



Obadiah

DATE: 845 (DISPUTED)

NORTHERN KING: JEHORAM

SOUTHERN KING: AHAZIAH

MAJOR EVENTS: EDOM, A VASSAL OF ISRAEL, BROKE AWAY FROM THE SUBJUGATION OF THE KINGDOM
(2 KINGS 8:16-24)



Obadiah

- ▶ Obadiah's prophecy is set up in a very helpful way for teaching:
 - ▶ First Section: Truths about God
 - ▶ Second Section: An application of that truth

Background

- ▶ The difficult relationship between Israel and the Edomites
 - ▶ Who are the Edomites?
 - ▶ Why was the relationship particularly tense?

- 1. The long-term nature of the enmity
- 2. The intensity of the enmity
- 3. The treasonous nature of the enmity


Psalm 137:7, Lamentations 4:18-22, Ezekiel 25:12-14; 35:1-15



Lesson about God:

His enemies will be destroyed and his kingdom will be advanced.

- ▶ God's enemies can be characterized by certain behaviors
 - ▶ Pride
 - ▶ False security
 - ▶ Self-deception
- ▶ God deals with his enemies seriously



Lesson about God: God's enemies are those who persecute his people.

- ▶ Edom's mistreatment of Judah is described (10-14)
 - ▶ What are the details of this mistreatment?
 - ▶ 11 – Did not help
 - ▶ 12 – Rejoiced over Judah's downfall
 - ▶ 13 – Entered into the plunder
 - ▶ 14 – Turned over the fleeing people to the enemy



What is God going to do about it?

- ▶ God will judge his enemies (15-16)
 - ▶ 15 – Divine retribution
 - ▶ 16 – Drinking from the cup of wrath
- ▶ God will deliver his people (17-21)
 - ▶ 18 - Enemies are destroyed
 - ▶ 20 – Getting back what was taken
 - ▶ 21 – Getting more than they had

Discussion

- ▶ What are some applications from this book to the life of the church?
 - ▶ Helping those in need – looking out for others and not ourselves
 - ▶ The Church must be faithful and obedient to God and leave the results up to him
- ▶ What are some applications from this book for Christians?
 - ▶ Retribution belongs to the Lord
 - ▶ Changing our thinking toward those who experience trouble from “how they could have avoided it” to “how can I help make it better?”