

A scenic view of a mountain valley. The foreground is filled with dense evergreen trees. In the middle ground, a valley opens up, showing a small town or village nestled among more trees. The background features majestic, snow-capped mountain peaks under a sky with scattered clouds. The overall atmosphere is serene and majestic.

Welcome to Worship

Sanford church of Christ

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31st ST. TO 33rd STREET ON 7th AVE.

MON. MARCH 8TH

AT 8:30 P.M.

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THE BOOK OF OBADIAH

A MESSAGE OF JUDGMENT, JUSTICE,
AND HOPE

*The pride of your heart
has deceived you...*

OBADIAH 1:3

OVERVIEW

- **Author:** The prophet Obadiah
- **Date:** After the fall of Jerusalem (586 BC)
- **Audience:** The nation of Edom
- **Purpose:** To pronounce God's judgment on Edom for their pride, violence, and rejoicing over Judah's destruction, and to declare the restoration of God's people.

OUTLINE

1. Judgment on Edom (1:1–9)
2. Edom's Pride and Punishment (1:10–14)
3. The Day of the LORD (1:15–16)
4. Restoration of Israel (1:17–21)

Key Verse:

*For the day of the LORD
is near upon all the nations.
As you have done, it shall
be done to you...*

OBADIAH 1:15



GOD IS JUST
He judges pride,
violence, and evil.



GOD IS HOLY
He will not overlook
sin or wickedness.



GOD IS FAITHFUL
He will deliver and
restore His people.



GOD IS KING
The kingdom shall
be the LORD's.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND



The shortest book
in the Old Testament.



Written after
Jerusalem's fall
to Babylon (586 BC).



Edom rejoiced
when Judah suffered.



Instead of helping their
“brother,”
they participated in
Judah's destruction.

The Book of
OBADIAH

“The vision of Obadiah.” – Obadiah 1:1

Where Does Obadiah Fit in the Timeline of Israel's History?

Obadiah prophesied against Edom after the fall of Jerusalem, during a time when Judah was in exile.

UNITED KINGDOM
c. 1050–930 BC



Israel united under Saul, David and Solomon.

DIVIDED KINGDOM
c. 930–722 BC



After Solomon's death, the kingdom splits into Israel (north) and Judah (south).

FALL OF ISRAEL (NORTHERN KINGDOM)
722 BC



The northern kingdom of Israel is conquered by Assyria and is taken into exile.

KINGDOM OF JUDAH REMAINS
722–586 BC



Judah remains under threat of surrounding nations, including Edom to the south.

FALL OF JERUSALEM & EXILE BEGINS
586 BC



Babylonians conquer Jerusalem, destroy the temple, and exile much of Judah to Babylon.

OBADIAH
c. 586–550 BC



Obadiah prophesied shortly after the fall of Jerusalem.

He pronounced God's judgment on Edom for their pride and for rejoicing over the fall of Judah, and announced that Edom would be held accountable.

RETURN FROM EXILE & RESTORATION BEGINS
538–515 BC



Cyrus the Great allows the Jews to return. The temple is rebuilt and the community is restored.

POST-EXILIC PERIOD
516–400 BC



The people continue to rebuild spiritually and physically under Persian rule.

1 The vision of Obadiah. Thus says the Lord GOD concerning Edom: We have heard a report from the LORD, and a messenger has been sent among the nations: "Rise up! Let us rise against her for battle!" 2 Behold, I will make you small among the nations; you shall be utterly despised. 3 The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rock, in your lofty dwelling, who say in your heart, "Who will bring me down to the ground?" 4 Though you soar aloft like the eagle, though your nest is set among the stars, from there I will bring you down, declares the LORD.

- Obadiah 1:1 – 4 (ESV)

EDOM'S PRIDE

— BROUGHT —
DESTRUCTION

THE PRIDE OF YOUR HEART
HAS DECEIVED YOU.

