

# **A Study of the Prophets**

## **OT Survey Lesson 105--Obadiah**

**Introduction:** The prophet Obadiah may be earliest of the literary prophets writing around 845 b.c. His short prophetic message is addressed to Edom, the nation made up the descendants of Esau. His message is simply this: Because Edom did not choose to help Israel when she was attacked but rather rejoiced over misfortunes, God would bring destruction on her as well.

**Lesson aim:** To emphasize that a failure to take a stand for what is right is the same as participating with those who do evil.

### **The doom of Edom pronounced--Ob. 1:1-9**

1. What message did Obadiah say had gone out from the Lord to the nations around Edom? (v. 1) What did God say He was about to do to Edom? (v. 2)
2. Did the Edomites imagine that they were safe in their rock clefts? (v. 3) What did God say he was going to do? (v. 4)
3. God predicted that Edom's losses would be greater than that caused by whom? (v. 5) Who did God say would be the ones who brought destruction to Edom? (v. 6-7)
4. What would happen to the wise men and the mighty men of Edom? (v. 8-9)

### **The denunciation of Edom for sin--Ob. 1:10-14**

1. With what did God charge Edom? (v. 10) What did God say would result?
2. What did the Edomites do when they saw their brothers in Israel being attacked? (v. 11) What was their attitude toward Israel's destruction? (v. 12)

3. Were the Edomites sympathetic to the people of Israel after the attack by their enemies? (v. 13-14) What are some things they did?

### **The destruction of Edom described--Ob. 1:15-21**

1. What principle of divine action would determine Edom's fate when the day of the Lord came? (v. 15)
2. What did God say would happen to those who had drunk on His holy mountain? (v. 16)
3. What did God say would be true of Israel? (v. 17) Israel would be like a \_\_\_\_\_ and Edom like \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 18).
4. At last, to whom would the land of Edom belong? (v. 19-20)
5. The kingdom will be \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 21).