

Preaching Obadiah
the pearls of pride

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BACKGROUND.

- “Obadiah” = “slave of Yahweh”
- Date: *circa 586BC.*
- to: Judah (Jacob).
- re: Edom (Essau).



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- Obadiah & Jonah make a great canonical couple because they appear to be spiritual inversions. In Obadiah, God’s people are vindicated and the pagan city judged. In Jonah, the pagan city is redeemed and God’s prophet judged.



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➤ Key Cross-References:

- Psalm 73:4-12.
- Isaiah 51:17-23.



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➤ Interesting perspective from Wolff:

- vs.1-14 = commentary on Joel 3:19.
- vs.15-21 = commentary on Amos 9:12.



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The Theme of Obadiah

*Pride deceives.
Humility perseveres.
God vindicates.*



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A Presumptuous Heart (vs.1-4) 1

False Security.

When we place our security in anything other than God himself, ruin is immanent.

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False Prosperity.

Wherever temporal prosperity has darkened the heart, spiritual poverty is sure to be found.

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An Inflated Self-Image (vs.5-9) 2

False Glamour.

We all have the propensity to become intoxicated with ourselves. But when all is considered, you're not really that big of a deal.

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False Friendships.

Friendships that are not God-honoring will fail when you need them most.

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False Wisdom.

Wisdom absent the fear of God is futility at its finest.

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An Offensive Personality (vs 10-14) 3

Offensive in Speech.

Prideful people indulge their pretensions by verbally rejoicing over others' destruction.

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Offensive in Exploitation.

If you will openly gloat over someone else's distress, the next logical thing to do is ask, "What can I get out of this?"

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Offensive in Cruelty.

Prideful people are cruel. They will readily hand others over to destruction to make their own lives easier or better.

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A Coming Judgment (vs.15-21) 4

Under the wrath of God.

A nation intoxicated with herself will eventually drink the cup of God's wrath.

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Wrong side of redemptive history.

Pride keeps us so busy delighting in the proceeding destruction of others that we fail to see the impending destruction of ourselves.

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A Coming Judgment (vs.15-21) 4

Excluded from the kingdom of God.

*The proud will be brought down (v.4).
The humble will ascend (v.21).*

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