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OBADIAH 1-9

Its Meaning

1. We'd like a verse by verse study to learn better this shortest prophesy of OT.

A. Verse 1 (A).

1. Vision.

a) Saw things hidden from others.

2. Obadiah

a) Worshipper.

b) Pious.

c) When we worship we do not come away empty.

d) Close to remain partially hidden.

3. Thus saith the Lord God.

a) Says speaks through him.

b) Ascribes it unto God.

c) Claims inspiration.

4. Edom

a) Bitter enemy of Israel.

Amos 1:11 "For three transgressions of Edom, & for four"

b) 20 x 100 miles in size.

c) Esau = Red.

5. V-1 (B)

a) Heard a rumor.

(1) Report

(2) Tidings

(3) True if from God

b) Ambassador

(1) Messenger

(2) Told this truth.

- c) Send among Heathen - Arise - do Battle.
 (1) Wickedness reaches a head.
 (2) Time of liberty over.

II. V-2

A. Made Thee Small

1. Sounds like Jer. 49:7.
2. Many proud folks do not know their own condition.
3. Will later assign reasons.

B. Thou art greatly despised.

1. Once a powerful nation.
2. Will be reduced to nothingness.

III. V-3

A. Pride of heart deceived.

1. Note progression:
 - a) Pride
 - b) Envy
 - c) Hard-heartedness
 - d) Bloodshed
2. Heart has its own language, deeper than lips (Pusey)
3. Pride brings self-deception.

B. Dwells in Clefts of Rock

1. Safe
2. Cool
3. Must remember man is only man - not God - he can't be secure.
4. Self-confidence.
5. They rely on physical & intellectual strength.

6. On what do we rely?

7. They felt they were in an impregnable position.

8. Neither position nor wit will prevail.

C. Habitation on high - who shall bring me down?

IV. V-4

A. Exalt self like Eagle.

B. Nest among the stars.

C. I will Bring thee down, saith the Lord.

1. Compared self with eagles.

2. God casts down strongholds.

2 Cor. 10:4-5

V. V-5

A. Thieves & Grapegatherers.

1. Thieves = ordinary, pilfer secretly.

2. Robbers - violently.

3. All leave a little.

4. Shortness of time, difficulty of transport, retreat of escape all limit what thieves could take.

B. Lesson is you are going to be mopped up!

1. Destruction must come.

2. It will be complete.

3. Completely overthrown.

4. Cleaned out!

VI. V-6

A. All uncovered.

B. Hidden brought to light.

1 Cor. 4:5 "Therefore judge nothing before the time"

VII. V-7

- A. Friends betray.
- B. Men of thy confederacy.
- C. Men at peace with them.
- D. They that eat thy bread wound.
- E. No understanding.
 1. Bread - close friends.
 2. Wound = snare.
 3. Return friendship with treachery.
 4. Will not have prudent counsel.
 5. Distruction is more better when friends do it.
 6. On bread.

Ps. 41:9 "Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trust

7. Wisdom cut off - Eliphaz of Job a Temanite.

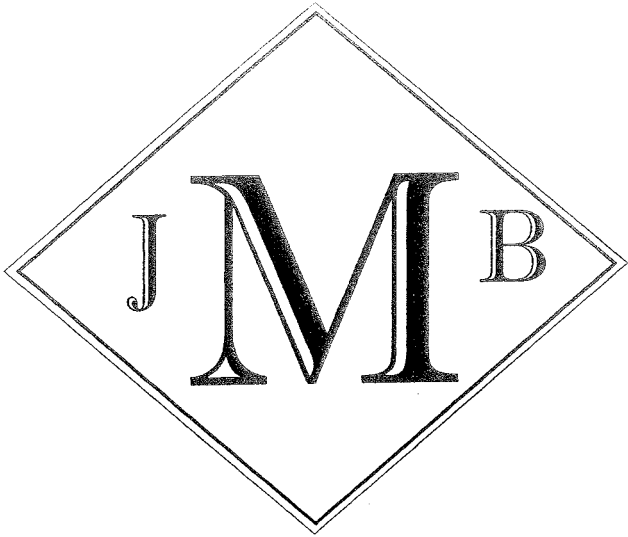
Job 4:1 "Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered & said",

VII. V-8 & 9

- A. Wise & understanding gone - thus counsel voided.
- B. Teman
 1. Southern district of Idumea.
 2. Form no leagues with God's enemies.
 3. One thoughtless act or faulty advice can ruin a whole matter.
 4. Repentance will save.

Isa. 55:7 "Let the wicked forsake his way"

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OBADIAH 10-21

- I. We shall see the last half of the short book and see the real reason behind the criticism of Edom.

