

CC OLD BC TESTAMENT SURVEY

OBADIAH

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COMING UP... AUG 18: Ezekiel part 1 (chs. 1-32) AUG 25: Ezekiel part 2 (chs. 33-48) SEPT 1 NO CLASS (Labor Day weekend) SEPT 8: New Covenant

OBADIAH SUMMARIZED IN A WORD OR PHRASE: "Pride"

THE TIMES

It's 586 BC

Babylon has been summoned by the Lord to discipline Judah for her sin

The people of Judah are being executed and/or deported

And Edom ...

THE BASICS ...

Who: Obadiah **When:** around 586 BC

Where: probably to the exiled remnant in Babylon and/or Egypt

Why: "This small book speaks of the danger of the great sin of pride and arrogance, the feeling of superiority that often results from taking advantage of others." –Walt Baker

LESSON THEME: Pride destroys from the inside out



The Surprise (v. 1)

From one of Edom's "allies" some unnamed ambassador is even now rounding up the nations to fight against him

This ambassador, however, was just an unwitting servant sent by the Lord

Those Edom thought were her "allies" were even now secretly banding together to betray and overthrow her!

The Verdict (vv. 2-9)

Your heart is proud (vv. 2-3)

Is exalted, proud, arrogant and self-secure

I am going to bring you down (vv. 4-9)

You are not beyond My reach

You will be thoroughly plundered

You will lose your homeland to an "inside job"

Everything you take pride in (your wisdom, strength and security) will be taken from you

The Evidence (vv. 10-14)

Your violence and indifference toward your brother in his time of need (vv. 10-11)

Deuteronomy 23:7

Ezekiel 35:5

You rejoiced over Judah's calamity (v. 12)

Ezekiel 33:11a

You even assisted the enemy (vv. 13-14)

Psalms 137:7

The Reversal (vv. 15-21)

Judah, I will defeat your enemies (vv. 15-18)

The fact of judgment

The type of judgment: "talionic"

Judah, I will establish your kingdom (vv. 19-21)

The people and the boundaries

I Myself will be king!
Judah, even in the midst of calamity there is still hope ... in Me

APPLICATION: *Pride destroys from the inside out*

Pride's Spirit

Like Esau's spirit ...

Had no use for the promises of God

Made decisions "from his stomach" (based on his fleshly appetites, e.g. the red stew)

Lived independently of God (not in His Word, prayer or worship)

Like Edom's spirit ...

The profane and the godless were her allies

Eventually her "allies" deceived and betrayed her

Edom thought more highly of herself than she should have

"... not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think ..." (Rom 12:3, ESV)

Edom was wise in her own eyes

"Never be wise in your own sight." (Rom 12:16ff)

Edom felt secure because of her situation and resources

Pride's End

God stands opposed to the proud

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." (James 4:6, ESV)

God disciplines the proud

"Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." (Prov 16:18, ESV)

Pride's "Inside Job" On Us

Pride promotes a self-reliant spirit

Pride promotes a self-determining spirit

Pride promotes a self-secure spirit

Pride is the traitor within the gates of our city

3 attitudes we nurture/invite into our lives ...

By how we spend our time

By what we watch or listen to ("you deserve it!")

By who we hang out with ("Worldly Wiseman")

Will one day turn on us like a "pet" lion

Under their influence we can quickly and easily become deceived ... and they WILL betray us from the inside out

Questions

How about you ... and me?

Where are you spending your time?

Who do you watch or listen to?

Who has a voice into your life? Who doesn't?

Where are you trusting in your own resources for your sense of self-worth or security?

Where are you running the risk of being "brought low" from *within* by pride?

Our Response to Pride

Confess it (1 John 1:9)

Humble ourselves before God

"So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor." (1 Pet 5:6)

Pursue Jesus' lifestyle of service

"Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves ..." (Phil 2:3-11)

