

OBADIAH

Written by Obadiah

- No kings mentioned so not sure when it was written
- possibly during the time of Elisha

This shortest book in the Old Testament (only 21 verses)

- the only Old Testament book with only 1 chapter

This book takes a bit of a turn

-instead of warning the children of Israel, Obadiah is called to warn those who harm God's people

-written to the Edomites

- descendants of Esau, (Jacob's twin brother)
- he was called Edom because it means "red"
- the color of the stew he traded for his birthright

[Gen 25:29](#) When Jacob had cooked stew, Esau came in from the field and he was famished;
[Gen 25:30](#) and Esau said to Jacob, "Please let me have a swallow of that red stuff there, for I am famished." Therefore his name was called Edom

-His descendants had been a thorn in the side of Jacob's descendants ever since

Obadiah prophesies to them:

[Oba 1:10](#) "Because of violence to your brother Jacob, You will be covered *with* shame, And you will be cut off forever.

Obadiah closes with the future prophesy that God will judge all other nations that come against His people

Jesus Type:

Obadiah's name means "servant of the Lord"

- like Jesus, his task was to present God to a people who didn't want to hear about it
- not only did they not want to hear it, they were hostile towards God's people

-like the Edomites, we are not God's people by birth

-But like Obadiah, Jesus explained to us the consequences of rejecting Him

[Col 1:21](#) And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, *engaged* in evil deeds,
[Col 1:22](#) yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach--