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OBADIAH



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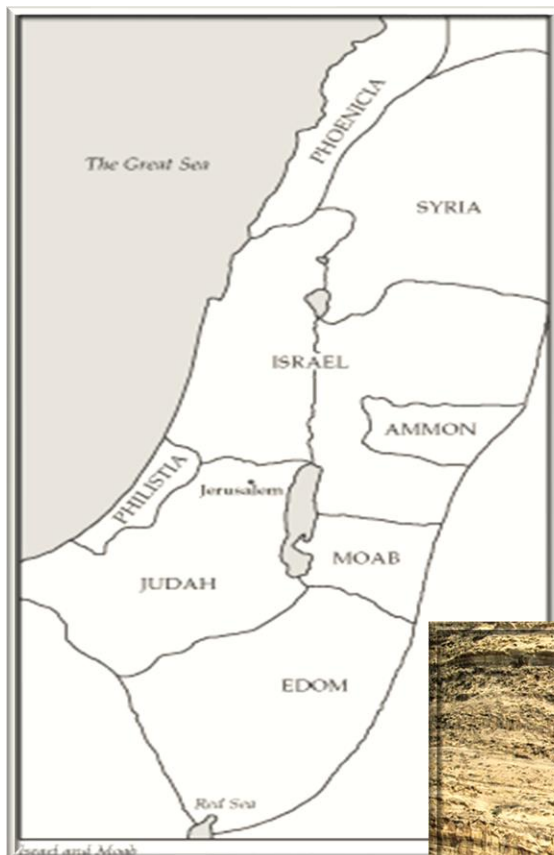
Obadiah

Obadiah warns the neighboring nation of Edom that they will be judged for plundering and sacking Jerusalem. Shortest book in the Old Testament being only 21 verses long.

Author: Obadiah was an Edomite servant of King Ahab, was given gift of prophesy many think because he hid the 100 prophets from Jezebel's persecution in 1 kings 18:4.

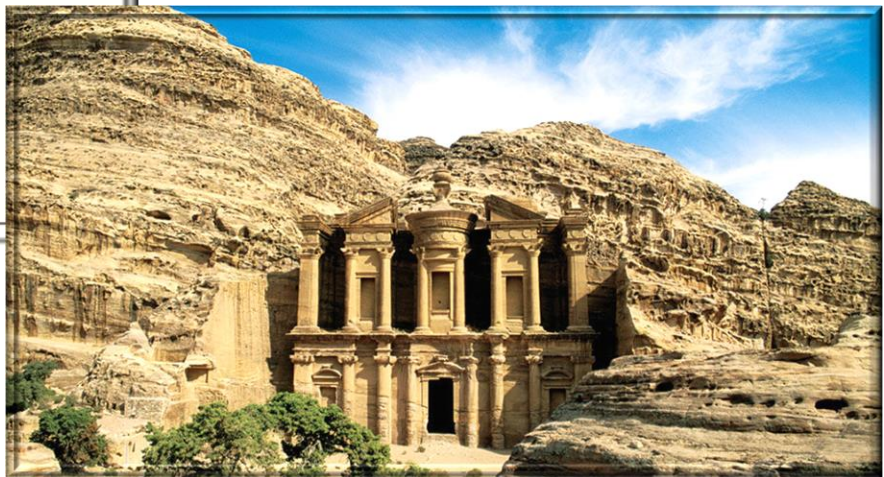
In Obadiah – Jesus is Mighty to Save

Obadiah 1:15 "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."



Map showing location of Edom as it sits in relation with Judah to the left.

The tourist destination of ancient Edom today, is pictured below.



TEACHER: 1 chapter long, shortest book in the O.T. What's the Shortest in the N.T.? 3rd John.

Obadiah was an Edomite servant of King Ahab. Obadiah was probably a name adopted when he became a resident of Judah. In I Kings, he hides prophets from Jezebel. As an Edomite, his prophesy is powerful. A servant living in Judah of Edomite heritage, rejecting his ancestors for the living God. Much like Ruth rejecting Moab, he is immortalized in history through the Bible for the wise choice.

STUDENT:

This is the prophecy of Obadiah—what the Sovereign LORD said about the nation of Edom.

The LORD has sent his messenger to the nations,

and we have heard his message:

“Get ready! Let us go to war against Edom!”

TEACHER:

The Lord wants them to know, that it is He that is calling the shots.

STUDENT:

²The LORD says to Edom,

“I will make you weak;

everyone will despise you.