FOR NEXT TIME: _____

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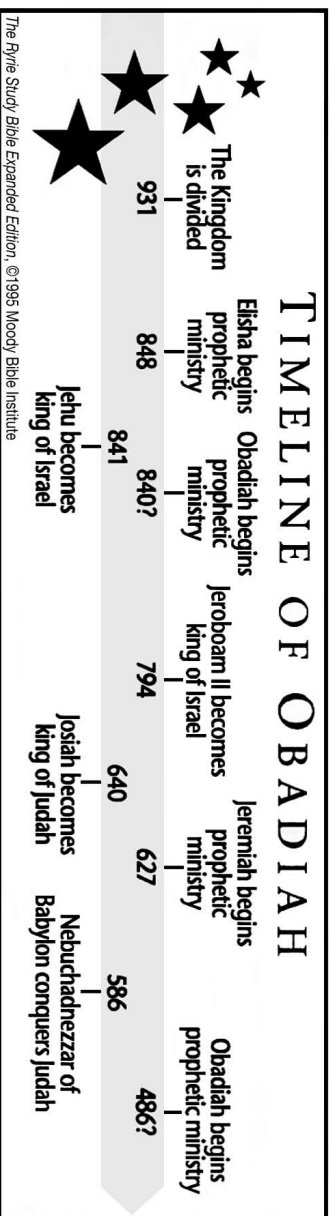
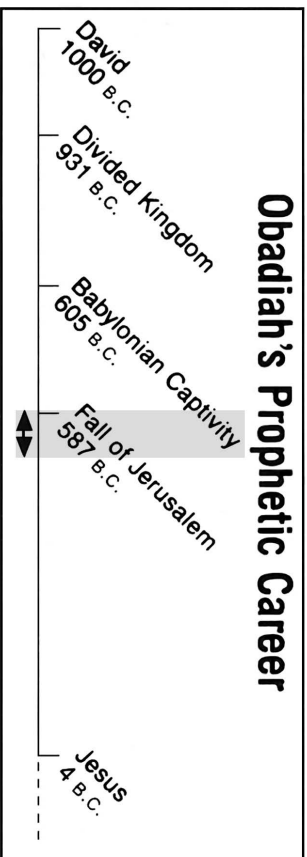
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“Obadiah” by James Tissot

Obadiah's Prophetic Career



OBADIAH served as a prophet to Judah possibly around 853 B.C.

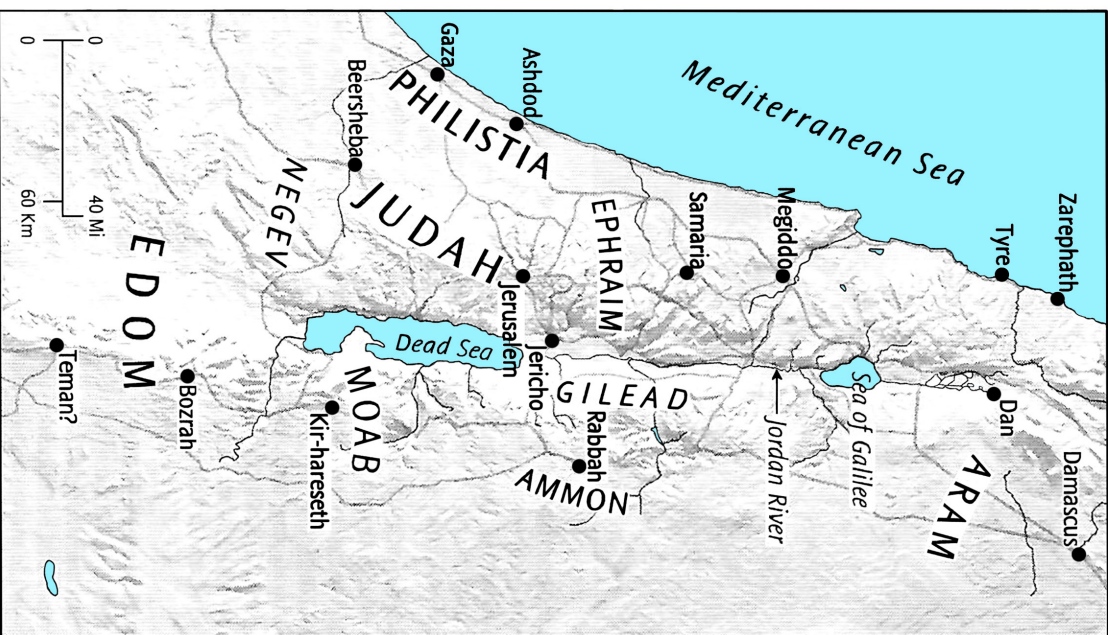
Climate of the times Edom was a constant thorn in Judah's side. The Edomites often participated in attacks initiated by other enemies.

Main message God will judge Edom for its evil actions toward God's people.

