

Through the Bible Course

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**Obadiah**

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Key Word: Edom

Key Verse: 1:6

Obadiah: Means “worshipper” or “servant of God”

Something of Relationship of Edomites and Hebrews

1. Enmity between Esau and Jacob – Genesis 25-27
2. Edomites were descendants of Esau – Genesis 36:1
3. Edomites refused to allow Israel to pass through their land – Numbers 20:14-21
4. Other prophecies about defeat of Edomites – Jeremiah 49:7-22, Ezekiel 25:12-14, Psalm 137:7
5. At one time Edom was under the dominion of Judah but revolted as told in 2 Kings 8:20,21 and 2 Chronicles 21:8-10.
6. There was continual enmity between Edomites, the descendants of Esau and the Hebrews, the descendants of Jacob.

Time: No one knows exactly when but it is variously estimated from 970 BC to 301 BC.

Obadiah foretells the destruction of Petra, the capital of Edom which they thought was impregnable. They are destroyed because of their enmity to Israelites. Obadiah is the shortest book in the Old Testament.

- I. Verses 1 through 9 – Edom’s punishment
  1. Verses 1-4 – She must fall
  2. Verses 5-7 – Her allies will desert her
  3. Verses 8-9 – Her wisdom will fail her
- II. Verses 10 through 14 – Edom’s sin of enmity toward Hebrews
- III. Verses 15 and 16 – Guilt of nations
- IV. Verses 17 through 21 – Judah shall be restored but Edom completely destroyed

Some suggestions of good books to be used in such a study as we have been having during this winter and spring:

Halley – *Pocket Bible Handbook*

J.B. Tidwell – *The Bible Book by Book*

G. Campbell Morgan – *Living Messages of the Books of the Bible*

Moorehead – *Outline Studies in the Books of the Old Testament*  
Wm. R. Dobyns – *The Book in the Light of Its Books*  
Geo. L. Robinson – *The Twelve Minor Prophets*  
H.A. Ironsides – *Notes On the Minor Prophets*