

The Origin of the Conflict in Obadiah:

- Isaac and Rebecca had twin sons; _____ and _____. They fought from the very beginning.
Genesis 25:23 (NIV84) ²³The LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger."
- Esau became the father the _____. Jacob had 12 sons making up the 12 tribes of _____.
- God commanded the Israelites to _____ the Edomites, but the act was not returned.
Deuteronomy 23:7 (NIV84) ⁷Do not abhor an Edomite, for he is your brother . . .

Vital Statistics of Obadiah:

- Obadiah was a common name in the Bible. It means "_____ of the Lord."
- He was a prophet from the _____ Kingdom and was a contemporary of Elijah and Elisha.

1. About the Prophecy:

- A. Obadiah's prophecy came as a _____ from God, for the Israelites.
Obadiah 1 (NIV84) ¹The vision of Obadiah. This is what the Sovereign LORD says about Edom . . .
- B. The prophecy involved a _____ being sent to unite the allies of Edom against her.
Obadiah 1 (GW) ¹. . . A messenger was sent among the nations to say, "Get ready! Let's go to war against Edom."

2. Why was God going to judge Edom?

- A. They were _____.
- . . . of their _____. "I will bring you down." (v. 2-4)
 - . . . of their wealth. Wealth will be _____. (v. 5-6)
 - . . . of their alliances. Allies will deceive you. (v.7)
 - . . . of their _____. Wise me destroyed. (v.8)
 - . . . of their armies. Armies will be _____. (v.9)
- B. They _____ their brother's enemies.
Obadiah 10-11 (GW) ¹⁰"Because of the violence you did to Jacob, your relative, you will be covered with shame. You will be destroyed forever. ¹¹While you stood there doing nothing, strangers carried off Jacob's wealth. Foreigners entered his gates and threw dice for Jerusalem. You acted like one of them.
- C. They _____ their brother's misfortune.
Obadiah 12 (GW) ¹²Don't gloat over your relative's misfortune or be happy when the people of Judah are destroyed. Don't brag so much when they're in distress.
- D. They _____ their brothers when vulnerable.
Obadiah 13 (GW) ¹³Don't march through the gates of my people when disaster strikes or gloat over their misery when disaster strikes. Don't take their wealth when disaster strikes.

E. They _____ their brothers in defeat.
Obadiah 14 (GW) ¹⁴*Don't stand at the crossroads to kill their refugees. Don't hand over their survivors when they're in distress.*

F. They _____ the Day of the LORD.
Obadiah 15 (GW) ¹⁵*The day of the LORD is near for all nations. Edom, you will be treated as you have treated others. You will get back what you have given.*

- This is the Golden Rule in _____!
Matthew 7:12 (NIV84) ¹²*So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.*

3. Four promises God made to His people through Obadiah's prophetic words.

A. God will _____ Judah.
Obadiah 17 (NIV84) ¹⁷*But on Mount Zion will be deliverance; it will be holy, and the house of Jacob will possess its inheritance.*

B. God will _____ Israel.
Obadiah 18 (NIV84) ¹⁸*The house of Jacob will be a fire and the house of Joseph a flame; the house of Esau will be stubble, and they will set it on fire and consume it. There will be no survivors from the house of Esau." The LORD has spoken.*

C. God will _____ ALL the Promised Land to Israel.
Obadiah 19–20 (GW) ¹⁹*People from the Negev will take possession of Esau's mountain. People from the foothills will take possession of Philistia. They will take possession of the lands of Ephraim and Samaria, and the descendants of Benjamin will take possession of Gilead. ²⁰Exiles from Israel will take possession of Canaan. They will possess land as far as Zarephath. Exiles from Jerusalem who are in Sepharad will take possession of the cities in the Negev.*

D. God will establish His Kingdom and rule from _____.
Obadiah 21 (NIV84) ²¹*Deliverers will go up on Mount Zion to govern the mountains of Esau. And the kingdom will be the LORD'S.*

- Many theologians believe this is an _____ prophecy pointing to the final return of Christ to rule the world.
Revelation 11:15 (GW) ¹⁵*When the seventh angel blew his trumpet, there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will rule as king forever and ever."*
- The "deliverers" may be referring to the apostles and to those who are _____ to Him today.
Matthew 19:28–29 (NIV84) ²⁸*Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.*

So . . . what does Obadiah's prophecy have to do with me?

- This prophecy is for the Israelites and for _____ people.
- Reminder that God is _____ over EVERYTHING.
- We will _____ what we sow.
- Evil will not have the _____ over God's people.