



Series: The Minor Prophets

Lesson: 22. Obadiah – “As You Have Done, It Will Be Done to You”

Passage: Obadiah

- **Background**
 - Author: name only
 - Date: between fall of Jerusalem (~586 BC) and fall of Edom (~553 BC)
 - Key related prophecies: Jer. 49:7–22; Lam. 4:21–22; Amos 1:11–12
 - Subject: Edom (cf. Gen. 25:25, 30; 36; Num. 20:14–20)

- **Their _____ (1–9)**
 - Declaration made by *Adonai YHWH*

 - Using ‘prophetic perfect’ tense

 - Calling out their arrogance based on location

- They will be wiped out, not just 'robbed' or 'harvested'
- They will be stabbed in the back, not just defeated
- Everyone will be slaughtered, not just soldiers

- **Their _____ (10–14)**
 - Their judgment is tied specifically to their treatment of Israel
(cf. Amos 1:6, 9)
 - Focus drawn by repeated phrases

- **The Day of _____ (15–21)**
 - Judgments on nations as DoL 'events'

 - God's DoL judgment takes the form of _____
justice

- Gloating: 12–13 vs 2, 10
 - Looting: 13 vs 6
 - Slaughter: 14 vs 8–9
 - Betrayal: 14 vs 7
 - ‘Drinking’: 16 (cf. Rev. 14:10; 16:19; Matt. 26:39)
- The ultimate DoL will be experienced differently by God’s people compared to those outside
- Those who oppose God will experience retributive justice, but His people will experience deliverance and restoration
 - Edom experienced ‘total judgment’ (16d, 18e)

Lam. 4:21–22 – Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom,

Who dwells in the land of Uz;

But the cup will come around to you as well,

You will become drunk and make yourself naked.

²²The punishment of your iniquity has been completed, O daughter of Zion;

He will exile you no longer.

But He will punish your iniquity, O daughter of Edom;

He will expose your sins!

- The final word: the kingdom will be YHWH’s

What Do We Do with This Text?

1. Those of us in Christ can look forward to the Day of the Lord with _____ and _____, but those opposed to Him can only look with _____ at justice being served.

2. God illustrates His justice by allowing us to _____ what we _____.

Gal. 6:7 – Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

Blanks: Judgment, Crimes, the LORD, retributive, hope, expectation, dread, reap, sow