

The Book of Obadiah

Chapter 1

The book of Obadiah. A short book, one chapter with 21 verses. The division is pretty easy as well:

- ✧ *Verses 1-16 have to do with the destruction of Edom or Esau's country, the red country.*
- ✧ *Verses 17-21 have to do with Israel's restoration.*

Esau's country, of course, is **ro'sh** or **russ** and finally Russia. The names Esau and Jacob will represent two different countries: Esau will represent Russia while Jacob will represent America.

Our Father told Rebekah, the mother of these two brothers, that there are two nations in her belly and that one would rule over the other, be stronger than the other:

Genesis 25:23 And the Lord said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger. KJV

When both of these brothers were in the womb together before birth, our Father made a statement that has surprised a good many people and His statement was: Jacob have I loved, Esau have I hated.

Romans 9:13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

Romans 9:14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid.

Romans 9:15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. KJV

And our Father answers one of our questions even before both of these boys were born, in verse 14, by asking if it is unrighteousness with God to make such a statement, that He hated the one and loved the other. No, to have those feelings of hatred and love for two different embryos is quite natural if you understand the first heaven/earth age and what those two souls apparently did there.

What a tragedy it is for those that do not understand the three heaven/earth ages. So much can be explained, so much doubt can be removed, and so much understanding of our Father's Word can be accomplished by knowing that the entirety of Creation goes far beyond our lives in these earthly bodies. And the Bible actually tells us about it. Not to a great extent but enough to enlarge our spiritual viewpoint.

We don't know because we aren't told, what it is that these two souls did in that age, but there is no doubt that our Father knew and understood and decided that these two souls would play a huge part in this second heaven/earth age and the culmination of all earthly bodies.

In November of 1989 Communism in Eastern Europe was defeated when the Berlin Wall was brought down, the great Iron Curtain of Germany was no longer.

In December of 1991, Michael Gorbachev resigned as the Soviet President and declared his office extinct. The Soviet Union, the USSR, was no longer and the country of Russia came into existence again.

Over the next 15-20 years Russia remained a "sleeping bear" to the world, at least for the most part. No longer a superpower like the United States, they had many internal conflicts to work on and resolve.

But, like a bear that lies in the sun with her eyes closed, her brain did not sleep and soon she would stir up and roar once in a while. Russia had never gone away; the idea of Communism had never gone away, her desire to control the world without our Father, was again in her future.

Read the newspapers today, go to the news websites and you'll see that Russia is again very active in the Middle East. Today Russia backs President Assad of Syria, they try to control the flow of natural gas and they say that they will fight against ISIS.

But some things never change....President Putin of Russia lies with every breath he breathes.

Alright, the book of Obadiah, chapter one and verse one;

Obadiah 1:1 The vision of Obadiah. Thus saith the Lord God concerning Edom; We have heard a rumour from the Lord, and an ambassador is sent among the heathen, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle.

It is written in Genesis 25 that Esau would become very strong, even a superpower but they would not live off the fat of the land as would the people that lived in the countries of Jacob. I said "countries" because America, being the only remaining superpower today, is also joined by the other Christian nations to become that superpower.

Jacob and his Christian allies.

The land of Esau would be a very hard land to live in. Cold, harsh, barren, rocky and full of snow and ice. Her southernmost parallel is even further north than our northernmost parallel. And you can see on any local TV weather show that our border with Canada to the north is pretty far up into the "cold" country.

Russia's south boundary is even further north than that. The largest land area in Russia is Siberia where very little can be grown but down to the south they grow some pretty good crops and in a good amount with what little land they have to work with.

But they will import most of their wheat and their heating oil and a lot of other necessities throughout any given year.

Obadiah 1:2 Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen: thou art greatly despised.

Not in physical size but in stature. This nation called Edomites.

Obadiah 1:3 The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?

In the movie "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" the search for the Holy Grail took them on a journey that led them through some rough rocky country. They went past high rocks and through crevasses in the rock until finally they came out to a small opening in the rocks and saw the deserted city of Petra. This nation of the Edomites and this city of Petra is what our Father is talking about here.

Obadiah 1:4 Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord.

Edom always wanted to destroy Israel and if you know anything about the Scriptures you should at least know about Esau. In the book of Genesis he showed how little he cared about his heritage that he sold his right to the blessings of his father Isaac for a simple bowl of soup because he was hungry.

He must have been aware of his right to this blessing or he wouldn't have been so angry when he discovered that it had been taken away. Stolen from him because he lost focus? Nope. It was by our Father's design that it happened that way. His brother Jacob got it.

But, as small in stature that the Edomites were, our Father was going to destroy them to the point that it would be many years before they came back...Ezekiel 25 tells us a lot about our Father's anger towards them and their imminent punishment:

Ezekiel 25:12 Thus saith the Lord God; Because that Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them; KJV

If we go into the spiritual side on this we see that haughtiness and self-pride, which is what the Edomites are exhibiting, was the downfall of that chosen cherubim and the very reason that you and I and all of us are where we are today.

If Lucifer, Satan, had just shut the hell up and not challenged our Father for the Throne of heaven; not being capable of creating the universe and all that's in it but wanting to CONTROL the universe and all that's in it, we would be in different bodies today. And if someone, magically, had mentioned flesh and blood bodies we all would have said: Whaaaaaat?

Obadiah 1:5 If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night, (how art thou cut off!) would they not have stolen till they had enough? if the grapegatherers came to thee, would they not leave some grapes?

