

OBADIAH (Student Edition)

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AUTHOR AND WHEN THE BOOK WAS WRITTEN-

The author reveals himself as the prophet Obadiah, a name meaning "_____ " or "_____." This is all we know about him. His prophecy, though, can be dated with some certainty. Most believe the great humiliation of Israel that the prophet mentions was the _____ by the Babylonians, beginning in _____ and ending with its final destruction in _____ B.C. Thus, the book must have been written shortly after the fall of the city, perhaps while the Israelites were still in Captivity in Babylon.

ABOUT THE BOOK, BASIC THEMES, & TRUTHS & APPLICATIONS-

This book is a _____, plain and simple. It deals with a history of bitter feelings that existed between Israel and Edom, a history that goes back to _____. The Babylonians attacked and finally destroyed Jerusalem over a period of some 20 years. It was these attacks that Edom used to quench their _____ against their _____. They joined with the Babylonians, and helped in _____. In fact, they _____ the destruction, _____ people from _____ and even helped hunt them down, either killing them or handing them over, and helped in the _____. Added to this was Edom's pride that they themselves would never _____ (1-4). This was based on the fact that Petra, their major city, was an impregnable fortress built into _____ and set deep in a canyon which could only be entered through a single, narrow, easily defended gap. To all this, Obadiah prophesies their _____ and declares, "For your violence against your brother Jacob, shame shall cover you, and you shall be cut off forever" (v. 10). Edom is also told that _____ in destroying Israel will _____ and ultimately _____ (7)!

In light of the above, consider this: Obadiah was written as _____ to the people _____ who had just been through _____! God assures them thru Obadiah that He will intervene to _____, and in the end He will rule the kingdom.

If you think about this great little book, you will see that it addresses the matter of _____. It is easy to allow those we know best to become the objects of our _____. Edom should

have sided with Judah. But _____ caused their _____
_____ any good sense.

Edom's pride is continually dealt with. Why? Because _____
prevents our seeing _____ and builds _____
the way to reconciliation. This book calls us to confront the horrific cost of
pride and shows us we will stand face to face with _____ and
try to justify ourselves. Hence, it speaks to _____
_____ in broken relationships and modeling a lifestyle of _____
_____.

Ask God to reveal any areas of pride in you. God hates it! It is pride that
makes us believe we are _____, and ultimately leads to
_____. Exalt God and glorify Him!

One prevailing theme we have in Obadiah is that _____.
Read verse 15; it is the OT version of Galatians 6:7. Refuse to judge
others, knowing that _____ you pass may _____
_____!

One last theme in Obadiah is that God keeps His covenants and takes
covenant promises seriously. God keeps faith with His people no matter
how faithless they are. He takes what others do to His people personally.
Our sovereign God used other nations to accomplish His purposes in
purifying His people- but He was already plotting Edom's doom and
announcing future victory for His people.

A POSSIBLE KEY WORD-

Considering our discussion, this should make sense: _____.

KEY VERSE(S) AND CHAPTER-

With the understanding that this is a specific judgment against a specific
nation because of a specific issue, I believe the key verse is: _____.
As to the key chapter...well, get real!

JESUS REVEALED IN THE BOOK-

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THE HOLY SPIRIT REVEALED IN THE BOOK-

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