

# OBADIAH

A 5 Day Bible Study

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## Read the book of Obadiah

1. What key words or themes do you find in this short book?

2. Summarize the history between Israel and Edom.

Genesis 25:23-34

Genesis 35:10

Genesis 36:8-9

Numbers 20:14-21

2 Samuel 8:13-14

1 Kings 11:14-18

*Pray that God will help you understand his purpose in studying this book,  
and that you will readily apply what you learn.*

**Read Obadiah 1:1-4**

1. What do you notice about how this message was revealed?
2. Describe the attitude of Edom in their current position.
3. How is pride deceptive?
4. What was Edom's predicted future?
5. In your own words, summarize the truth about pride found in these passages.

Psalms 10:2-6

Proverbs 16:5, 18-19

Isaiah 2:12-17

James 4:13-16

*Ask the Lord how your pride might be deceiving you in some way, and confess that to him.*

**Read Obadiah 1:5-9**

1. Explain the calamities described in verses 5-6, and how Edom would have it even worse.
2. Who were the people predicted to turn on Edom, and what were they going to do?
3. How is it different when friends turn against you rather than known enemies?
4. Who specifically was going to be destroyed in verses 8-9, and how would that affect a community?
5. What common sources of “security” do people trust in today? What dangers are inherent in thinking you are secure when you are not?

*Read Proverbs 3:19-26 and write a prayer asking God to help you find security only in him.*

**Read Obadiah 1:10-16**

1. Why was Edom going to be punished so severely? What had they done?
2. When is it tempting to gloat over another's misfortune, and what does that indicate about one's heart? (see 1 Cor 13:6)
3. Based on this passage in Obadiah, how would you describe the day of the Lord?
4. What do you think is the significance of the "nations?" (see v. 1, 2, 15, & 16)
5. What general truth is found in the second half of verse 15? (also see Gal 6:7-8)

*How does it change your attitude to remember that all actions have consequences?*

**Read Obadiah 1:15-21**

1. Compare the two “mounts” specified in verses 8, 9, 17, 19 and 21.

<u>Mount Edom/Esau</u>	<u>Mount Zion</u>

2. What was the end result for the people of Edom?
3. What is the future reality of the people of God?
4. What do you learn from the way the tables turned between Jacob (Israel) and Edom?
5. How would you summarize the main idea of this prophetic message?

*Read Psalm 10:16. What characteristics of God are revealed in Obadiah?  
Spend time praising God for who he is.*

