

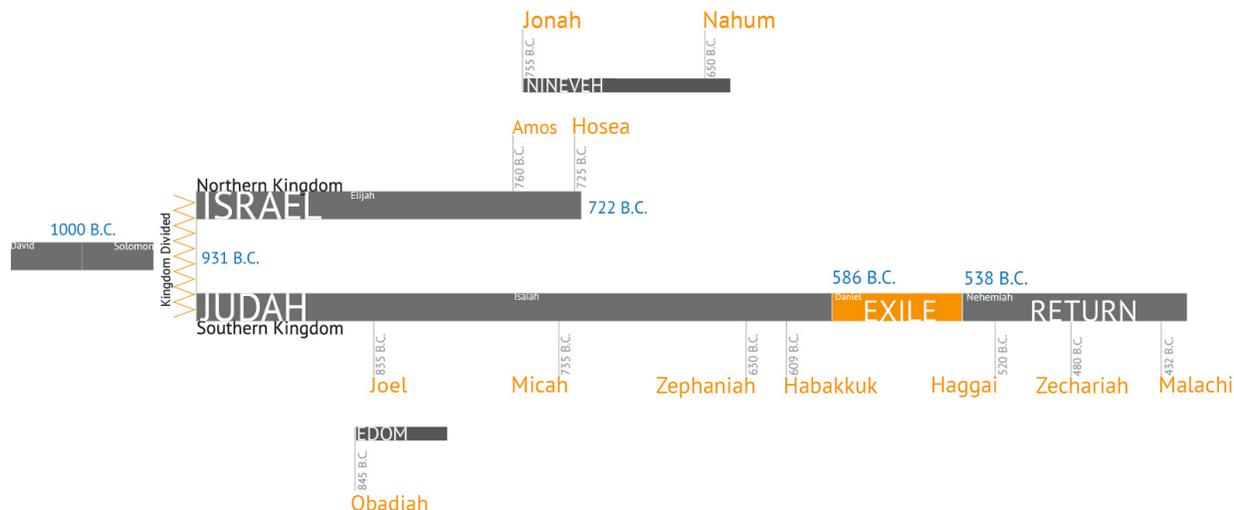
Obadiah

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 [nest, chamber, dwelling, room] **among the stars, From there I will bring you down** [descend, bring down],” **says the LORD** [*yehovah*].

5 “If thieves [thieves, stealers] **had come to you, If robbers** [to be burly, powerful, to ravage, dead, destroyer, oppress, robber, spoiler, utterly, lay waste] **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** [clip off, gather grapes, be isolated] **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 [*esav*; hairy] **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 [secret, treasure, hidden thing] **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](https://www.facebook.com/OurSundaySchool) or in person)
4. Share ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://www.facebook.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

The Minor Prophets, McComiskey (1998)

The Books of Joel, Obadiah, Jonah, and Micah, Allen (1976)