OBADIAH 02

Edom's Curse

1. Obadiah 1-2

- a. "vision" God spoke to men in visions in the past Heb 1:1
- b. "ambassador" sent to the heathen to rise against Edom
- c. "rise up against her" God is not bloodthirsty Lam 3:33, Eze 18:20-23, 33:11
- d. God's judgment is according to truth and mercy Rom 2:2-4, Psa 25:7-10
- e. There will be a judgment of nations in recompense Matt 25:31-41, Jer 25:14-29
- f. "greatly despised" There are two kinds of people in power Prov 29:2
- g. God is sparking a revolution against an unrighteous rule: this is true justice

2. Obadiah 3-4

- a. Pride was the first sin, it goes before a fall Prov 16:18
- b. "clefts of the rock" their location in the mountains for protection
- c. "habitation is high" reminds us of Eph 6:12, but these were earthly powers
- d. "Who shall bring me down?" God can, and will destroy Edom
- e. "exalt as the eagle" which is up in the heavens Prov 30:19, Job 9:26, 39:27
- f. "thy nest among the stars" speak of the Devil \rightarrow Isa 14:12-15

3. Obadiah 5-7

- a. Thieves and grapegathers would leave some, but not Edom, and not God.
- b. The curse of God against Edom Jer 49:7-13
- c. Jeremiah repeats Obadiah in Jer 49:14-22
- d. "thy confederacy" which formed in order to destroy the smaller nations
- e. There was a confederacy to destroy Israel listed in Psa 83:1-12
- f. Edom did not give mercy to Israel, but promoted its destruction Psa 137:7

4. Obadiah 8-9

- a. "in that day" What day? The day of vengeance Isa 61:2
- b. Jesus came to preach the day of salvation Luke 4:18-19 (Isa 61:1-2)
- c. The day the heavens are rolled up and he judges the nations Isa 34:1-4, Rev 6:14
- d. God returns in judgment through Bozrah in Edom Isa 34:5-8
- e. There is a reason God judges, and it is because of man's idolatry Isa 2:7-11
- f. The high places of Edom will be brought low Isa 2:12-22