

OBADIAH

MAJOR LESSONS

FROM THE MINOR

PROPHETS

Pride's Downfall

OBADIAH 1A

¹The vision of Obadiah. This is what the Sovereign Lord says about Edom—







OBADIAH 3

³ The pride of your heart has deceived you,
you who live in the clefts of the rocks and
make your home on the heights, you who say
to yourself, 'Who can bring me down to the
ground?'





OBADIAH 4

⁴ Though you soar like the eagle and make your nest among the stars, from there I will bring you down,” declares the Lord.

ISAIAH 2:12,17-18

¹² The Lord Almighty has a day in store for all the proud and lofty, for all that is exalted (and they will be humbled), ¹⁷ The arrogance of man will be brought low and human pride humbled; the Lord alone will be exalted in that day, ¹⁸ and the idols will totally disappear.

PRIDE . . .

refuses to
get involved

OBADIAH 11

¹¹ 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.

PRIDE . . .

delights when others fall

OBADIAH 12

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.

PRIDE . . .

benefits at other's expense

OBADIAH 13

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, nor seize their wealth in the day of their disaster.

OBADIAH 14

¹⁴ You should not wait at the crossroads to cut down their fugitives, nor hand over their survivors in the day of their trouble.

PRIDE'S PAYDAY...

• After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
• Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;
his going out is before the dawn;
he will come as the sun,
as the sun rises in full light.

• What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes early away.
• Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have slain them by the words of my
mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
• For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt
offerings.
• But like Adam they transgressed the covenant,
there they dealt faithlessly with me.
• Gilcad is a city of evildoers,
tracked with blood.
• As robbers lie in wait for a man,
so the priests band together;
they murder on the way to Shechem,
they commit villainy.

but they will not find him;
he has withdrawn from them.
• They have dealt faithlessly with the LORD
for they have borne alien children.
Now the new moon shall devour them with
their fields.

• Blow the horn in Gibeon,
the trumpet in Ramah;
sound the alarm at Beth-aven,
we follow you, O Benjamin!
• Ephraim shall become a desolation

• The princes of Judah have become
like those who move the landmark;
upon them I will pour out
my wrath like water.
• Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment,
because he was determined to go after filth.
• But I am like a moth to Ephraim,
and like dry rot to the house of Judah.
• When Ephraim saw his sickness,
and Judah his wound,
then Ephraim went to Assyria,
and sent to the great king
But he is not able to cure you
or heal your wound.
• For I will be like a lion to Ephraim,
and like a young lion to the house of Judah;
I, even I, will tear and go away;
I will carry off, and no one shall rescue.

• Ephraim mixes himself with the peoples;
Ephraim is a cake not turned.
• Strangers devour his strength,
and he knows it not;
gray hairs are sprinkled upon him,
and he knows it not.
• The pride of Israel testifies to his face,
yet they do not return to the LORD their God,
nor seek him, for all this.
• Ephraim is like a dove,
silly and without sense;
calling to Egypt, going to Assyria.
• As they go, I will spread over them my net;
I will bring them down like birds of the
heavens;
I will discipline them according to the report
made to their congregation.
• Woe to them; for they have strayed from me!
Destruction to them; for they have rebelled
against me!
I would redeem them,
but they speak lies against me.
• They do not cry to me from the heart,
but they wall upon their beds;
for grain and wine they gash themselves,
they rebel against me.
• Although I trained and strengthened their
arms,
yet they devise evil against me.
• They return, but not upward;
they are like a treacherous bow;
their princes shall fall by the sword.

OBADIAH 15

¹⁵ “The day of the Lord is near for all nations.
As you have done, it will be done to you; your
deeds will return upon your own head.

1 PETER 5:6

⁶ **Humble** yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may **lift you up** in due time.

“The true way to be humble is not to stoop until you are smaller than yourself, but to stand at your real height against some higher nature that will show you what the real smallness of your greatness is.”

PHILLIP BROOKS

ANOTHER MOUNTAIN...

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OBADIAH 17

¹⁷ But on Mount Zion will be deliverance;
it will be holy, and Jacob will possess his
inheritance.

OBADIAH 21

²¹ Deliverers will go up on Mount Zion to govern the mountains of Esau. And the kingdom will be the Lord's.