

OBADIAH 03

Esau's Violence

1. Obadiah 8-9

- a. God's curse upon Edom's is made clear in Oba 1-9
- b. The end of the mount of Esau is cut off by slaughter – Oba 9
- c. Bozrah shall become a desolation and a curse - Jeremiah 49:13
- d. Why did God change from blessing Esau to cursing him?

2. Obadiah 10

- a. The answer is in Oba 10-11 – *“For thy violence against your brother”*
- b. God chose Jacob as the channel of blessing - Gen 27:36, 41, Heb 12:14-17
- c. This is not about a “hedge of protection”, but access to God's blessings
- d. The proper response would have been that of Abimelech – Gen 26:24-29
- e. Obadiah's prophecy is not about Esau who was dead, but his children

3. Obadiah 11-14

- a. Esau's children (Edom) resisted, cursed, and attacked Israel (Jacob)
- b. Israel asked to go through Edom, but they threatened to kill - Num 20:14, 17-21
- c. The Philistines/Arabians plundered Israel with Edom's help -2 Chron 21:8, 16-17
 - i. Edom led this confederacy to destroy Israel - Psa 83:1-7, 12
 - ii. The captives were delivered to Edom for slaughter - Amos 1:6, 9, 11-12
- d. When Babylon destroys Jerusalem, Edom encouraged it - Psa 137:1-9
 - i. Edom rejoiced to see Jerusalem fall - Lam 4:19-22, Eze 25:3, 6-9, 12-14
 - ii. Edom had a perpetual hatred for Israel – Eze 35:2-5, 9-16
- e. A future confederacy will rise up against Israel – Zech 14:1-4, 14:11
 - i. God will settle this in the valley of decision – Joel 3:1-10
 - ii. Edom will be desolate for their violence against Judah - Joel 3:16-20

4. Obadiah 15

- a. The curse, the vengeance, the hatred is of justice, not for violence or spite.
- b. *“as thou hast done...”* – This is Matthew 7:1-2 and James 2:13
- c. *“Thy reward shall return...”* – the world understands justice, every religion has it
- d. People don't like God's justice since its not ours, but he became us Heb 4:15, 7:26
- e. God's judgment is according to righteousness, knowing all the facts of the case