TEACHER:

The Lord calls them out by name.

STUDENT:

³Your pride has deceived you.

Your capital is a fortress of solid rock;

your home is high in the mountains,

and so you say to yourself,

‘Who can ever pull me down?’

TEACHER:

Pride goeth before a fall. They were trusting in the plans they laid, and in the works of their hands.

STUDENT:

⁴Even though you make your home

as high as an eagle's nest,

so that it seems to be among the stars,

yet I will pull you down.

TEACHER:

When our plans go against the Lords will.....

Vs. 5	STUDENT: ⁵“When thieves come at night, they take only what they want. When people gather grapes, they always leave a few. But your enemies have wiped you out completely. ===== TEACHER: The Lord is so upset with Edom, that He will be more thorough than a thief, or a harvester. =====
Vs. 6	STUDENT: ⁶Descendants of Esau, your treasures have been looted. ===== TEACHER: Trust in wealth..... =====
Vs. 7	STUDENT: ⁷Your allies have deceived you; they have driven you from your country. People who were at peace with you have now conquered you. Those friends who ate with you have laid a trap for you; they say of you, ‘Where is all that cleverness he had?’ ===== TEACHER: When you put your trust in your friends instead of God..... =====
Vs. 8	STUDENT: ⁸“On the day I punish Edom, I will destroy their clever men and wipe out all their wisdom. ===== TEACHER: The wisdom of man is foolishness with God..... =====
Vs.9	STUDENT: ⁹The fighting men of Teman will be terrified, and every soldier in Edom will be killed.
Vs. 10	STUDENT: ¹⁰“Because you robbed and killed your relatives, the descendants of Jacob, you will be destroyed and dishonored forever. ===== TEACHER: 1st because of violence against their brother Israel..... =====

Vs. 11	STUDENT: ¹¹ You stood aside on that day when enemies broke down their gates. You were as bad as those strangers who carried off Jerusalem's wealth and divided it among themselves. ===== TEACHER: ^{2nd} because they stood by and didn't help Israel when Israel needed them..... =====
Vs. 12	STUDENT: ¹² You should not have gloated over the misfortune of your relatives in Judah. You should not have been glad on the day of their ruin. You should not have laughed at them in their distress. ===== TEACHER: ^{3rd} because they gloated and laughed when Israel was judged..... =====
Vs. 13	STUDENT: ¹³ You should not have entered the city of my people to gloat over their suffering and to seize their riches on the day of their disaster.
Vs. 14	¹⁴ You should not have stood at the crossroads to catch those trying to escape. You should not have handed them over to the enemy on the day of their distress. ===== TEACHER: ^{4th} They shouldn't have capitalized on their pain..... =====
Vs.15	STUDENT: ¹⁵ "The day is near when I, the LORD, will judge all nations. Edom, what you have done will be done to you. You will get back what you have given. ===== TEACHER: With what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged, with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured unto you again.

Vs. 16

STUDENT:

¹⁶ My people have drunk a bitter cup of punishment on my sacred hill
But all the surrounding nations will drink a still more bitter cup of punishment;
they will drink it all and vanish away.

TEACHER:

Israel is punished and will live. Edom is judged.
The enemies of Israel will be punished and die.

STUDENT:

Vs. 17

¹⁷ "But on Mount Zion some will escape, and it will be a sacred place.
The people of Jacob will possess the land that is theirs by right.

TEACHER:

Israel will be punished, but they will survive, and they will return.
Note they would escape ON Mt. Zion, not FROM Mt. Zion...."and it will be a sacred place."

Vs. 18

STUDENT:

¹⁸ The people of Jacob and of Joseph will be like fire;
they will destroy the people of Esau as fire burns stubble.
No descendant of Esau will survive. I, the LORD, have spoken.

Vs. 19

STUDENT:

¹⁹ "People from southern Judah will occupy Edom; those from the western foothills will capture Philistia.
Israelites will possess the territory of Ephraim and Samaria;
the people of Benjamin will take Gilead.

Vs.20

TEACHER:

Israel will be punished, they will survive, they will return, they will conquer.

Vs. 21

²⁰ The army of exiles from northern Israel
will return and conquer Phoenicia as far north as Zarephath.
The exiles from Jerusalem who are in Sardis
will capture the towns of southern Judah.
²¹ The victorious men of Jerusalem
will attack Edom and rule over it. And the LORD himself will be king." (GNT)

NEXT LESSON JONAH

"...You will get back what you have given."

Obadiah 1:15b

