later date is further supported by a seeming quote of Obadiah from Jeremiah (compare **vv. 1-4** with **Jer. 49:14-16, vv. 5-6** with **Jer. 49:9-10, v. 8** with **Jer. 49:7**, and **v. 16** with **Jer. 49:12**). See also **Ezek. 35**.

Two Outlines

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Predictions of Judgment on Edom (1-9) 2. Reasons for the Judgment on Edom (10-14) 3. Glorification of Israel and the Day of the Lord (15-21) | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Judgment on Edom (1-14) 2. Restoration of Israel (15-21) |
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Do a short study of the life of the origins of the Edomites. Who was the father of the nation? What was significant about the relationship between the Edomites and Israelites?

Try to find at least 2 applications for today in the book of Obadiah.

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- 2.

What do you think God was saying in verses 5-6 about thieves leaving something behind?

What is “the day of the Lord”?

What were the reasons God was bringing destruction upon Edom?

When will be the restoration of Israel? Has it already happened? Is it still to come?