

The 12: Obadiah
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Reflection & Discussion Questions

Obadiah predicts judgement over the neighbor of Israel because of their pride

Read and discuss Obadiah 1:10-15

¹⁰ Because of the violence against your brother Jacob,

you will be covered with shame;
you will be destroyed forever.

¹¹ On the day you stood aloof while strangers carried off his wealth and foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem, you were like one of them.

¹² You should not gloat over your brother in the day of his misfortune, nor rejoice over the people of Judah in the day of their destruction, nor boast so much in the day of their trouble.

¹³ You should not march through the gates of my people

in the day of their disaster,
nor gloat over them in their calamity in the day of their disaster,
nor seize their wealth in the day of their disaster.

¹⁴ You should not wait at the crossroads to cut down their fugitives, nor hand over their survivors in the day of their trouble.

¹⁵ "The day of the LORD is near for all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head.

*What do these verses say about the Edomites? About God?

*What can happen when we try to apply the prophet's words to our context specifically?

*What is so dangerous about pride in our perspectives?

In our hearts we shouldn't elevate ourselves over our 'weird cousins'

We give up the right to root against people we disagree with or don't like.

Read and discuss Obadiah 1:1-3(NIV)

¹ The vision of Obadiah. This is what the Sovereign LORD says about Edom—We have heard a message from the LORD:

An envoy was sent to the nations to say,
"Rise, let us go against her for battle"—

² "See, I will make you small among the nations;
you will be utterly despised.

³ The pride of your heart has deceived you,
you who live in the clefts of the rocks
and make your home on the heights,
you who say to yourself,

'Who can bring me down to the ground?'

*Who are our spiritual cousins? How has the church of today or you indulged pride in our hearts toward them?

*What sorts of things help us to focus on God's Kingdom, rather than our place in it?

*How practically can we keep priority on the shared connection to the promises of God rather than on our disagreements?

Visual reflection (Visio Divina)

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Song for reflection

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