

FOR YOUR PROPHET

THE BOOK OF OBADIAH

GOD'S MESSAGE TO EDMO AND US

For all those words which were written long ago are meant to teach us today... Romans 15:4



➤ TWO REASONS THAT GOD RECORDED THE "MINOR PROPHETS" FOR US.

1. God gave them to _____ to live right.

*You see, everything written in the days of old was recorded to give us instructions for living. We find encouragement through the Scriptures and a call to perseverance... **Romans 15:4** (VOICE)*

2. God gave them to _____ about living wrong.

*All these things happened for a reason: to sound a warning. They were written down and passed down to us to teach us. They were meant especially for us because the beginning of the end is happening in our time.¹² So let even the most confident believers remember their examples and be very careful not to fall as some of them did. **1 Corinthians 10:11-12** (VOICE)*

➤ OBADIAH WARNS EDMO AND US ABOUT THE WRATH OF GOD.

*Listen carefully to what the Eternal Lord says about...Edom. Learn from their fate. We have been put on notice through the Eternal's representative who was sent to everyone among the nations saying, "Get up. Get ready to charge against Edom in battle."² Eternal One (to Edom): See how insignificant I will make you...you will be completely despised by the rest of the world. **Obadiah 1, 2** (VOICE)*

- Edom teaches me that I can escape the wrath of God based on...

- The _____.

*Your deep pride has blinded you to the truth, tucked securely in the clefts of the rocks, safely out of reach. You say to yourself, "Whose attack can reach up here and bring me down to the ground?"⁴ Even if you fly high as the eagle, believing yourselves strong and free, and put your nest among the stars, I will have no trouble bringing you down. **Obadiah 3, 4** (VOICE)*

- The _____.

Consider how thoroughly you will be wiped out. If thieves come to steal from you and robbers arrive under cover of night, won't they take only what they

want? If the grape harvesters arrive, doesn't their hasty picking usually leave some fruit in the field for the poor? ⁶ But Esau, your nation will be ransacked; there will be nothing left. Every last treasure you had carefully hidden will be taken. **Obadiah 5, 6** (VOICE)

- The _____.

Your supposed allies—every last one—will turn against you; they will run you out of your own town. And those who promised you peace will lie to your face and conquer you. Even those who shared your bread will ambush you. You won't understand what is happening until it is too late. **Obadiah 7** (VOICE)

- The _____.

When this day comes, won't I destroy the wisest citizens of Edom, Make all insight vanish from Mount Esau, and leave all helpless? **Obadiah 8** (VOICE)

- The _____.

As for your warriors, great Edomite city of Teman, they'll be routed, shattered, their slaughtered bodies will cut off everyone's path to Mount Esau because of your violent history against your brother Jacob. Shame will envelop you, and your nation will be destroyed forever. **Obadiah 9** (VOICE)

Notice how God is both kind and severe. He is severe toward those who disobeyed, but kind to you if you continue to trust in his kindness. But if you stop trusting, you also will be cut off. **Romans 11:22** (NLT)

➤ **TOO LATE FOR EDM BUT NOT FOR ME. HOW TO AVOID GOD'S WRATH:**

- I _____.

The arrogance in your heart has deceived you... **Obadiah 3** (ISV)

- I _____.

On the day you stood aloof while strangers carried off his wealth and foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem, you were like one of them. ¹² You should not gloat over your brother in the day of his misfortune, nor rejoice over the people of Judah in the day of their destruction, nor boast so much in the day of their trouble. ¹³ You should not march through the gates of my people in the day of their disaster, nor gloat over them in their calamity in the day of their disaster. **Obadiah 11-13** (ISV)

...you may be sure that your sin will find you out. **Numbers 32:23** (NLT)

- I _____.

But on Mount Zion will be deliverance; it will be holy, and Jacob will possess his inheritance. ¹⁸ Jacob will be a fire and Joseph a flame; Esau will be stubble, and they will set him on fire and destroy him. There will be no survivors from Esau. "The LORD has spoken. **Obadiah 11-13** (ISV)