It was part of our Father's Law that when the grape gathers came in to pick the grapes for the harvest that they left some behind so that the poor could come in after they left and gather them for themselves. But it seems, where Edom is concerned, that when the government attempts to keep our Father out of the equation entirely, out of the country entirely, that they could have left a few churches or a few bibles for the people to use when they prayed but that was not the case, they took everything.

The communist government of Russia boarded up the windows and doors of most of the churches or they used them for storage facilities for munitions and arms or farm equipment. If someone wanted to be baptized they went during the night to a lake or a small pond, broke through the ice and used that water for baptism.

Man, that's really wanting to show your love for our Father. I mean REALLY.

Obadiah 1:6 How are the things of Esau searched out! how are his hidden things sought up!

They're going to find all the hidden treasures of Esau. They're even going into the caves and take everything that they find there as well.

Obadiah 1:7 All the men of thy confederacy have brought thee even to the border: the men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee, and prevailed against thee; they that eat thy bread have laid a wound under thee: there is none understanding in him.

Those that you thought were your friends or your fellow soldiers, they're coming against you and you can't even see it. This word **wound** doesn't mean what you think it means:

☆ **Wound**-- OT:4204 mazowr (maw-zore'); from OT:2114 in the sense of turning aside from truth; treachery, i.e. a plot: KJV - wound.

They're plotting against you and you can't see it until it's too late. Who's going to be doing this? Our Father.

Obadiah 1:8 Shall I not in that day, saith the Lord, even destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau?

There are no wise men in Edom because they won't allow our Father in. There is no wisdom except through the Father.

When you strip religion totally out of a society it will still exist but it won't be seen. There will be a candle of truth whose light will not be allowed to escape.

When God is gone from you and you take the smaller countries around you and force them into an alliance with you, after a while, something has to give and so it did when the USSR fell and all those satellite countries were set free.

Obadiah 1:9 And thy mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter.

Russia appeared to be down and out but if you read chapters 38 and 39 of Ezekiel, you'll see that there is much more prophesy that still has to be fulfilled that concerns Edom.

Obadiah 1:10 For thy violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever.

The prophesy back in Joel comes to light, again, here in this verse:

Joel 3:19 Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land. KJV

Shame and extinction shall repay violence and slaughter:

Revelation 13:10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints. KJV

An utter cutting off.

Obadiah 1:11 In the day that thou stoodest on the other side, in the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of them.

Who were the *strangers* that came through their gates? The Philistines, the Arabians under Jehoram, king of Judah; the Syrians in the reign of Joash of Judah, the Chaldeans under Nebuchadnezzar.

Obadiah 1:12 But thou shouldest not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress.

Esau is of Satan and that's not to say that the Russian people are "of Satan", it's the government, the communist system that is contrary to our Father's Word.

It is a bad thing to do to stare coldly at your enemy; it is a bad thing to wish him harm because whatever it is that you wish on him, our Father may throw that back on you.

Obadiah 1:13 Thou shouldest not have entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; yea, thou shouldest not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid hands on their substance in the day of their calamity;

Who are these people? The House of Judah.

Obadiah 1:14 Neither shouldest thou have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape; neither shouldest thou have delivered up those of his that did remain in the day of distress.

Are you old enough to remember when they started building the Berlin Wall, the Iron Curtain? Regardless, those of us that remember people running for their lives across that strip of land upon which that wall was being built and watching the Russian soldiers shooting and killing them because they wanted to live under freedom and not communism.

Obadiah 1:15 For the day of the Lord is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.

The day of the Lord is near to all NATIONS. When judgment is rendered, on a national level, whatever scale you used to mete our judgment to your enemy, that same scale will be used to mete out judgment to you. It *shall return upon thine own head*.

Obadiah 1:16 For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the heathen drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been.

Swallow down the contents of the cup of wrath of our Lord.

Obadiah 1:17 But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.

We read that in Joel 2:32. It's going to be after the Antichrist has his five months and the true Messiah returns.

Obadiah 1:18 And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for the Lord hath spoken it.

The *house of Jacob* is the 12 natural tribes....we're not talking about people here, it's about nations.

Obadiah 1:19 And they of the south shall possess the mount of Esau; and they of the plain the Philistines: and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria: and Benjamin shall possess Gilead.

We're talking about land possession here. As much fighting as there is going on right now between the Jews and the Arabs over specific land areas it's all going to be worked out when Christ returns and everything goes back to the way it was before mankind messed it all up.

And there are darned few people who would know how things used to be because the only thing they know is what's happened in their own life, much less something that happened before the *katabole*.

Obadiah 1:20 And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel shall possess that of the Canaanites, even unto Zarephath; and the captivity of Jerusalem, which is in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the south.

Who is this host? The 12 tribes. Remember who these Canaanites were? They were sheep traffickers. They'll come up again in these Minor Prophets and we'll get to know them better then.

Obadiah 1:21 And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the Lord's. KJV

Have you ever felt that there was more to our Father's Word than you have been taught? If you do then you already have a built-in thirst for more knowledge and you need to continue searching for that knowledge. Read often. Meditate. Ask for inspiration.

When we get to the Millennium after the Lord's return most of it is going to be very familiar and this book, this Bible, this Word of God will be there as well. It wasn't just a book to read while we were in these earthly bodies but it was a record, an account, a history of the Creator working with His creation.

We are not important. We are miniscule in His overall Plan but each and every one of us means the world to Him and He experiences sorrow every time one of us is lost to Satan's camp. Study and pray every day.