



One chapter wonders - Obadiah

- Does God care? Why are they getting away with that?
- Obadiah's message is God's model test case for injustice
- Written probably sometime after the fall of Jerusalem in 587 BC
- Warnings for God's enemies & encouragement for God's people

1. God will humble the proud v3-9

- Edom's great problem was her pride v3
 - a) Pride in her security – v3-4
 - b) Pride in her allies – v7
 - c) Pride in her wisdom – v8
- A warning to countries who trust in treaties, intellect, natural strengths
- Only Jesus is our true security, true friend, true wisdom
- God consistently opposes the proud – Lev 26:19; Deut 8:2; Is 37:23;
- Obadiah's message is "Humble yourself while there is time"

2. God will persecute the persecutors v10-14

- Edom and Israel were ethnic brothers (Gen 25:25)
- Edom had stood aloof when Israel suffered v11
- Edom had delighted in the spectacle v12
- Edom had added to the hardship v13-14
- God holds accountable those who add to the problems of his people
- Applies to countries who persecute Christians, individuals who bring trouble on Christians, to Christians who trouble other Christians

3. God's Judgment is certain for his enemies v15-16

- God's judgment is relentless and unsparing
- The secure will be made vulnerable - v4
- The betrayers will be betrayed - v7
- The arguments of the clever will be shown foolish - v8
- The mighty will become weak with fear - v9
- This judgment hangs over all nations - v15
- Is 63:1-6 – The Judge of Edom is the Saviour. One way or the other we have to face this blood-stained Judge

4. God's exaltation is certain for his lowly people v17-21

- God is saying "Don't envy the wicked"
- God's people are in exile, but not forgotten
- v17-21 tells of a future homecoming. One day the land will be filled again to the full extents of promise to Abraham - Gen 12
- Partly fulfilled in 537BC, ultimately fulfilled when Christ returns
- Don't despair at injustice. The lowly will be made the rise – *"the crownless again will be king"*



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Sabbath 1st June 08

Notices

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| Sab | Evening Service in Milford - 3 John | 8pm |
| Tues | Bible Study @ _____
Topic - Sermon on Big Words/Big Ideas - Repentance | 8pm |
| Sab 8 th June | Lord's Supper at morning service - If you haven't joined with us to take part in the Lord's Supper and would like to take part please speak to Mark before next week.

There will be a lunch after the service. | |
| June 9-11 | The Synod of the church meets in Faughan | |
| June 16-30 | Mark & Judith will be away on holidays
Services will be taken by: | |

Next Sabbath - Philemon

Opening Psalm: 78:11-15

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