

Obadiah
Obadiah 1:10
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Thesis: I want to show the lessons we can learn from Obadiah's vision (v.1)

Intro:

1. Obadiah means worshipper of God.
2. The people of Edom have a poor record, in Obadiah's time it wasn't any different.
3. We can learn a lesson from the treatment of Israel by Edom and the consequences that followed.

I. The House of Edom reduced by God

A. Edom's contempt

1. Their thankless hearts (1:3)
 - a. Pride is deceptive
2. Their treacherous hand (1:10-14)
 - a. v.11 – they were treacherous because they just watched from afar with amusement.
 - b. "Nor Should you have" & You should have not" (v.12-14)

B. Edom's condemnation

1. The source
 - a. Her foes (1:1-2)
 1. Edom was to be punished for being an enemy of Israel and for its treatment of Israel.
 - b. Her friends (1:7)
 - a. The chaldeans had brought them to their borders and even their allies.
 - b. Those who eat with them will set a trap for them (Edom).
2. The severity
 - a. Her wealth will be removed (1:4-6)
 - b. Her wisdom will be reduced (1:8-9)
 - c. Her wickedness will be returned (1:15-16): Edom will now reap what she has sown.

II. The House of Jacob Restored (1:17-21)

A. They will repossess their land (1:17-20)

1. God would deliver the Jews and bring them back to Jerusalem, to mount Zion. (v.17)
2. The house of Israel would again inherit their inheritances. (v.17)
3. The house of Jacob and Esau shall be alive and active. (v.18).
4. The house of Esau will not remain.
5. The people of the south shall will possess the area of Esau (Edom) (v.19).
6. The Israelites who exist in Canaan shall possess that land. (v.20)

B. They will rule over their land (1:21)

1. Saviours (deliverers) will go upon Mt. Sion to judge (govern), even the mountain where Esau (Edom) and his descendants lived.
2. And the king shall be the Lord's.

III. Lessons for us today.

1. Do not despair
 - a. We shouldn't despair when others mistreat us (Christians) or stand and laugh at our hardships. (**2 Tim 3:12**).
 - b. We shouldn't expect fair treatment from worldly people, but we should from our brethren.
2. Keep your eye on the prize.
 - a. The Lord will grant all the faithful the ultimate victory. (**Rev 11:15; 17:14**)
 - b. Despite how others treat us, we must keep our eyes on the prize, eternal life (**Phil 3:13-14**).

Conc:

1. We must never lose sight of what awaits the faithful Christian.
2. We also must remember that the wicked, will be punished by the righteous judge. (**2 Tim 4:8**).
3. We must remember everyone reaps what they sow.

Hear

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Believe

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever + in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Repent

Luke 13:3

I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

Confess

Rom 10:9 — Rom 10:10

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Be baptized

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

Remain Faithful

Revelation 2:10

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.