

Purpose

To show that God judges those who have harmed His people

Meaning of Name

“Servant of the Lord”

Date Written

During the time of Jehoram in Judah, 855-840 BC, or during Jeremiah’s ministry, 627-586 BC. It was written to Edom and Jews in Judah.

Setting

Edom had constantly harassed the Jews. Prior to the time this book was written, they had attacked Judah.

Key Verse

“The day is near when I, the Lord, will judge the godless nations! As you have done to Israel, so it will be done to you. All your evil deeds will fall back on your own heads.” *Obadiah 1:15*

Key People

The Edomites

Special Features

The *Book of Obadiah* uses vigorous poetic language and is written in the form of a dirge of doom.

Used Tyndale’s “Life Application Bible” (NLT)

An Overview (1 Chapter)

- Edom’s Destruction (*1:1-1:16*)
- Israel’s Restoration (*1:17-21*)

Major Themes

- *Justice*: Obadiah predicted that God would destroy Edom as punishment for standing by when Babylon invaded Judah. God will judge and fiercely punish all who harm His people. We can be confident in God’s final victory. He is our champion, and we can trust Him to bring about true justice.
- *Pride*: All those who defy God will meet their doom as Edom did. Any nation who trusts in its power, wealth, technology, or wisdom more than in God will be brought low. All who are proud will one day be shocked to discover that no one is exempt from God’s justice.