

Obadiah – Servant of the LORD
Sunday Evening – 11 November 2018
Sermon Outline

Introduction

Minor Prophets – “The Twelve”

- God’s covenants and character revealed – Sovereignty / Holiness / Truthfulness / Justice / Judgment / Mercy / Faithfulness / Salvation

Obadiah means _____ of the LORD

History of Conflict between Edom and Israel

- Esau (known as _____); and Jacob (known as _____)
- After the _____ - the Edomites would not let the Israelites pass through their territory (Numbers 20 and Judges 11)
- The Edomites conquest was prophesied by Balaam (Numbers 24:18)
- King _____ battled Edom (1 Samuel 14)
- King _____ conquered Edom (2 Samuel 8)
- During the reign of Jehoshaphat (9th century bc) – Edom, in alliance with the _____ and Ammonites, raided Judah (2 Chronicles 20)
- Edom raided Judah when Ahaz was king (2 Chronicles 28:17), taking prisoners of war and permanently freeing itself from Judah
- Edom was defeated by Assyria and later dominated by Babylon (Jeremiah 27)

Edom’s Geography

- South and East of The _____ River and the Dead Sea
- Rocky crags – elevation reaching _____ feet
- Major Trade and Traffic Route – The _____ Highway
- Great Natural Defenses

1. The Judgment of the LORD

The primary reason for the LORD’s judgment of Edom was the sin of _____

Edom was proud of her _____

- She thought she was invincible – unconquerable – secure

Edom was proud of her _____

- Her allies turned out to be her _____

Edom was proud of her _____

2. The Justice of the LORD

What is the reason for these judgments? What is the just reason for these judgments?

- Lack of _____ = failure to obey the law

Sins of _____ (failing to do what we know is right)

- Edom stood aloof and did not lift a finger to help her own _____

Sins of _____ (actively doing evil)

- List of 8 'do not's' – actually part of the charges against Edom

Principle in Prophets / Scripture – JUSTICE – *Lex Talionis* (an eye for an eye)

- The punishment fits the _____
- Matter of strict _____
- God does not allow evil to go _____
- They get what they deserve
 - o Proud are _____

3. The Day of the LORD

“Telescoping nature of Prophecy” – near horizon / far horizon fulfillment

- Partial and full . . . type and fulfillment

Near Horizon =

Far Horizon =

The Day of the LORD

- Salvation and _____

The Servant of the LORD = _____

- Judgment and Salvation

Questions for Family Worship / Follow-Up ~

Why is pride a sin? What is the big deal?

How have we been faithful in showing love to our 'brothers and sisters' in the LORD?

How do we fail to show love to our 'brothers and sisters' in the LORD?

What does Obadiah have to say to you, to the church, and to the nations of the world?

What is the good news / bad news about The Day of the LORD?