

# An Old Testament Glance

## The Minor Prophets Books – Obadiah

Name Meaning	Dates of Service	Home Town	# of Chapters	Kings Reigning	Audience Targeted	Theme or Subject
"Servant of God"	845 BC	Shechem?	1	Neb	Edomites	Destruction of Edom
Prophets Ministering at the same time:			Probably None			
Scripture References:			2 Kings 25; Obadiah 1			

### BRIEF OUTLINE

Obadiah 1-16

The Sins & Judgment of Edom

Obadiah 17-21

The Triumph & Return of Israel to Judah

*Dates for Obadiah's ministry are tough to determine. Some think he was alive during the reign of Ahab & the ministry of Elijah. Others feel he ministered closer to the fall of Jerusalem since Edom was destroyed at the same time.*

1. What did God say He would do to Edom? (Obadiah 1)

a. (2) \_\_\_\_\_

b. (2) \_\_\_\_\_

c. (4) \_\_\_\_\_

d. (5) \_\_\_\_\_

e. (6) \_\_\_\_\_

f. (6) \_\_\_\_\_

2. The punishment by God was justified. Describe Edom's attitude.

a. (3) \_\_\_\_\_

b. (3) \_\_\_\_\_

***Keep in mind that even though these words are addressed to Edom, Israel would hear the words when preached by Obadiah. Israel treated God the way Edom treated Israel.***

You can tell it's personal. Edom hurt Israel. Israel hurt God.

Just like previous prophets used stories to teach the lesson to the people, Obadiah will now do it.

Hosea talked about a broken marriage.

Joel talked about a destroyed land due to locusts.

Amos talked about locusts, fire, plumb line & a fruit basket.

**ISRAEL UNDERSTOOD THESE THINGS & COULD SEE HOW DAMAGED THEY WERE. THEY COULD SENSE THE URGENCY THAT GOD FELT.**

3. Who is mentioned in Obadiah 10? \_\_\_\_\_

*The answer is "Jacob". Obadiah describes how the brothers (Esau & Jacob) got along. Check out Genesis. Esau hated Jacob; Jacob was afraid of Esau; they did not see each other for over 20 years.*

4. How did Esau (Edom) treat Jacob (Israel) through the years?
- a. (10) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. (11) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. (11) \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. (12) \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. (12) \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. (13) \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. (13) \_\_\_\_\_
  - h. (14) \_\_\_\_\_

***Brothers in Israel would feel the anger and pain of having a brother. They could feel the pain God felt at being hated, disobeyed, and betrayed. That is why Israel would be punished just like Edom was.***

5. Even with disaster facing Israel (either 732 BC with exile in Assyria, or 586 BC with exile in Babylon), God threw in future hope in Obadiah 17.
- a. Write out Obadiah 17. \_\_\_\_\_
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*Notice the words: "deliverance", "holiness", "restitution", "regain possessions", "gain control of enemies' lands". After the Jews served their time, they were back.*

***You and I have failed God & disobeyed; we paid the price eventually.***

6. Did Israel exist after they were punished in exile?    \_\_\_Yes    \_\_\_No
7. Will your life have a future purpose after your failure? \_\_\_Yes    \_\_\_No

*This is called "God's incredible mercy".*

8. Write out Jeremiah 29:11 \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Write out 1 Timothy 1:12-13. \_\_\_\_\_

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