

OBADIAH

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BOOK OF DOOM FOR EDM

Shortest of Books - 1 ch. / 21 verses / 669 words

AUTHOR

- Obadiah - means "worshiper or servant of Jehovah"
- This was a common Hebrew name and is found many times in the Bible, but this is the only reference to this particular prophet.
- Obadiah is known as "the prophet of poetic justice."

DATE

- This book was written ca. 597 B.C., just a few years before the final destruction of Jerusalem by Babylon. (See Psalm 137:7.)

THEME

"THE EVILS OF EDM"

- This book is about judgment on Edom, a hostile kingdom in a rugged region called Mt. Seir, southeast of Judah.
- The Edomites, descendants of Esau, were antagonistic toward their brother, Jacob (the nation of Judah).
- There are two great truths emphasized:
 - "Pride goeth before destruction." (Prov. 16:18)
 - *Although Edom had many evils, at the root of them all was pride. (vs. 3a)
 - *Edom's pride gave them a false sense of security. (vs. 3-4)
 - "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Gal. 6:7)
 - *As Edom had treated Judah with cruelty, so she would be judged cruelly. (vs. 9-10, 15-16)

OUTLINE

- The Destruction of Edom (vs. 1-16)
- The Salvation of Israel (vs. 17-21)

KEY VERSE

"The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?"

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SPECIAL FEATURES

- The capital city of Edom was Sela, or Petra. This was considered to be an "impregnable" fortress. It was built within the rocks of a canyon in the mountains of Seir.
- The people of Edom, like their father Esau, were marked by a hardy earthiness. They were proud, profane, fierce, and cruel.
- Edom typifies the "natural man" & the "self-life." Notice how the description of this carnal nation parallels the life of a carnal man.

CHRIST IN THE BOOK

- Christ is the "LORD" of the "kingdom" - vs. 21
 - *He will destroy His enemies.
 - *He will reign in Mt. Zion.
 - *He will restore the nation of Israel.

Poetic Justice
Romans / Subject
Tell-Tale Heart
- Proverbs
- David
- Laman

ONE WORD - EDM
THREE WORDS - O BAD EDM