

BIB 241 Minor Prophets

Lesson 4 Obadiah

Intro. Much dispute about time this is written. It seems apparent to me that the destruction of Jerusalem is in the past tense. I conclude he prophesied between the destruction of Jerusalem and the destruction of Edom by the Babylonians 5 years later. In fact, it gives us a very exact date. A contemporary with Ezekiel and Jeremiah who both echo the prophecy of Obadiah. Lam. 4:21-22 Ps. 137:7 83:4-8 Pr. 17:5 Theme: the Doom of Edom.

1. Doom of Edom 1-16
 2. Doom Declared 1-2
 3. Rumor from the Lord - means announcement or report
 4. Ambassador sent to Nebuchadnezzar to deliver the punishment II Cor. 5
 5. Abased and despised
 6. Doom Defended 3-4 - Jer. 49:7-22
 7. pride deceive - dwelt in the clefts of the rock
 8. habitation is high - God is able to abase ask Nebuchadnezzar Dan. 4:30-37
 9. the eagle

Note: have to see a picture of America

10. Doom Described 5-6
 11. worse than being robbed - they just take till they are satisfied
 12. worse than harvesting a field - leave some grapes behind
 13. every hidden item of value was taken
14. Doom Deceived 7-9
 15. Confederacy broken - peace treaty - Babylon wants an open trade route to Egypt
 16. wise men destroyed
 17. mighty men destroyed

Note: destroy leadership of a country no fear of regaining strength

- E. Doom Deserved 10-14
- F. Encouraged Judah's foes 10-11
- G. Enjoyed Judah's fall 12-13

Note: severe warning against pleasure at the ruin of God's people, preacher, or church

3. Enslaved Judah's fugitives 14

“We can picture a frantic mother who has somehow survived the horrors of the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem. Her husband is dead. She and her two small children have miraculously eluded the ravaging troops who are sacking the city and performing all the acts of horror expected of an invader. Through an unguarded hole in the wall, the three escape the city. Maybe if we can get to the mountain pass we will be safe, the mother thinks, and she urges her children to be brave, to hurry, to run for their lives. Believing there will be some safety in numbers, she joins other desperate fugitives.

At last they reach the pass. The din of battle and the screams of the wretched people trapped in the city grow fainter and a prayer of thankfulness rises in the mother's heart. Hope revives and then armed warriors, roaring with ill-begotten mirth, spring from ambush. Quickly they round up the fugitives and shackle young and old, women and children. The warriors are not Babylonians; they are Edomites! “Back you go,” they

mock. "We're handing you over to the Babylonians." The fugitives plead for mercy, but they might as well try to argue a tiger into giving up its prey. "Phillips

F. Doom Delivered 15-16 - Ezekiel 35

1. "as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee" Gal. 6:7 live by the sword die by the sword
 2. enemies shall celebrate the way they did when Jerusalem was destroyed
2. Deliverance of Israel 17-21
- A. promise to possess their possessions 17 - regain the land
 - B. Future victory over Edom 18 - will end in complete destruction
 - C. New kingdom established which will possess all of promised land 19-21

Conclusion

The message of anti-Semitism that is still rampant today. Sure doom for any person or nation. The Herod's in the NT: the one who killed all infants under two in the time of Jesus, the one who crucified Christ, the one who killed James the brother of John were all Idumaeans. Yasser Arafat was also an Edomite.

Don't rejoice over destruction of your enemy. Pr. 24:17-18