

## Chapter #6

## The Prophet Obadiah

Time of ministry:

587 B.C.

Author:

The written history of the Hebrew people and *The Holy Bible* do not have a record of *Obadiah's birthplace* or the name of his father, the prophets name *Obadiah* is translated as "*servant of Yahweh or worshiper of Yahweh*".

The prophets name is a good description of his ministry and what the prophet's motivation is, to *Serve Yahweh and do the Will of Father God*.

The Prophecy:

The prophet *Obadiah* is given a vision from *Yahweh* that is an unveiling or disclosure of coming events that will bring *Death and Destruction* to the people of *Edom* and *Desolation* to the land of *Edom*.

This punishing *Judgement* by *Yahweh* is the end result of the historical and continuous *sinful aggressive actions* of the *Edomites* toward their *Blood Relatives* the Hebrew people.

This history of *Edom's hateful attacks and mistreatment* of *Yahweh's "Chosen People"* the Jews will not go *unanswered or unpunished*.

We who are *Christians* should always remember to *Support and Protect* the *Hebrew people* who are our *Blood Brothers* through the *Grafting into* the "*True Vine*", that happened when we "*Accepted*" *Jesus Christ* as our *Lord, and Savior*.

It is a wonderful *Blessing* to be one of *Yahweh's "Children"* and be part of *The Eternal Plans of Father God*.

It would also be *good advice* for everyone to remember that when *Yahweh* delivers *His Righteous Judgement* on someone, we should not take pleasure in their *suffering and pain* because It could be us.

All mankind has *sinned and fallen short of Total Obedience* of ---*The Commandments of Father God!*

The punishing *Judgement* of *sinful Edom* was intended to bring about their "*Repentance*" from *sin*.

This *Righteous Destruction* of *Edom* will in time *Guarantee* the *eventual union* of *Juda and Israel* as *The Nation of Israel* we now know.

It is every "*True Christians*" duty is to come to the aid of our *Hebrew* brothers and sisters when they are *Attacked* by an enemy or if they are in *Danger*.

## Chapter #1

*Obadiah 1:1-9 (NLT)*

*This is the vision that the Sovereign LORD revealed to Obadiah concerning the land of Edom.*

*Edom's Judgment Announced*

*We have heard a message from the LORD  
that an ambassador was sent to the nations to say,  
"Get ready, everyone!  
Let's assemble our armies and attack Edom!"*

<sup>2</sup> *The LORD says to Edom,  
"I will cut you down to size among the nations;  
you will be greatly despised.*

<sup>3</sup> *You have been deceived by your own pride  
because you live in a rock fortress  
and make your home high in the mountains.  
'Who can ever reach us way up here?'  
you ask boastfully.*

<sup>4</sup> *But even if you soar as high as eagles  
and build your nest among the stars,  
I will bring you crashing down,"  
says the LORD.*

<sup>5</sup> *"If thieves came at night and robbed you  
(what a disaster awaits you!),  
they would not take everything.  
Those who harvest grapes  
always leave a few for the poor.  
But your enemies will wipe you out completely!*

<sup>6</sup> *Every nook and cranny of Edom  
will be searched and looted.  
Every treasure will be found and taken.*

<sup>7</sup> *"All your allies will turn against you.  
They will help to chase you from your land.  
They will promise you peace  
while plotting to deceive and destroy you.  
Your trusted friends will set traps for you,  
and you won't even know about it.*

<sup>8</sup> *At that time not a single wise person  
will be left in the whole land of Edom,"  
says the LORD.*

*"For on the mountains of Edom  
I will destroy everyone who has understanding.*

<sup>9</sup> *The mightiest warriors of Teman  
will be terrified,  
and everyone on the mountains of Edom  
will be cut down in the slaughter.*

Comments on *Obadiah 1:1-9*:

The history of the *damaged relationship* of *Edom* and the Hebrew people is recorded in *The Holy Bible*, this past history must be looked at to fully understand how this *sad time* of Judgement has come to the people of *Edom*.

