

# Journey Through the Bible: A Year of Our Lord

## Session 32: The Minor Prophets (Part 3)

Remember Acts 17:11

### The Twelve Minor Prophets:

Prophet	Ministry	Date of Book	Chr. Order
Hosea	Israel	c. 715 BC	3
Joel	Judah (Return)	9 <sup>th</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> Cent. BC	(?)
Amos	Israel	c. 750 BC	2
Obadiah	Judah (Edom)	c. 845BC (590 BC)	8
Jonah	Israel (Assyria)	c. 780 BC	1
Micah	Judah	c. 700 BC	4
Nahum	Judah (Assyria)	c. 650 BC	5
Habakkuk	Judah	c. 610 BC	7
Zephaniah	Judah	c. 625 BC	6
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Haggai	Return	c. 520 BC	9
Zechariah	Return	c. 518 BC	10
Malachi	Return	c. 450-420 BC	11

### The Prophet Obadiah:

“Servant of GOD”

- Rabbinic Tradition (Talmud)
  - o Prophecies Written c. 853-841BC
    - During the Invasion by the Philistines & Arabs (2 Kgs. 8:20-22; 2 Chr. 21:8-20)
    - Contemporary of Elijah
  - o Convert to Judaism from Edom
    - Descendant of Eliphaz (Job)
  - o Responsible for Hiding the Hundred Prophets from Jezebel in 2 Caves (1 Kgs. 18)
- Early Christian Tradition
  - o Prophecies Written c. 607-586BC
    - Born in Shechem (Ephraim, Israel)
    - Immigrated to Judah
    - Ministered During the Babylonian Invasion of Judah
    - Contemporary of Jeremiah
  - o Buried Around Samaria (Near Elisha)
- The Book
  - o Shortest Book in the OT (21 Verses)
  - o Prophetic Judgements Against Edom

Outline:

Context: A Calamity Has Damaged Judah & Edom is Plundering the Survivors & Enslaving the Refugees. Obadiah Reminds Edom of their Kinship with Israel (Jacob & Esau).

The Certainty of God’s Judgement Upon Edom	1:1-9
The Charges Against Edom	1:10-14
The Downfall of Edom	1:15-18
The Restitution of Israel	1:19-21

The Certainty of God’s Judgement Upon Edom (1:1-9):

- Edom is Composed of Fortress Cities Built into Mountains & Cliff-Faces
  - o Believe Themselves Unconquerable
  - o Boastful & Arrogant
  - o God’s Judgement Does Not Fail

The Charges Against Edom (1:10-14):

- Assault Judah in its time of Weakness
- Break the Bonds of Kinship
  - o What was Done to Judah will be Done to Edom

The Downfall of Edom (1:15-18):

- Downfall Attributed to Edom (& “The Nations”)
  - o Prophetic Pattern: “A Day” & “THE Day”(v. 15)
    - Edom is a Type for a Fallen Humanity
  - o The Proud will All Face God’s Judgement
  - o All Will Fall Before God into Ruin
    - Edom is a “Type” for All Nations
    - Pun: Edom (Hebrew Letters) is Spelled the Same Way as Adam (Human)

The Restitution of Israel (1:19-21):

- Jerusalem will be Delivered by God
- Israel will return to the Land
- Edom will be Destroyed
- The Descendants of Judah will Take Possession of What is Now Claimed by Edom
- Central Message: What Was Taken From God’s People will be Taken Back by God.
- “The Kingdom will be the LORD’s.” (1:21)





