

OBADIAH

“The conflict between the people of the world and people of faith still continues, but the kingdom will eventually become the Lord's.” (Constable, 2017, p. 10)

Author: Obadiah, meaning “servant (or worshiper) of Yahweh”

Date: 586 – 553 BC

Message: To pronounce divine judgment against the nation of Edom for their role in assisting the Babylonians in the conquest of Judah, and to announce the future divine restoration of the people of Israel.

Key Ideas:

- The sovereignty of God
- The principle of retribution
- The restoration of Israel

Memorable Verses:

Obadiah 1:3-4 English Standard Version (ESV)

³The 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?” ⁴Though 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 1:15 Christian Standard Bible (CSB)

¹⁵For the day of the LORD is near, against all the nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; what you deserve will return on your own head.

Obadiah 1:18 English Standard Version (ESV)

¹⁸The house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau stubble; they shall burn them and consume them, and there shall be no survivor for the house of Esau, for the Lord has spoken.

Major Themes

- Pride
- Lex Talionis
- Universal Judgment
- Restoration

Outline of Book:

1. **Superscription (1a)**
2. **Yahweh's Message Against Edom**
 - a. Judgment Pronounced and Reaffirmed (1b-9)
 - b. Indictments (10-14)
3. **The Day of the Lord**
 - a. Universal Judgment (15-16)
 - b. Promise of Restoration and Victory to Israel (17-18)
 - c. Promise of Restoration and Yahweh's Kingship (19-21)

Application:

1. Humble yourself and submit to God's sovereign reign.
2. Love your neighbor and pray for your enemy.
3. Trust in God for today and tomorrow because God is for His People.
4. Fan the flame of faith in your life (2 Timothy 1:6-7).