The best record of this *troubled relationship* is always found in the *Holy Bible*, let us start this examination in the *Book of Deuteronomy*, and then the *Book of Zechariah*.

*Deuteronomy 32:9–11 (NLT)*

*He Found Them!*

<sup>9</sup> *“For the people of Israel belong to the LORD;  
Jacob is his special possession.*

<sup>10</sup> *He found them in a desert land,  
in an empty, howling wasteland.*

*He surrounded them and watched over them;  
he guarded them as he would guard his own eyes.*

<sup>11</sup> *Like an eagle that rouses her chicks  
and hovers over her young,  
so he spread his wings to take them up  
and carried them safely on his pinions.*

*Zechariah 2:7–9 (NLT)*

*My Most Precious Possession!*

<sup>7</sup> *Come away, people of Zion, you who are exiled in Babylon!”*

<sup>8</sup> *After a period of glory, the LORD of Heaven’s Armies sent me against the nations who plundered you. For he said, “Anyone who harms you harms my most precious possession. <sup>9</sup> I will raise my fist to crush them, and their own slaves will plunder them.” Then you will know that the LORD of Heaven’s Armies has sent me.*

This *Judgement* and *Punishment* of the enemies of the Hebrew people is the direct result of the *Protective “Love” Covenant* that *Yahweh* has for *“His Chosen People”*.

This *Judgement* and *Protective Love* will be applied to all the *Blood Relatives* of the Hebrew people. It must be remembered Just being related to the Hebrew people by *blood lines* will not protect you from your *Neglect* or *Hateful* treatment of the Hebrew people.

This *Truth* also applies to all who call themselves *“Christians”* they must always remember that they are by their *“Faith”* in *Jesus Christ*, *“Required”* to be their *Jewish* brothers and sisters *Supporters* and *Protectors*.

The *Edomites* who are the decedents of *Esau* the oldest son of *Isaac* had a history of *Jealously Hating* the Jews who are the decedents of *Esau’s* brother *Jacob*.

This longstanding *Hateful* relationship was the result of past *broken family connections* and the

*“Loss” of Esau’s inherited “oldest son” Blessings from Esau’s father Isaac and the associated Blessings from Yahweh.*

*Genesis 27:32–36 (NLT)*

*Who Are You!*

<sup>32</sup> *But Isaac asked him, “Who are you?”*

*Esau replied, “It’s your son, your firstborn son, Esau.”*

<sup>33</sup> *Isaac began to tremble uncontrollably and said, “Then who just served me wild game? I have already eaten it, and I blessed him just before you came. And yes, that blessing must stand!”*

<sup>34</sup> *When Esau heard his father’s words, he let out a loud and bitter cry. “Oh my father, what about me? Bless me, too!” he begged.*

<sup>35</sup> *But Isaac said, “Your brother was here, and he tricked me. He has taken away your blessing.”*

<sup>36</sup> *Esau exclaimed, “No wonder his name is Jacob, for now he has cheated me twice. First he took my rights as the firstborn, and now he has stolen my blessing. Oh, haven’t you saved even one blessing for me?”*

*Genesis 27:41 (NLT)*

*Jacob Flees to Paddan-Aram*

<sup>41</sup> *From that time on, Esau hated Jacob because their father had given Jacob the blessing. And Esau began to scheme: “I will soon be mourning my father’s death. Then I will kill my brother, Jacob.”*

*Obadiah 1:10–14 (NLT)*

*Reasons for Edom’s Punishment*

<sup>10</sup> *“Because of the violence you did  
to your close relatives in Israel,  
you will be filled with shame  
and destroyed forever.*

<sup>11</sup> *When they were invaded,  
you stood aloof, refusing to help them.  
Foreign invaders carried off their wealth  
and cast lots to divide up Jerusalem,  
but you acted like one of Israel’s enemies.*

<sup>12</sup> *“You should not have gloated  
when they exiled your relatives to distant lands.  
You should not have rejoiced  
when the people of Judah suffered such misfortune.  
You should not have spoken arrogantly*

*in that terrible time of trouble.*

<sup>13</sup> *You should not have plundered the land of Israel when they were suffering such calamity.*

*You should not have gloated over their destruction when they were suffering such calamity.*

*You should not have seized their wealth when they were suffering such calamity.*

<sup>14</sup> *You should not have stood at the crossroads, killing those who tried to escape.*

*You should not have captured the survivors and handed them over in their terrible time of trouble.*

#### Comments on Obadiah 1:10-14:

This type of “Blood Feud” over Birthright and Inheritance were common in the *Old Testament* history of the *Hebrew people* and their *Pagan neighbors*.

