

12 Prophets

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Hosea

Joel

Amos

Obadiah

Nahum

Jonah

Habakkuk

Micah

Zephaniah

Haggai

Zechariah

Malachi

12 Prophets - Obadiah

History

Obadiah prophecies either during the reign or immediately after the reign of Jehoram king of Judah

II Chronicles 21 : 1, 5 – 6, 8 – 11, 16 – 17, 20

‘obadyah obadyahu’ (h) – serving Jah (Yah) – the Lord

Obadiah is serving the Lord, Edom has rejected God’s authority by rejecting His people, Judah.

Obadiah does not prophecy against Judah or Israel. He prophecies against Edom their brother.

12 Prophets - Obadiah

Edom's sin is great (10 – 16)

For violence against your brother Jacob

Genesis 25 : 21 – 26

Two were born; two nations

Esau sells his birthright (25)

Isaac blesses Jacob instead of Esau (27)

Esau plans to kill his brother (27)

Jacob and Esau depart as family again (32 – 33)

So what violence has Edom against their brother Jacob (Israel)?

Numbers 20 : 14 – 21

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Edom's sin is great (10 – 16)

But that was not their only sin, God tells them:

When they were attacked

You stood and watched

As they carried them away

You did nothing

As they cast lots for Jerusalem

You were one of them

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Edom's sin is great (10 – 16)

But that was not all, God tells them:

But you shouldn't have gazed upon them
In the day of his captivity

You shouldn't have rejoiced
In the day of their destruction

You should not have spoken proudly
In the day of their distress

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Edom's sin is great (10 – 16)

But that was not all, God tells them:

You should not have entered the gate or stole his possessions
In the day of their calamity

You should not have stood at the crossroads
Cutting off those who wish to escape

You should not have delivered up those who remain
In the day of their distress

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God's punishment will be as they have done
(1 – 9, 15 – 16)

Because of their sin God specifies the type of punishment He will inflict on them.

I will make you small

You will be despised greatly

Your pride fools you

You dwell in the cliffs

Your habitat is high

“Who will bring me down...?”

You ascend high as the eagles

From there – “I will bring you down,”

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God's punishment will be as they have done
(1 – 9, 15 – 16)

“For the day of the Lord...is near;”

As you have done

It shall be done to you

As you drank on My mountain

All nations drink from (of) you

They shall drink

And, never be filled

“Your reprisal shall return upon your own head.”

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God's people will triumph (17 – 21)

“...there shall be deliverance,”

Jacob shall once again have its possessions

Jacob and Joseph will be a fire, a flame

Esau will be stubble – no survivor will remain

The South will possess the fields of Ephraim and Samaria

Benjamin shall possess Gilead

Israel shall possess Canaan

Jerusalem shall possess the cities of the South

“And the kingdom shall be the Lord's.”

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The Prophet Obadiah

Pride will bring you down

Isaiah 2 : 11 – 12

James 4 : 6

We cannot rely on ourselves

Proverbs 11 : 14

Psalms 49 : 6 – 8

We cannot sit idly by while our brethren are attacked

Proverbs 31 : 8 – 9