Importance of message Just as Edom was destroyed and disappeared as a nation, so God will destroy proud and wicked people.

Contemporary prophets Elijah (875–848 B.C.), Micahiah (865–853 B.C.), Jehu (853 B.C.)

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Key Places in Obadiah, about 586 BC. The Babylonians destroyed JERUSALEM in 586 BC and took most of the people of JUDAH into exile. The surrounding peoples helped the Babylonians and rejoiced over Judah's destruction. None helped or rejoiced more than the people of EDOM, so Obadiah announced their judgment by God. ● Edom was noted for its rocky strongholds (v 3), its pride and self-sufficiency (vv 2-4), and its wisdom tradition (v 8).

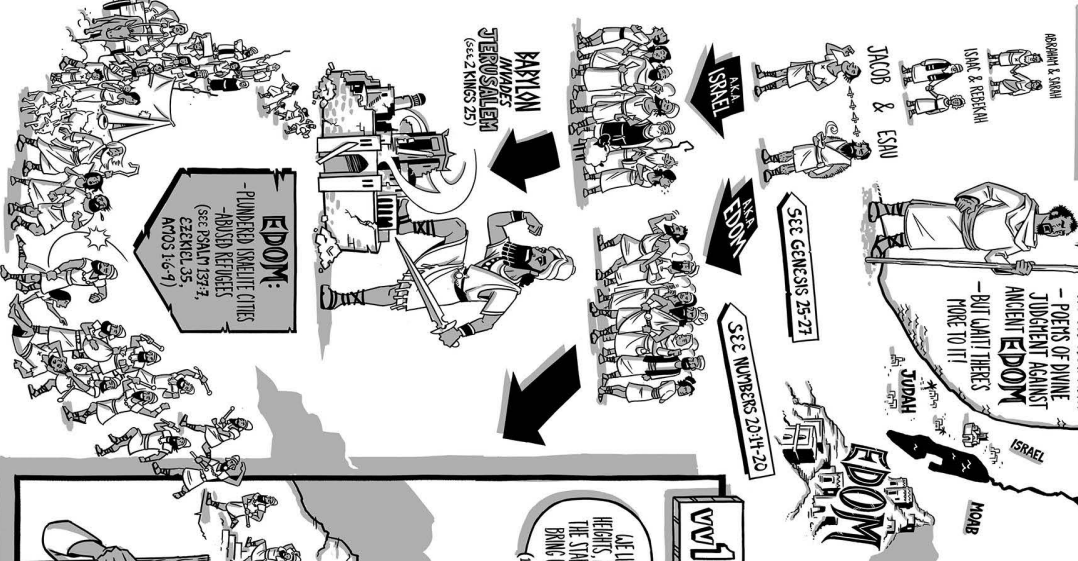
ORADIAH

EDOM'S DOWNFALL
prophetic foreshadowing of the coming
GOD'S KINGDOM
 over ALL NATIONS

EDOM'S PRIDE
as an
EXAMPLE
 of the HUMAN CONDITION

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THE BACKSTORY:



v1-14 ACCUSATIONS AGAINST EDOM

EDOM'S PRIDE & FALL
HEBREW: עֲדוֹם

IS AN IMAGE OF

THE PRIDE & FALL OF ALL NATIONS
HEBREW: אָדָם = HUMANITY

AS YOU HAVE DONE TO ISRAEL, IT WILL BE DONE TO YOU!

USE LIFE IN THE HEAVENS, AT THE END OF THE TRANSITION CAN BRING IT DOWN?!
 (1:3-4)

EDOM'S PRIDE & SELF-EXALTATION

THE DAY OF THE LORD IS NEAR AGAINST ALL NATIONS

v16-21 THE DAY OF THE LORD FOR ALL NATIONS

YOU GIVE TOO!

JUDGMENT OF ALL RIGHTEOUS NATIONS

RESTORATION OF GOD'S KINGDOM OVER JERUSALEM & ALL NATIONS

NEW JERUSALEM

ALL NATIONS

AMOS 9:11-15
 GOD WILL RESTORE DAVID'S LINE & INCLUDE EDOM & ALL NATIONS IN HIS KINGDOM.

JOEL 2:3
 GOD WILL SAVE JERUSALEM & ALL WHO CALL ON HIS NAME.

AFTER THE DAY OF THE LORD:

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 foreshadowing of the coming of GOD'S KINGDOM over ALL NATIONS