The *Teachings and Wisdom of the New Testament of the Holy Bible “Corrected” and Replaced* this old and outdated way of looking at birthright and inheritance.

*The Gospel of Jesus Christ* makes it “Christal Clear” that “All” our Inheritance and Wealth is found only in the gift of “Grace” (the unearned and totally unmerited forgiveness of all sin) provided by the “Redemptive” Sinless Blood of our Lord, and Savior --- *Jesus Christ!*

The *Truth* about this “Loss” of birthright blessing and inheritance by *Esau* to his younger brother *Jacob* can be found in *The Holy Bible Books of Genesis and Hebrews*.

#### *Genesis 25:29–34 (NLT)*

##### *Esau Sells His Birthright!*

<sup>29</sup> *One day when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau arrived home from the wilderness exhausted and hungry.* <sup>30</sup> *Esau said to Jacob, “I’m starved! Give me some of that red stew!” (This is how Esau got his other name, Edom, which means “red.”)*

<sup>31</sup> *“All right,” Jacob replied, “but trade me your rights as the firstborn son.”*

<sup>32</sup> *“Look, I’m dying of starvation!” said Esau. “What good is my birthright to me now?”*

<sup>33</sup> *But Jacob said, “First you must swear that your birthright is mine.” So Esau swore an oath, thereby selling all his rights as the firstborn to his brother, Jacob.*

<sup>34</sup> *Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and lentil stew. Esau ate the meal, then got up and left. He showed contempt for his rights as the firstborn.*

#### *Hebrews 12:16–17 (NLT)*

##### *He Traded His Birthright!*

<sup>16</sup> *Make sure that no one is immoral or godless like Esau, who traded his birthright as the firstborn son for a single meal.* <sup>17</sup> *You know that afterward, when he wanted his father’s blessing, he was rejected. It was too late for repentance, even though he begged with bitter tears.*

This "Truth" found in *Hebrews 12:16-17* should make all men and women *Stop* and *Think*, what are we willing to *trade* for our --- "Birthright"?

This *sinful Lost World* will offer us "Anything" so that we will be tempted to "Sell" our souls to *Satan*. The *Sad End* of this "Foolish" deal with *Satan* might be that your life will be taken, and you will never be given the opportunity to --- *Repent!*

Are you with no *real idea* of when you might die be willing to take a very big *Chance* and *Gamble* on your --- "Eternal Fate"?

The *sinful* people of *Edom* who are *Blood Relatives* of the Hebrew people will soon feel the same *Pain* and *Terror* that has come to the *Jews* from the *Pagan armies* who have attacked the Hebrews with the help of *Edom*.

Even if the *Edomites* try to hide in the depth of their rock shelters and caves they will be *overtaken* and become "an object of Horror"!

The *Edomites* will lose all the *worldly wealth* they have *stolen* from the *Jews*, the *Edomites* will never again be known for their *Wisdom* or *Wealth*.

The people of *Edom* will *fade away* like the *morning fog* when they are subjected to the "Flaming Anger" of *Yahweh!*

The land of *Edom* that once was *Proud* and *Prosperous* will be a *wasteland* inhabited with only the wild creatures of --- "The Land of Nothing"!

