

The Book of Obadiah

I. THE HOUSE OF EDOM--TO BE REVILED BY GOD (OBADIAH 1:1-16).

- A. Because of their thankless heart (1:1-9).
 - 1. They had become proud and arrogant because they lived in those high, inaccessible, mountainous cliffs, which surrounded their capital, the city of Petra (1:1-3).
 - 2. God prophesied every nook and cranny of Petra would be searched and robbed, and every treasure found and taken (1:4-6).
 - 3. Edom's allies would turn against them (1:7).
 - 4. Their wise men would be filled with stupidity (1:8).
 - 5. The mightiest soldier of Teman would be confused and helpless to prevent this awful slaughter (1:9).
- B. Because of their treacherous hand (1:10-16).
 - 1. They deserted their blood brother (Judah) in time of great need and stood aloof, refusing to lift even one finger to help (1:10-11).
 - 2. They actually rejoiced over Judah's agony and mocked them (1:12).
 - 3. They occupied their lands after the captivity (1:13).
 - 4. They stood at the crossroads and killed those trying to escape. Those they did not murder became prisoners of war (1:14).

II. THE HOUSE OF JACOB--TO BE REVIVED BY GOD (OBADIAH 1:17-21).

- A. In spite of their terrible persecutions and punishments, some deserved and others undeserved, Judah will someday be fully restored to Palestine (1:17).
- B. The Israelites will then control tremendous land areas never before occupied, including the land of Edom (1:18-20).
- C. Judges will rule over Edom and Petra from Jerusalem during the millennium (1:21).