Obadiah

Introduction & The Coming Judgment on Edom (Obadiah 1:1-9)

Part 1: Introduction (of Obadiah)

Where is Obadiah in the Bible?

When was Obadiah written? (source: firstpresaugusta.org)

Who wrote Obadiah?

What is a prophet? (Source: Terry Brown)

- a ______________ who proclaimed the message of God
- a person who called Israel back to the Law
- someone who saw the check engine light and delivered a _____________

How was that message fulfilled? (Source: Terry Brown)

- __________ fulfillment
- ________ fulfillment

What is Obadiah about?

What is our schedule?

01/14/2018  Obadiah 1:1-9: The Coming Judgement on Edom
01/21/2018  Obadiah 1:10-16: Edom Mistreated His Brother
01/28/2018  Obadiah 1:17-21: Israel’s Final Triumph
Part 2: The Coming Judgment on Edom (Obadiah 1:1-9)

Read: The Coming Judgment on Edom (1:1-9)

Explain: The Coming Judgment on Edom (1:1-9)

Are there any literary/structural observations?

Obadiah uses the various devices of ________________, but also a capacity for ___________, rhetorical ______________, ________, and ________________ (The Minor Prophets, McComiskey, 503).

What do the words mean?

1 The vision [dream, revelation, oracle, vision] of Obadiah [servant of Jehovah].

Thus says the Lord [adonay] God [yehovih] concerning Edom [red]
(We have heard [to hear attentively] a report [something heard, an announcement doctrine, fame, mention, news, report, rumor, tidings] from the LORD [yehovah; the self-existent or eternal],
And a messenger [herald, errand doer, ambassador, messenger, pain, pang, sorrow] has been sent [send away, for, or out] among the nations [foreign nation, Gentile, troop of animals, flight of locusts, heathen, people], saying,
“Arise [rise], and let us rise [rise] up against her for battle [battle, fight, war]”:

2 “Behold, I will make you small [diminutive (literally in quantity, size, or number, or figuratively in age or importance), least, lesser, little, small, young] among the nations [foreign nation, Gentile, troop of animals, flight of locusts, heathen, people];
You shall be greatly despised [disesteem, despise, disdain, contemptible, think to scorn, vile person].

3 The pride [arrogance, presumptuously, pride] of your heart has deceived [lead astray, delude, seduce, beguile, deceive (greatly/utterly)] you,
You who dwell [lodge, reside, abide, continue, habitate, inhabit, lay, place, remain, rest, set up] in the clefts [take refuge, rift, cleft] of the rock [craggy rock, fortress, ragged rock, stone, stronghold],
Whose habitation [sit down, dwell, remain, settle, marry] is high [altitude, elevated place, above, haughty, height, high, loftily, upward];
You who say in your heart, ‘Who will bring me down [descend, bring down] to the ground [firm, earth, land, field, ground]?’

4 Though you ascend [soar, be lofty, be haughty, mount up, be proud, raise up great height, upward] as high as the eagle,
And though you set your nest among the stars, From there I will bring you down,” says the LORD [yehovah].

5 “If thieves had come to you, If robbers by night— Oh, how you will be cut off [to be dumb or silent, fail or perish, destroy, cease, be cut down (off), destroy, be brought to silence, be undone, utterly]— Would they not have stolen [thieve, deceive, carry away, secretly bring, steal away, get by stealth] till they had enough?

If grape-gatherers had come to you, Would they not have left [swell up, be redundant, leave, be left, let, remain, remnant, reserve, the rest] some gleanings [gleanings, grapes]?

6 “Oh, how Esau shall be searched out [seek, conceal oneself, mask, change, make diligent search, disguise self, hide, search out—note the irony here of Esau being disguised when Jacob was the brother who used a disguise]!

How his hidden treasures shall be sought after [gush over, swell, desire earnestly, ask, cause, inquire, seek up, swell out, boil]!

7 All the men in your confederacy [compact, confederacy, covenant, league] Shall force you to the border [cord twisted, boundary, territory enclosed, border, bound, coast, landmark, limit, quarter, space]; The men at peace [shalom; well, happy, friendly, welfare, health, prosperity, peace] with you Shall deceive [lead astray, delude, seduce, beguile, deceive (greatly/utterly)] you and prevail [be able, attain, endure, might, overcome, have power, prevail] against you. Those who eat your bread shall lay a trap [turning aside from truth, plot, wound] for you. No one is aware [intelligence, discretion, reason, skillfulness, understanding, wisdom] of it.

8 “Will I not in that day,” says the LORD [yehovah], “Even destroy [wander away, lose oneself, perish, break, destroy, fail, lose, perish, be undone, have no way to flee] the wise [wise, intelligent, skillful, artful, cunning, subtle] men from Edom [red], And understanding [intelligence, discretion, reason, skillfulness, understanding, wisdom] from the mountains of Esau?

9 Then your mighty men [powerful, warrior, tyrant, champion, chief, excel, giant, mighty man, mighty one, strong man, valiant man], O Teman [a southern region of
the Edomites and the name of an Edomite], **shall be dismayed** [prostrate, break down (either by violence or by confusion and fear), abolish, affright, make afraid, amaze, beat down, discourage, cause to dismay, go down, scare, terrify],

**To the end that everyone from the mountains of Esau**

**May be cut off** [cut off, cut down, destroy, consume, covenant, be chewed, fail, hewn down, lose, perish] **by slaughter** [violent death, slaughter].

**Are there any repeated words?**

**Apply (What is the point?)**

1. God ____________
2. God ____________
3. God ____________

**Personalize (What do we do with that?)**

1. Listen _________________
2. Live _____________________
3. Lament __________________

**Next week: Edom Mistreated His Brother (1:10-16)**

**Homework**

1. Ask the Holy Spirit for help
2. Read next week's text (multiple times in multiple ways) (**Obadiah 1:10-16**)  
3. Talk to someone about the text (**fb.com/OurSundaySchool** or in person)
4. Share (**fb.com/OurSundaySchool**) insights and questions by Thursday
5. Invite a member or non-member

**Extra Credit**

**Watch:** The Bible Project Video on Obadiah

**Repent:** for pride in your heart, family, church, and country

**Resources**