*Psalm 79:10 (NLT)*

*Where is Their God!*

<sup>10</sup> *Why should pagan nations be allowed to scoff, asking, "Where is their God?"*

*Show us your vengeance against the nations, for they have spilled the blood of your servants.*

The best description of the *Judgement of Edom* is found in "The Book of *Jeremiah 49:7-22*", this *Judgement* will be the "Fate" of all who attack or turn their backs on *Father God's Chosen People* --- *The Jews!*

*Jeremiah 49:7-22 (NLT)*

*Messages about Edom*

<sup>7</sup> *This message was given concerning Edom. This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says:*

*"Is there no wisdom in Teman?  
Is no one left to give wise counsel?"*

<sup>8</sup> *Turn and flee!  
Hide in deep caves, you people of Dedan!*

*For when I bring disaster on Edom,  
I will punish you, too!*

<sup>9</sup> *Those who harvest grapes*

*always leave a few for the poor.  
If thieves came at night,  
they would not take everything.*

*<sup>10</sup> But I will strip bare the land of Edom,  
and there will be no place left to hide.  
Its children, its brothers, and its neighbors  
will all be destroyed,  
and Edom itself will be no more.*

*<sup>11</sup> But I will protect the orphans who remain among you.  
Your widows, too, can depend on me for help."*

*<sup>12</sup> And this is what the LORD says: "If the innocent must suffer, how much more must you!  
You will not go unpunished! You must drink this cup of judgment! <sup>13</sup> For I have sworn by my own  
name," says the LORD, "that Bozrah will become an object of horror and a heap of ruins; it will be  
mocked and cursed. All its towns and villages will be desolate forever."*

*<sup>14</sup> I have heard a message from the LORD  
that an ambassador was sent to the nations to say,  
"Form a coalition against Edom,  
and prepare for battle!"*

*<sup>15</sup> The LORD says to Edom,  
"I will cut you down to size among the nations.  
You will be despised by all.*

*<sup>16</sup> You have been deceived  
by the fear you inspire in others  
and by your own pride.*

*You live in a rock fortress  
and control the mountain heights.  
But even if you make your nest among the peaks with the eagles,  
I will bring you crashing down,"  
says the LORD.*

*<sup>17</sup> "Edom will be an object of horror.  
All who pass by will be appalled  
and will gasp at the destruction they see there.*

*<sup>18</sup> It will be like the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah  
and their neighboring towns," says the LORD.*

*"No one will live there;  
no one will inhabit it.*

*<sup>19</sup> I will come like a lion from the thickets of the Jordan,  
leaping on the sheep in the pasture.*

*I will chase Edom from its land,  
and I will appoint the leader of my choice.  
For who is like me, and who can challenge me?*

*What ruler can oppose my will?"*

<sup>20</sup> *Listen to the LORD's plans against Edom  
and the people of Teman.*

*Even the little children will be dragged off like sheep,  
and their homes will be destroyed.*

<sup>21</sup> *The earth will shake with the noise of Edom's fall,  
and its cry of despair will be heard all the way to the Red Sea.*

<sup>22</sup> *Look! The enemy swoops down like an eagle,  
spreading his wings over Bozrah.*

*Even the mightiest warriors will be in anguish  
like a woman in labor.*

*Obadiah 1:15–21 (NLT)*

*Edom Destroyed, Israel Restored*

<sup>15</sup> *"The day is near when I, the LORD,  
will judge all 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.*

<sup>16</sup> *Just as you swallowed up my people  
on my holy mountain,  
so you and the surrounding nations  
will swallow the punishment I pour out on you.*

*Yes, all you nations will drink and stagger  
and disappear from history.*

<sup>17</sup> *"But Jerusalem will become a refuge for those who escape;  
it will be a holy place.*

*And the people of Israel will come back  
to reclaim their inheritance.*

<sup>18</sup> *The people of Israel will be a raging fire,  
and Edom a field of dry stubble.*

*The descendants of Joseph will be a flame  
roaring across the field, devouring everything.*

*There will be no survivors in Edom.  
I, the LORD, have spoken!*

<sup>19</sup> *"Then my people living in the Negev  
will occupy the mountains of Edom.*

*Those living in the foothills of Judah  
will possess the Philistine plains  
and take over the fields of Ephraim and Samaria.*

*And the people of Benjamin*



*will occupy the land of Gilead.*

<sup>20</sup> *The exiles of Israel will return to their land  
and occupy the Phoenician coast as far north as Zarephath.*

