

**Obadiah Bible Study Guide**  
Bible Study Lesson for June 11, 2020  
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In this lesson we will examine the message spoken through the Prophet Obadiah who was sent to speak against Edom. As you prepare for Bible study, please address the following questions. Be ready to discuss your responses in class on Thursday.

1. Who is Obadiah?
2. Who or what is Edom?
3. How is the book of Obadiah different from those of other minor prophets we have studied so far?
4. What is the purpose of the book of Obadiah.
5. Identify instances in the Bible that describe animosity between Edom and the kings of Israel and Judah. You might find it helpful to refer to some of the following scriptures:
  - a. Jacob and Esau struggled in their mother's womb: Genesis 25:23
  - b. Esau sold his birthright and blessing to Jacob: Genesis 25:19-26
  - c. Edom refused to let the Israelites pass through the land: Numbers 20:14-22
  - d. Edom urged Babylon to destroy Jerusalem: Palm 137:7
  - e. Israel's kings had constant conflict with Edom:  
Saul: 1 Samuel 14:47  
David: 2 Samuel 8:13, 14  
Solomon: 1 Kings 11:14-22  
Jehoram: 2 Kings 8:20-22, 2 Chronicles 21:8  
Ahaz: 2 Chronicles 28:16-17
6. What is God's judgment against Edom?
7. Some of the major themes in book are Justice, Pride, Fraternal Conflict. Identify instances of these themes found in Obadiah.

**Major Sections of the Book of Obadiah**

The New Revised Standard Version divides the book of Obadiah into the following sections. As you read each section, jot down a few notes on how the scripture is speaking to you.

**Proud Edom Will Be Brought Low (vv. 1-4)**

**Pillage and Slaughter Will Repay Edom's Cruelty (vv. 5-9)**

**Edom Mistreated His Brother (vv. 10-16)**

**Israel's Final Triumph (vv. 17-21)**

## **Application to the Present Day**

1. Describe bullying in the modern day.
2. In what ways might Edom be considered a bully?
3. What conclusions can we draw from scripture?
4. How does God respond to Judah?
5. Ubuntu is a well-known African concept that states: "I am because we are." That is, unlike in Western society, it is not the individual but the community that is of critical importance.
6. What is the significance of "Ubuntu" as it relates to the present-day themes of Justice and Unity?

## **Additional Enrichment**

The following YouTube Video provides an overview of Obadiah.

**Overview: Obadiah (YouTube)** Source:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i4ogCrEoG5s&feature=youtu.be>