

OBADIAH (There's no security) in Edom

or Don't remain an Edomite.

Prayer - Pride - Self-assured - Troubled by triumph of evil.

HYMN - 135 (292)

ITEM -

Reading - OBADIAH 1-14

Talk

• Welcome to the minor of the minor!  
(But stamped with Divine Authority like head on coin.)

• Who was he?

I don't know. - We don't know much about him.

• We know his name means 'servant of the Lord' or 'worshipper of the Lord'

What an honourable name! (That we should be called the same!)

• We can see that his prophecy has to do with the nation of Edom. Psalm 83 1-6.

• Who were they?

- Descendants of Esau (meaning RED).

• Stand as a symbol of Enemies to God's people.

• would fight with Israelites (But were no match for them).  
often wouldn't allow them to pass through land.

(Even though they were in effect brothers!)

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• was a rocky country  
Caves cut out of high rocks.

- The year is 586 BC
- The nation of Judah is reeling, ~~sties~~ in terrible trouble

The Babylonians have come against ~~her~~ them. Nebucadnezzar

intending to Destroy Jerusalem & Temple & carry citizens off to Babylon.

- They need help.
- But neighbours Edomites don't help.
- In fact they gloat & rejoice even using this as opportunity to loot Judah!
- It gets worse
  - When some people from Judah try to escape the Edomites seize them sell them into slavery!

- So this little book is of Great importance. It answers the question - where is God when evil abounds, is he defeated?

- In beginning Edom feels secure v.3. Who shall bring me down!?

'I WILL' says God

• Sinners will certainly be made ashamed of their pride.

• In the end their experience will fail their expectations. Things will come - as it were. vs. <sup>(math)</sup> 24.42-44  
For where the carcas is the birds of prey gather.

- They will take everything in end.  
(Not just a little so as not to be missed)

There is no treasure on earth that can  
be looked away safely - Credit crunch  
Savings!

- Instead lay up for yourselves  
treasures in heaven where moth & rust do not  
corrupt & thieves don't break in & steal.

- They trusted in Position - In Rocks  
in Money - But it would fail  
in Allies - But they failed too.

Ammonites & Moabites

- Those friends in the world  
Even those who claim deep affection  
Often Betray

Fail you

Leave you in time of need.

Let you down.

Not worthy of your high regard

But God is - And we think so little of Him!  
A FRIEND CLOSER THAN A BROTHER!

- If we trust in the world's love  
it will leave us with wounds and  
dishonour. Man is Frail Fickle & False.

- 18 They trusted in their counsellors  
Edom known for statesmen.  
Men of learning

But Wise God shows them to be fools  
their best plans baffled.

- They trust in the Arm of the flesh & not God.  
How young men do this today

Psalms 118:8.

- They had many sins but main one.
- The injury they'd done to the people of God.

GOD - who loves righteousness  
& hates wickedness.

He will give readdress to those who suffer wrong.

He will have his vengeance.

- As if someone attacks a family member.
- Have we laughed and gloated at another's troubles?  
Our brother man?

We shouldn't have been where we were at  
such & such a time

shouldn't have said what we said  
taken the liberty that we took.

When we look at ourselves in the mirror  
of God's book sin appears exceedingly  
sinful!

Judah was brought low - But not destroyed.  
Judgement commonly begins at the  
house of God.

(Children are corrected out of love  
while strangers are left alone)

There was a great seige

Edom looked on with a scornful eye of  
satisfaction drinking in the scene.

(We must take heed with what eye we look  
upon the afflictions of our brothers & if  
we cannot look on them with a gracious  
eye of sympathy/tenderness  
better to not look at all!

- They had not the good manners to conceal their pleasure  
They laughed & Jerred rudely  
They proudly rejoiced over them & trampled on them.
- Any that do this have the same spirit as the Edomites  
God will humble them in due course.

V13

- Edom comes and enters.  
Though not a conquerer, they take some spoil!  
They are scavengers & thieves.

(Although they didn't attack, they share guilt)  
We can have guilt by association - parties.

- What a treacherous neighbour was Edom.  
Like the enemies of God today.

The Atheists, False religions,  
Anti christian politicians, media bosses

- V15 - As you have done it shall be done to you.

How we should restrain from scorning.  
The punishment is often like the sin.  
We may have to suffer humiliation  
time to take some of our own medicine!

V16

- Judah would be restored but Edom blotted out.  
This is what happened.  
The cup of punishment shall be taken from Judah and given to Edom as a cup of wrath for eternity Never taken!

- Remember the Rich Man & Lazarus.

V17 - Like Isaiah & Amos we have  
the precious promises of salvation

Judah was restored

Salvation and deliverance comes from  
Mount Zion (Gods people, place)  
from the Jews & Gospel Church.

- They shall possess their possessions.  
Once again Judah would possess their  
land.

In our day the ministers shall possess  
the hearts of their hearers.

V18. # The house of Jacob a flame  
The house of Isaac stubble

- God's people carry the Word of God  
a flame of fire to melt & soften  
hard hearts & burn up the dross  
of sin & corruption.  
That men may be purified  
& refined.

- The Gospel Day

Mal 4.1 -

Jer 5.14 -

2 Thers 2.8.

Those that are not refined as Gold  
are consumed as dross

V19-20 They not only return but increase  
in the land.

Others are saved by them - come into  
the Kingdom

V 21 - The Saviours are the ministers of the Gospel.

Those great apostles and those who follow.

- Esau will be damned.

So we have ~~bliss~~ for those who  
come into the kingdom & those  
Judah - Controvers Judged.  
Edom - Judged.

Throughout the ages - There are those  
saved and unsaved.

Which are you?

- Regardless - God's Kingdom shall prevail.

God's with his people even  
in evil times.

He's sovereign - Read Revelation in end  
REV 21:6-8 All enemies are put down!

- The KINGDOM shall be the LORD's

Make sure you're in it!

And if you are - Don't be troubled  
Your King is the LORD of Hosts.

REV 19:1-3