*The captives from Jerusalem exiled in the north  
will return home and resettle the towns of the Negev.*

<sup>21</sup> *Those who have been rescued will go up to Mount Zion in Jerusalem  
to rule over the mountains of Edom.  
And the LORD himself will be king!"*

#### Comments on *Obadiah 1:15-21*:

This last section of the prophesy and testimony of *Obadiah* is a look forward in time to the coming *Judgement* and *Destruction* of *Edom*. This section also contains prophesy where *Obadiah* foretells the *Last Days* of the "Remnant" of the Hebrew people and *Unrepentant* mankind on this earth.

The *evil deeds* of *Edom* will cost them all that they once thought was of value and would remain *safe*, foolishly thinking this stolen *Worldly Wealth* would never be taken away from them.

The *Edomites* and the other *Pagan* countries that have *Attacked* and *Plundered* *Juda* and *Israel* will all be forced to drink from the *bitter cup* of *Yahweh's "Righteous Judgement"* until they "Fall" dead where they are *Swallowed* by the earth never to be remembered.

#### *Jeremiah 25:15 (NLT)*

*The Cup of the LORD's Anger!*

<sup>15</sup> *This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, said to me: "Take from my hand this cup filled to the brim with my anger, and make all the nations to whom I send you drink from it.*

#### *Psalms 137:7 (NLT)*

*The Lord Remembered!*

<sup>7</sup> *O LORD, remember what the Edomites did  
on the day the armies of Babylon captured Jerusalem.  
"Destroy it!" they yelled.  
"Level it to the ground!"*

This *Backstabbing* betrayal of the Hebrew people by their *Blood Brothers* the *Edomites* at the time when the *Babylonians* plundered the Jews "Sealed" the *Fate* of the people of *Edom*.

The future of *Jerusalem* and the *Hebrew people* is found in the "Redemptive" *Covenant Promise* of *Yahweh*.

*Jerusalem* will be the place of "Return" and "Refuge" for the *Surviving "Remnant"* of the Jews who have "Accepted" *Jesus Christ* as *LORD*, and *Savior!*

The *Redeemed* Hebrew people will reclaim their land and inheritance because their names have been recorded in --- "The Lamb's Book of Life"!

The first modern day part of this *Reclamation* prophesy and *Redemptive Covenant* has occurred in the year 1948 A.D.

It is a *True Miracle* that the *Hebrew exiles* have *Returned* to their *Homeland* where the flag with "*The Star of David*" is flying over "*The Promised Land*" --- The Nation of Israel.

The *Eternal Power* and *Protection* of *Yahweh* will cause all the enemies of Israel to "*Fail*" on the swords of their *evil plans* every time they attack *Father God's* --- *Chosen People!*

*Psalm 18:1–3 (NLT)*

*You Are My Rock!*

<sup>1</sup> *I love you, LORD;*

*you are my strength.*

<sup>2</sup> *The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my savior;  
my God is my rock, in whom I find protection.*

*He is my shield, the power that saves me,  
and my place of safety.*

<sup>3</sup> *I called on the LORD, who is worthy of praise,  
and he saved me from my enemies.*

At the end of "*The Great Tribulation*", *The LORD, Jesus Christ* will "*Rule*" as *KING* for *One Thousand Years* as the one and only *King* over all the earth.

This "*One Thousand Years*" will be the time of *Final Learning* and *Testing* it will be the *completion* of "*Time*" for all mankind, the *Preparation* for an "*Eternal Life*" in "*The New Jerusalem*" --- *Heaven!*

*Revelation 21:22–27 (NLT)*

*The New Jerusalem!*

<sup>22</sup> *I saw no temple in the city, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk in its light, and the kings of the world will enter the city in all their glory. <sup>25</sup> Its gates will never be closed at the end of day because there is no night there. <sup>26</sup> And all the nations will bring their glory and honor into the city. <sup>27</sup> Nothing evil will be allowed to enter, nor anyone who practices shameful idolatry and dishonesty—but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.*