



Main Point: As you travel through the Bible book by book you discover an interesting correlation between the prophecies of Amos and the prophetic word of Obadiah. In the book of Amos, we were taught that God judges based upon three criteria: views concerning God, amount of revelation received from God, and the way that nation (or person) treated the people of God. The book of Obadiah is the perfect book to follow Amos, because it provides a great example of God administering judgment based upon this set of criteria.

Obadiah's prophecies are directed entirely towards the gentile nation of Edom. As direct descendents of Abraham and Isaac through Esau, this group of people would be judged according to the criteria laid out in Amos. They had rejected the God of their father Isaac and sold their birthright. They knew the truth, but had pridefully disobeyed God's commands. And to top it all off, they were guilty of horrible crimes against their own brethren the nation of Judah

Historical & Scriptural Placement: (A/F 586 B.C. - B/F 553 B.C.) Obadiah's prophetic words came after the Babylonian destruction of Judah and Jerusalem, but before the Babylonian destruction of Edom. Obadiah ministered in what remained of the Southern Kingdom of Judah and would have been a contemporary of Jeremiah.

VERSE-BY-VERSE OUTLINE OF OBADIAH

vs.1 GOD HAS A MESSAGE FOR THE NATION OF EDOM

GUILTY OF PRIDE

**vs. 2-5 GUILTY OF PRIDE: IN NATURAL FORTIFICATIONS
 JUDGMENT: GOD WOULD DESTROY EVERYTHING**

**vs. 6-7 GUILTY OF PRIDE: IN HUMAN ALLIANCES
 JUDGMENT: BETRAYAL BY HUMAN ALLIANCES**

**vs. 8-9 GUILTY OF PRIDE: IN HUMAN WISDOM
 JUDGMENT: WISDOM WILL PROVE FOOLISH**

GUILTY OF WRONGDOING TOWARDS GOD'S PEOPLE

vs.10 HARBORED A HATEFUL GRUDGE TOWARDS JUDAH

vs.11 REFUSED TO HELP JUDAH IN THEIR TIME OF NEED

vs.12 FOUND JOY IN JUDAH'S DESTRUCTION

vs.13 TOOK ADVANTAGE OF JUDAH'S WEAKNESS

vs.14 DEALT UNMERCIFULLY WITH SURVIVORS

GOD PRONOUNCES JUDGMENT ON EDOM

vs.15-16 JUDGMENT WILL BE Poured OUT IN LIKE MEASURE

vs.17-20 GOD WILL DESTROY EDOM, BUT DELIVER JUDAH

vs.21 GOD WILL EXACT RETRIBUTION FOR HIS PEOPLE



Day 1: Big Britches Fall Down.....

Obadiah 1-9 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What was God's biggest indictment against the people of Edom? (2). Though Edom was guilty of pride, in what three areas had pride manifested itself? (3). God judged Edom in the areas pride had taken root. Is there pride in your life? And what lessons can be applied by looking at God's dealings with Edom?

Day 2: Sin of Nothing.....

Obadiah 10-14 // THINKING POINTS: (1). God indites Edom on a series of charges regarding their treatment of God's people. What are the crimes Edom committed against Judah? (2). If it's a sin to do nothing when someone's in need, have you ever been guilty of this particular crime? (3). Do you see a general progression in the sin of Edom? What does this tell you about your sin?

Day 3: Treating the Weak.....

Obadiah 14 // THINKING POINTS: (1). As the survivors of Judah tried to escape the destruction brought on by the Babylonians, what were the Edomites guilty of doing? (2). When a person likes to prey on the weak and downtrodden, what does it reveal about their character (3). Who are the "weak" in your life? How have you treated them?

Day 4: In like Measure.....

Obadiah 15-16 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What are the parameters God uses to measure Edom's judgment with? (2). If God treats you the way you've decided to treat others, how should that impact the amount of grace, mercy, kindness, forgiveness you show others? (3). Does God dictate the amount of judgment we experience or do we? Explain.

Day 5: Possessing Your Possessions.....

Obadiah 17 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What future deliverance was Obadiah saying would take place on Mount Zion? (2). What does the prophet mean when he says they'll "possess their possessions"? (3). What application does this of possessing the things you possess have for you in this present time?

Day 6: Got Your Back.....

Obadiah 21 // THINKING POINT: (1). Though the whole book is geared towards Edom, what message was God sending to His people? (2). Have you ever been wronged by someone and you wanted to exact retribution or get them back? (3). How does the knowledge that God will take care of these situations for us provide encouragement

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