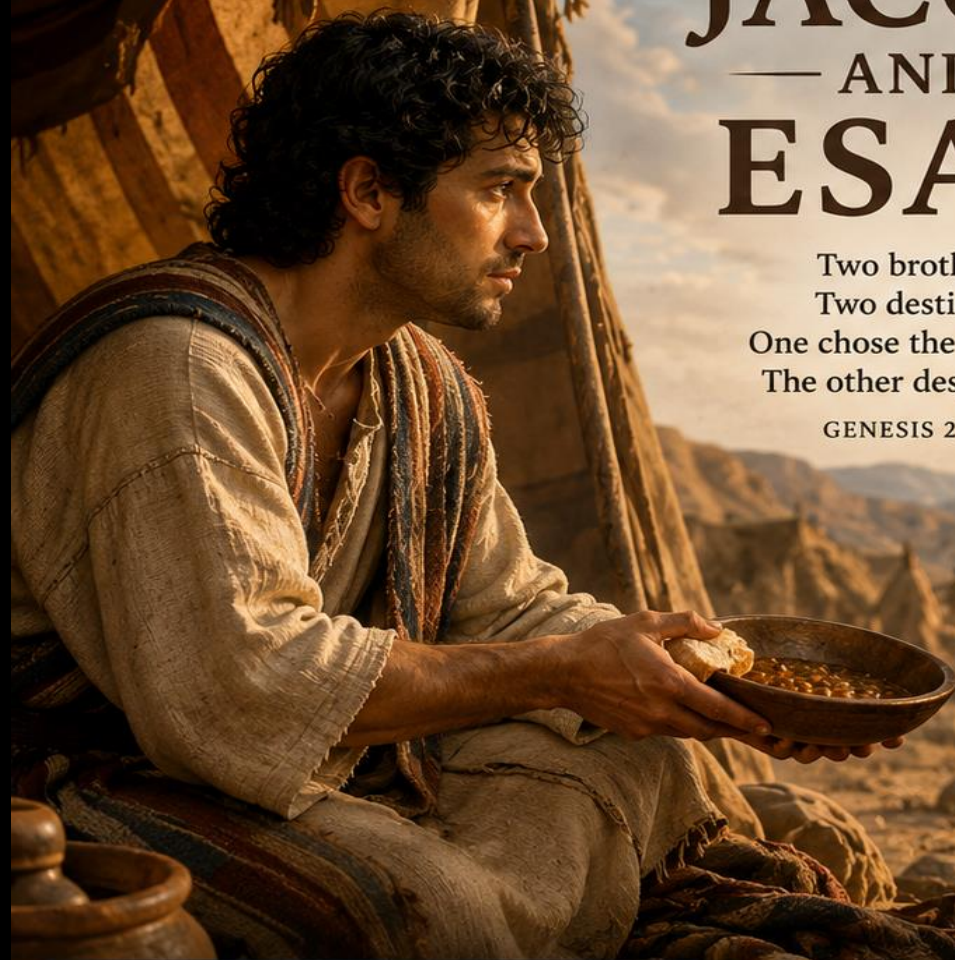
— OBADIAH 1:3 —

PRIDE DECEIVES THE HEART,
HARDENS COMPASSION, AND ULTIMATELY BRINGS DESTRUCTION.

JACOB — AND — ESAU

Two brothers.
Two destinies.
One chose the blessing.
The other despised it.

GENESIS 25–27



JACOB

- Loved the blessing (Genesis 25:29–34)
- A man of faith and patience
- Ancestor of the nation of Israel

*“The older
shall serve
the younger.”*

GENESIS 25:23

ESAU

- Despised his birthright for a single meal
- Sought the blessing, but it was too late
- Ancestor of the Edomites

THE LOCATION OF EDOM

(The Land of Esau)

- Edom was the land of Esau, Jacob's twin brother (Genesis 25:30).
- It was located south of Judah, bordering the wilderness and the Red Sea.
- The Edomites were relatives of the Israelites.

Mediterranean Sea

• Samaria

ISRAEL

AMMON

• Jericho

• Jerusalem

Dead Sea

JUDAH

MOAB

Arnon River

• Beersheba

WILDERNESS
OF ZIN

EDOM

• Bozrah

Mount Seir

Mount Seir

• Teman

Red Sea
(Gulf of Aqaba)

BORDERS OF EDMOM

North: Judah

East: Moab

South: Wilderness of Zin
and the Red Sea

West: The Arabah Valley
(leading to the
Red Sea)



0 25 50 75 Miles



THE EDOMITE PEOPLE

Descendants of Esau (Edom),
brother of Jacob

The Edomites lived in the hill country of Seir,
south of Judah, in a land of rugged mountains,
deep valleys, and ancient trade routes.




The Sins of Edom

- **Their Pride brought Destruction!** (Obadiah 1:3 – 4; Proverbs 16:18)
- **They Rejoiced Over Judah's Suffering!** (Obadiah 1:10 – 13)
- **They Stood by and Did Nothing!** (Obadiah 1:11; James 4:17)
- **They Opposed God's People!** (Obadiah 1:13 – 15; Acts 9:4; Matthew 25:45)

Does pride fill your heart and mind?

- **Pride Deceives!**
- **Pride Keeps People from Obeying God! (1 Peter 5:5 – 6)**
- **Humility Leads to Salvation! (Philippians 2:5 – 11)**



**EDOM BELIEVED
NOBODY COULD
BRING THEM DOWN.**

BUT PRIDE HAD ALREADY
BROUGHT THEM DOWN
LONG BEFORE JUDGMENT ARRIVED.

THE SAME IS TRUE TODAY.

**A PROUD HEART
CANNOT STAND FOREVER
BEFORE A HOLY GOD.**



WHO WILL
BRING ME
DOWN TO THE
GROUND?

OBADIAH 1:3

HAS
PRIDE
KEPT YOU
FROM
OBEYING
THE GOSPEL?

If anyone would come after me,
let him deny himself and take up his cross
and follow me.

MARK 8:34

