

# One Chapter Books of the Bible (1)

## OBADIAH

### Introduction

- 1) Five books of the Bible have only one chapter – *Obadiah, Philemon, 2 & 3 John, Jude*
- 2) **Obadiah** is the only book in the Old Testament with one chapter (21 verses)
  - a) Quality or need of an inspired divine message not determined by the length of document
- 3) Nothing is nothing about this prophet, but his message still needs to be heard today

### I) **Main Theme: JUDGMENT**

- A) God is angered by sin and its terrible effects on society and individuals
- B) God's judgment is both comforting and terrifying
  - 1) Comforting in that God will bring all sinners to account (Jude 14-15)
  - 2) Terrifying in that all have sinned before God (Rom. 3:23)
- C) Concerning EDOM (descendants of Esau, brother of Jacob, Gen. 36:1)
  - 1) Nations called to rise up against Edom (v. 1)

### II) **THE JUDGMENT AGAINST EDOM (1)**

- A) *What does God judge?* Sin of PRIDE (vv. 2-4)
  - 1) Self-deception (v. 3a)
  - 2) False sense of security in earthly things (v. 3b; cf. Rev. 3:17; Jas. 4:13-16)
    - a) Living without regard for God and our dependence upon Him
- B) *Nature of God's judgment*
  - 1) Complete (vv. 5-6)
  - 2) Inescapable (vv. 7-9)
    - a) Many foolishly dismiss the judgment of God – “I like to think of God as a God who doesn't judge,” “My God doesn't judge,” “I'm basically a good person,” etc.

### III) **THE JUDGMENT AGAINST EDOM (2)**

- A) *What does God judge?* INDIFFERENCE and CRUELITY against brethren (vv. 10-14)
  - 1) “You should not have...” – we too must be careful not to act in ways we “should not” (gloat/rejoice over misfortune, take advantage of, hurt, destroy – Rom. 12:15-16; Gal. 6:1)
- B) *Who will God judge?* All nations, not just Edom (vv. 15-16)

### IV) **DELIVERANCE IN ZION**

- A) Deliverance is made available on Mount Zion (vv. 17, 21 Messianic age)
  - 1) The mountain of the Lord's house would be established (Isa. 2:2-4), and it was!
  - 2) The kingdom of God is here today – Christ is king now (Heb. 12:22-24)
- B) God's judgment will make a clear distinction between good and evil and their destiny (v. 18)
  - 1) Edom would be possessed and Israel would possess its land again (vv. 19-20)
- C) After all is said and done, “the kingdom shall be the Lord's” (v. 21)
  - 1) We must seek first the kingdom of God (Matt. 6:33) and come to Mount Zion (the church/kingdom of Christ) where our deliverance can be found

### Conclusion

God's judgment was real and true for Edom, and will be so again for all in the last day (2 Cor. 5:10). Let us seek deliverance in Christ who will save us from the wrath of God (Rom. 1:18; 5:9).