II.V-10

A. Violence against thy brother Jacob.

1. Not called Israel.
2. Called Jacob to emphasize the twin relationship.

Mal. 1:2 (Read)

Deut. 23:7-8 (Read)

Gen. 25:22-26 - Two nations in womb

3. Pity for Esau.

Heb. 12:16-17 (Read)

4. Remember he refused Moses.

Nu. 20:14-21 (let us pass 17-18)

2 Sam. 8:14 - David put garrison in Edom.

Amos 1:11 (Read)

(Shows the oppression continued)

B. Shame cover thee.

1. See the evil sin works.
2. Cruelty not just cruelty but it was against close kin - like child abuse.

Prov. 18:19-A brother offended harder to be won

III. V-11

A. In that day.

1. Time of this verse uncertain.
2. Repeated several times.
3. Specifies the certain things they did

B. Stood on the other side.

1. We will have a lot to answer for if idle when neighbor afflicted (Henry).
2. Gave no help.

3. Aloof - like priest who passed on the other side.
4. We'll see succession of pointed sentences.
5. How many have betrayed their privileges?
6. Are we guilty of lack of sympathy?
Not one member came to Tommy Prince's funeral.

C. Strangers carried away captive, foreigners entered gates, cast lots on Jerusalem.

1. Didn't help conqueror but did plunder
2. He who would keep clear from the worst must stop at the beginning.

Ezek. 35:15 (Read)

D. "Was as one of them"

1. Do we lack consistency?
2. Do we behave like an enemy?
3. Are we careful about companionship?

Ps. 1:1 "Blessed is the man"

IV. V-12

A. Shouldest not have looked.

1. Better translation "Do not look"
2. He'll introduce many "parts": eyes, emotions, tongue, feet, deeds.
3. Mistreated brother.
4. We cannot look for pleasure when we need to go to relieve afflicted bro.

B. Neither rejoiced over Judah in day of destruction.

1. Describes what he sees as thought it were past.

2. God's foreknowledge does not violate free agency.

C. Nor spoken proudly in day of distress.

1. Made great the mouth.

2. Shouted "Rase it".

Ps. 137:7 Edom - Rase it, rase it to fd.

3. Progression: Look - word - act.

4. Prov. 17 - brother born for adversity not abuse.

V. V-13

A. Not enter gate, day of calamity.

1. 3X day of calamity.

2. Calamity = load of trouble.

3. Man of common origin & liability.

4. Participated in work of enemies.

B. Looked on their affliction.

1. Rejoiced over their misfortune.

C. Nor laid hands on their substance.

VI. V-14

A. Do not stand in crossway.

1. Gave no help earlier & now cut off escape of refuges.

2. Crossway = that torn or divided.

3. Interrupted retreat & imprisoned them.

B. Do we take advantage of others' weaknesses?

VII. V-15

A. Day of the Lord.

1. Time of culmination.

2. All time must be reviewed in light of God.

B. Near on all heathen.

1. What applies to Edom does to all nations.

C. As thou hast done, it shall be done to thee -Reward returns.

1. God's sentences not completed in one lifetime.
2. Adam 930 years to die.
3. Do you marvel at the "slowness"?
4. One great rule of righteous judgement
5. Sowing & reaping always corresponds.

Rev. 18:6 (Read)

Prov. 26:27 "Who diggeth a pit shall fall"

Ps. 9:15 Heathen sunk in pit they made.

6. Enemies of Daniel eaten by their lions.
7. Eliphaz "they who plow iniquity and sow wickedness, reap the same".

VIII. V-16

A. Drunk upon my holy mt.

1. Revelry usually followed victory.
2. Drink continually wine of God's wrath.

Rev. 14:10 "Drink the wine of God's wrath"

3. God uses one cup of one nation in turn to give it to another one.

Joel 3:3 (Read) Girl sold for wine.

4. Nations drink not wine but wrath of God.

B. Be as tho they had not been.

1. Arabians preserved 3 Jewish - Arab tribes but not Edom.
2. Nothing remains - blotted out.
3. Not a trace left.

IX. V-17

A. Zion & Deliverance Go Together.

1. Trouble of Zion temporary - the other continually troubled.
2. Rightful owners restored.
3. Zion happy in affliction.
4. Judgement of the world is the restoration of the church.

B. Holiness essential.

1. Not just doing the right thing but real conformity of heart & life to revealed will of God.

Isa. 41:14-15 (Read) Worm - Mt.

2. Those who inhabit Zion are holy.
3. Holiness the title deed.

C. House of Jacob possesses.

1. Zion has another day.
2. It's the one safe place.
3. Holiness is tied with restoration also security & plenty.
4. One lists: safety, sanctity, sufficiency.
5. Being holy is a progressive work.

X. V-18

A. House a fire

1. They met:
 Hatred vs goodwill.
 Resistance vs assistance.
 Antipathy vs sympathy.
 Edom vs Love.

Heb. 4:15 "For we have not a H.P."

