

Obadiah 1:1-4;15-21

1 The vision of Obadiah. Thus says the Lord GOD concerning Edom, We have heard a report from the LORD, and a messenger has been sent among the nations: "Rise up! Let us rise against her for battle!"

2 Behold, I will make you small among the nations; you shall be utterly despised.

3 The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rock, in your lofty dwelling, who say in your heart, "Who will bring me down to the ground?"

4 Though you soar aloft like the eagle, though your nest is set among the stars, from there I will bring you down, declares the LORD.

15 For the day of the LORD is near upon all the nations. As you have done, it shall be done to you; your deeds shall return on your own head.

16 For as you have drunk on my holy mountain, so all the nations shall drink continually; they shall drink and swallow, and shall be as though they had never been.

17 But in Mount Zion there shall be those who escape, and it shall be holy, and the house of Jacob shall possess their own possessions.

18 The house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau stubble; they shall burn them and consume them, and there shall be no survivor for the house of Esau, for the LORD has spoken.

19 Those of the Negeb shall possess Mount Esau, and those of the Shephelah shall possess the land of the Philistines; they shall possess the land of Ephraim and the land of Samaria, and Benjamin shall possess Gilead.

20 The exiles of this host of the people of Israel shall possess the land of the Canaanites as far as Zarephath, and the exiles of Jerusalem who are in Sepharad shall possess the cities of the Negeb.

21 Saviors shall go up to Mount Zion to rule Mount Esau, and the kingdom shall be the LORD's.

Outline – 5 questions for the book of Obadiah

- 1) What is going on?
- 2) How does this fit into the Bible's story?
- 3) What does it tell us about God? About us?
- 4) What can we take away?
- 5) If you only had Obadiah, how would you share the gospel?

Questions to think about:

- 1) In one sentence: What is Obadiah about?
- 2) God's judgement and wrath are uncomfortable subjects, but why does the Bible speak about them so much? What role, if any, do God's judgement and wrath play in the gospel?
- 3) If you only had Obadiah, how would you share the gospel with someone who doesn't know Christ?

Next Week: Hosea