

## OBADIAH

The prophet Obadiah, according to tradition, lived in the Assyrian period. His name means "servant of Yahweh". In 597 BC, Nebuchadnezzar II sacked Jerusalem, carted away the King of Judah, and installed a puppet ruler. The Edomites helped the Babylonians loot the city. Obadiah prophesied around 580 BC. (ESV Study Bible) The Edomites were descendants of Esau the twin brother of Jacob.

This is what the Sovereign Lord says about Edom —

- I will make you small among the nations; you will be utterly despised. The pride of your heart has deceived you. (Ob. 1:1-2)
- In that day the Lord, will I not destroy the wise men of Edom, men of understanding in the mountains of Esau? (Ob 1:8)
- You will be cut down in the slaughter. Because of the violence against your brother Jacob, you will be covered with shame; you will be destroyed forever. (Ob 1:10)
- The house of Jacob will be a fire and the house of Joseph a flame; the house of Esau will be stubble. (Ob 1:18)
- You will be set on fire and consume it. There will be no survivors from the house of Esau. (Ob 1:18)

Key Point from Obadiah

- God's people who do not remain faithful will also suffer unless they return to Him and live righteously.
- In both the Old and New Covenants those, including His children, who do evil against God's people will suffer either in this physical world or eternally in the spiritual life or both.