2. Song "Christ is Mine".
3. Fire burns stubble of error & wickedness.

B. Lord decreed these things he saw.

XI. V-19,20

A. Now we move to the enlargement of Israel - she's rewarded.

B. All directions - enlarge everywhere.

1. South

a) Negeb

b) Dry country.

c) Jewish captives return & take cities of the South.

2. Plain of Philistines.

a) Shephelah.

b) Low lands.

3. Fields of Ephraim.

4. Gilead.

a) East of Jordan.

b) Transjordan.

5. Zarephath

a) Smelting house.

b) Place of slave labor.

6. Sepharad

a) Not located

7. Rehoboth

Gen.26:22 - made room

a) House stretches in all directions.

XII. V-21

A. Saviors

1. Their business to save themselves and those that hear.

2. We must be Christlike.

3. Peace comes.

B. Zion

1. Obadiah ends where he began - with Zion.

1 Cor. 6:2 "Saint shall judge world"

- 2. Unity theirs.
- 3. One Kingdom.

XIII Lessons

- A. Stingy rebuke of those who prefer not to become involved
- B. Rebuke of sadistic joy over thro's suffering
- C. No nation is individual
- D. Divine providence will work out a better purpose for faithful.
(Lewis)

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Obadiah - one of 13 OT men

One of 7 OT books not
mentioned in NT

Nahum, Ezra, Neh, Esther
Songs of Sol Ecc Ob.

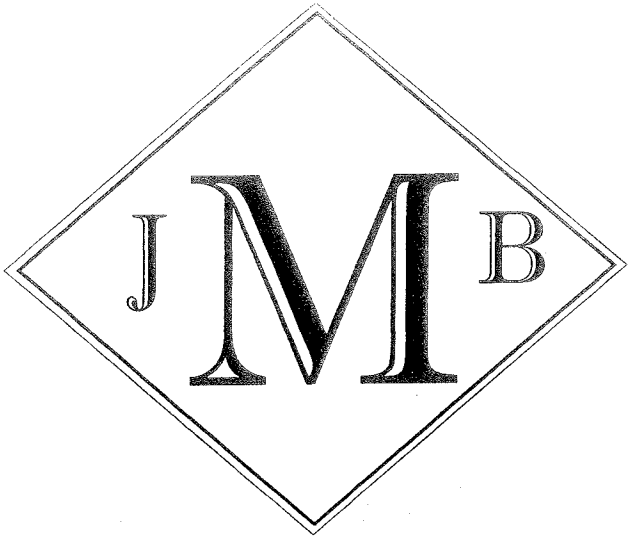
Prayer on foreign nation, not Israel

No denunciation of sin of Is.
no call to righteousness, no expression
of mercy

Written records of monuments
of Edomites all gone

Petra rose red city 1/2 as old as time
back of brotherliness

(J. Lewis)



THE KINGDOM IS THE LORD'S

Obadiah 1 - 20 - 22

- I. Don't you feel discouraged now & then - things just don't go right. *\$25,000 house & taken on free lunch*
 - A. Nixon - ~~Mandt~~ - Takoda - now France & Wilbur Mills, *DuVal Co, C Johnson, Misses C FDF, Wilmette, Ill*
 - B. Church - fringe - splits - ignorance. *B.S. - Baptisms*
 - C. Self - growth, selfish, effective, *served*
- II. It's no new feeling - it's been since Obadiah - and I don't know how long that's been! *Isaiah 13: 20*
 - A. Things I don't know as I chanced to read this shortest book of OT in Sheraton Inn, Dallas (Oak Cliff) one night. *Billon (300)*
 1. Who's the prophet? *#1 bills 20, 360 miles hi*
 2. Where born? *29.1 million miles - circle earth*
 3. When did he prophesy? *1170 X - Re-z-h moon 122X*
 4. Who were his parents? *Cunt \$10,000 min. from birth*
 5. How was his message received? *to 57 yrs.*
 6. Where'd he die?
 7. To none of these do I know the answer? Book like Jeremiah 49!
 - B. But I do know something of this rumor he heard from the Lord.
 1. Indumeans subjected by Chaldeans & then by Jews.
 2. Indumeans are totally extinct.
 3. People that self safe in clefts, were not (V. 3) - Cave & hi rock all useless (V. 4).
 4. Dismal times.
 - (a) Raiders left nothing (V. 4).
 - (b) Former firm friends turned - those who ate bread

c you joined enemy.

