

## The Book of Obadiah

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## Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

## Morning Study

This morning we study the book of **Obadiah**. This short one-chapter prophecy is the fourth book of "The Minor Prophets."

Little is known of Obadiah. Neither his ancestry nor his place of birth are given to us, which makes it difficult to determine when and where the book was written, although based on **verses 11-14**, scholars believe that it was written during one of the following two periods:

- The invasion of Jerusalem by Philistines and Arabs (**2 Kings 8:20-22; 2 Chronicles 21:8-20**), during time of Elisha.
- The Babylonian invasion of Jerusalem during the time of Jeremiah.

Of the two time periods, the most likely is the second. In fact, there is a striking parallel between **verses 1-9** and **Jeremiah 49:7-22**.

The focus of Obadiah's prophecy is on Edom, Israel's eastern neighbor. The Edomites were the descendants of Esau, and the Israelite viewed the Edomite as a brother (**Deuteronomy 23:7**). But the rivalry between the two ancestral brothers (Jacob and Esau) continued between the nations (Israel and Edom) which issued from them (note **Genesis 25:21-23**). In fact, the Edomites had been an ongoing thorn in the side of Israel, participating in raids and partnering with invading forces.

**Read Ezekiel 35**

**Read Malachi 1:1-5**

Because Edom had gloated over Israel's destruction, and had even participated in it, God turned in judgment upon the descendants of Esau. Even though the Edomites felt smug in their mountain strongholds (see **verses 3-4**), God would still prove himself to be the sovereign God.

Let's now pull up a chair and read the short book of **Obadiah** in one sitting.

# Memory Verse

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

Acts 4:12

## Your Fishing Kit

This is the sixteenth verse in your fishing kit. **Acts 4:12** states the terms of God's offer of salvation in no uncertain words. To those who say, "Yes, but there are many paths to God," God himself brings this answer: "Salvation is found in no one but Jesus. There is no other name under heaven by which you can be saved."

Here are the other verses in your "fishing kit":

<b>John 3:16</b>	<b>Isaiah 55:6-7</b>	<b>John 1:12</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 5:17</b>
<b>John 3:18</b>	<b>Romans 5:8</b>	<b>John 3:3</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 5:21</b>
<b>John 3:36</b>	<b>1 John 4:10</b>	<b>John 5:24</b>	<b>Matthew 10:32-33</b>
<b>Ephesians 1:7-8</b>	<b>Acts 2:38</b>	<b>John 6:37</b>	<b>Romans 2:4-5</b>
<b>Romans 3:23</b>	<b>Acts 3:19</b>	<b>John 8:32</b>	<b>Acts 17:30</b>
<b>Romans 6:23</b>	<b>Acts 4:12</b>	<b>John 8:36</b>	<b>1 John 5:10</b>
<b>Isaiah 53:5</b>	<b>John 14:6</b>	<b>John 10:10</b>	<b>1 John 5:11-12</b>
<b>Isaiah 53:6</b>	<b>1 John 1:8</b>	<b>John 10:28</b>	<b>John 14:1-3</b>
<b>Isaiah 59:1-2</b>	<b>1 John 1:9</b>	<b>Romans 10:9</b>	<b>John 16:33</b>
<b>Isaiah 64:6</b>	<b>1 John 1:10</b>	<b>Romans 10:13</b>	<b>Revelation 3:20</b>

Store these verses in your heart. Memorize them until they have an "on the tip of your tongue" familiarity. You will find them of immeasurable value as you cooperate with the Lord in his mission of bringing the Gospel to this lost world.