

THE ONE AND ONLY

Obadiah 1-9

Opposition to the Kingdom of God and His people is futile and never ends well.

Opposition to God's Kingdom and His people will bring:

- God's wrath. v. 1-2
- Humiliation. vv. 3-4
- Destruction and vengeance by God. vv. 5-7
- Defeat to the wise and the strong. vv. 8-9

further up, further in

1. Discuss whether Obadiah has one chapter or no chapters. Take a vote and then quickly move on to a more meaningful discussion.
2. Read Obadiah 1-9. Who is Edom? Where does this nation come from? How is that significant with regard to God's plan for Israel? Gen.25:22-23, 26:4, 27:39-40, Ez. 35:5-6,15
3. Discuss Edom's opposition to Israel. What historical event likely prompted this prophetic book? 2 Kings 25:1, Ps. 137:7
4. Opposition to God never ends well. God's wrath will be clearly shown to those that oppose him. Discuss how this is not a popular message today. Ob. 2, Rom. 1:18, 2:5; John 3:36
5. Read verses 3-4. Obadiah is condemning Edom for its pride. How is this common to all mankind? Does this help you reflect on your own pride? How does our pride oppose God? Prov. 16:5,18; James 4:6; 1 Cor. 13:4
6. Edom will fall to Babylon just like Israel did. Edom allied with a nation that would later destroy them. vv. 5-7 How do we ally ourselves with people or things that will prove to be destructive? How is our familiarity with the world destructive? Mal. 1:2-3, Rom. 9:13, Jer. 49:17-18, Lam. 4:22, John 17:14-16, Rom. 12:1-2
7. In verses 8 and 9, Obadiah talks about humbling the wise and decimating the strong. Is that any different than our current human condition where we think we are smarter than God or even stronger than him? 1 Cor. 1:18-20, 26-31, 3:18-20, Rom. 11:33-36.
8. There is hope for all who return to God. Amos 9:11-12, James 4:8.
9. Discuss other observations you have made about these verses.

"I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now. . . . Come further up, come further in!" — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle