

A Study Outline of Obadiah

Verse 1 tells us the recipients of the message - Edom.

It is the shortest book in the OT and is possibly referenced only once in the NT (Rev. 11:15).

Genesis 25:21-34 reveals the beginning of the relationship between Jacob (Israel) and Esau (Edom).

The bad relationship between the nations escalated when Edom refused to allow Israel passage during the wilderness wanderings. Numbers 20:14-21.

Edom was located at the South end of the Dead Sea in a mountainous area. It was about 100 miles long, 20 miles wide, and was about 5,200 feet above sea level.

Obadiah addresses the issue of her pride because of her strategic position (1:3-4).

1-9 - Edom will be cut off.

- "Pride" is never used in a good sense in the Bible. Attention is paid to Edom's strategic position in the mountains in verses 3-4. Verses 5-6 show rhetorically that God's work against Edom will be complete. God is noted as the one taking action against Edom (v. 8).
- Pride - Proverbs 16:18; 29:23. It blinds us to our own faults and can cause us to be envious of others.

10-16 - Reasons for the cutting off.

- For violence against his brother (v. 10).
- Indifference to the suffering of Israel (v. 11).
- Rejoicing in Judah's destruction (v. 12).
- Took advantage of Israel's trouble (v. 13).
- Killed Israelites who escaped from their enemies (v. 14).
- They are going to reap what they have sown (vs. 15-16). This is a lesson that is taught throughout the Bible. Galatians 6:7.

17-21 - Deliverance in Mt. Zion.

- Mount Zion is a reference to the Southeastern hill in Jerusalem. Biblically, it is synonymous with the entire city of Jerusalem.
- In Zion there would be deliverance and holiness. This is ultimately fulfilled in Christ and the church.
- Hebrews 12:18-24