III. Suddenly my eyes fell on "But the Kingdom is the Lord's" - Last verse.

A. God moves in the affairs of men.

Ps. 22:28 "For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he is the

Jer. 50:23 "How is the hammer of the whole earth cut

Dan. 2:44 "And in the days of these kings shall the G

Zech. 14:9 "And the Lord shall be king over all the e

Ezek. 24:14 "I the Lord have spoken it: it shall come

1. Wicked are like stubble - burn quickly - enemies
brot down.

Mal. 4:1 "For, behold, the day cometh, that shall but

Jer. 5:14 "Wherefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts,

2. God has spoken - Scrp. cannot be broken - that
guarantees the outcome.

(a) When God triumphs, it's not rightfully ours!

(b) All we have is by His gift.

(c) By God's prowess the battle is won - we enjoy
the spoils of **victory**.

3. He demands a consequent holiness.

(a) Holiness our title deed.

(b) Purified remnants that's saved.

(c) This holiness is intended to spread. Gospel's
aggressive.

(d) W/o holiness none see the Lord.

4. God raises up saviors.

(a) He can use you for a work.

(b) He needs earthen vessels.

B. The Kingdom is the Lord's.

1. It alone has something to offer - God will
sustain it.

2. Barnes spoke of today's kingdom - fishermen, tax gatherers, tent makers - her captains; dungeons & mines her palaces; the scourge, claw, sword, fire, torture, cross, wild beasts her arms but she endures.
3. Church refuge - gates of hell not prevail.
4. Church secure inheritance - "all thine are yours".
5. Church united - Judah & Israel became one.
6. Ultimately God wins - every knee bows.
7. God reigns in us.
8. Kingdom of the world are become the K. of our Lord & of his church & he shall reign forever and ever. *Rev 11:15*

C. God needs:

- Holy men
- Aggressive men
- weeding men
- Believing men

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WHY BUDGET IS SO HARD TO CUT BACK

CHALK UP ANOTHER victim of the recession: President Ford's ambitious plans to make big dents in federal spending and deficits.

That picture emerged from new budget proposals sent to Congress by the President on November 26 and from talks with federal officials.

It's the recession that prompted Mr. Ford to abandon his attempt to limit federal spending in the year that ends June 30, 1975, to 300 billion dollars. Payments to the jobless are up 2.7 billion dollars from June estimates. What's more, with the recession deepening, the President has decided not to push for spending cuts as big as he first indicated he would.

Tax receipts. It's the recession, too, that is depressing federal tax revenues. Lagging incomes are expected to produce 1 billion dollars less in taxes this year than expected in June.

The President's latest budget calls for spending totaling 302.2 billion dollars, only 3.2 billion dollars under Mr. Ford's June budget. And tax revenues are expected to reach 293 billion dollars.

The result: a deficit of 9.2 billion dollars for the year ending June 30—far bigger than the 5 or 6-billion-dollar deficit Government officials hoped for just a few weeks ago.

Actually, the deficit may be even higher before a Democratic-controlled Congress gets through with Mr. Ford's recommendations.

The biggest proposed cuts are in veterans' benefits and in medical care, food stamps and other income-security programs. Considerable opposition to cuts in both areas is expected in Congress.

Adding to the deficit. Congress is also likely to balk at the President's request for tax changes, including the controversial income-tax surcharge. If that happens, the deficit in 1975 could hit 13.6 billion dollars. And it could go even higher if Congress comes up with some spending ideas of its own.

What are the prospects for 1976? Efforts of the Administration to hold outlays to a goal of 330 billions may fail—and expenditures could approach 340 billions or more if Congress does not approve Mr. Ford's new requests.

Thus, with recession still affecting spending and revenues in the year ahead, the likelihood for bigger and bigger deficits keeps growing.



HOW MUCH IS 300 BILLION DOLLARS?

President Ford's plans call for cutting back federal spending close to the 300-billion-dollar level in the year that started last July 1.

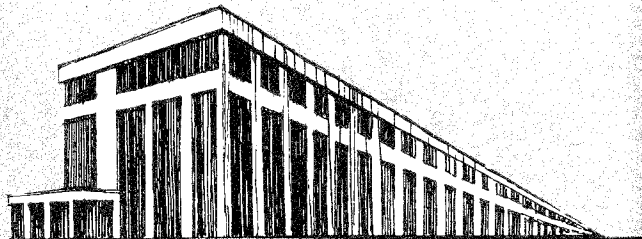
That's a sum so astronomical that the average person finds it beyond his or her comprehension. To give you some idea —

In \$1 bills stacked one on top of another, 300 billions would make a pile 20,360 miles high.

In \$1 bills laid end to end, 300 billions would stretch 29.1 million miles, enough to circle the earth 1,170 times or reach the moon 122 times.



To store that much money in \$1 bills would require a warehouse 2 miles long, 20 feet high and 57 feet wide.



If you started spending money at the rate of \$10,000 a minute from the moment you were born, you would be 57 years old before you spent 300 billion dollars.

