

# "FAITH WHEN YOU THINK GOD HAS FORGOTTEN"

## Survey of Obadiah

### I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. The theological problem that plagues us all from time to time:
  - 1. The fact that God does choose to ignore some information: (*Isa. 43:25*)
  - 2. Our practical struggle when God with His perfect memory grows silent:
- B. Meet the author, Obadiah:
  - 1. His name:
  - 2. His obscurity:
  - 3. The continuing series of the faith journeys of the minor prophets:
- C. The setting for this practical postcard: **(See map on back)**
  - 1. The beginning of the nation: (*Gen. 36:8-9*)
  - 2. Petra, their fortress: **vv. 3-4**
  - 3. The struggle from the beginning: (*Gen. 25:22-23*)
  - 4. The problem comes to a head: (*Gen. 25:30-34*)
  - 5. God's divine perspective: (*Mal. 1:2-3a; Rom. 9:13*)
- D. The overwhelming theme – "the results of the sin of pride":
  - 1. Key verse: **v. 6**
  - 2. The definition: "Pride of heart is the attitude of a life that declares it's ability to live without God."
  - 3. God's divine perspective: (*Pro. 6:16-19; Isa. 14:13-14*)

### II. OUTLINING THIS BRIEF CHAPTER:

- A. The charge: *vv. 1-9*
  - 1. Destruction is coming: *vv. 1-5*
  - 2. The root problem is exposed: *v. 6*
  - 3. The extent of the damage: *vv. 7-9*
- B. The crime: *Chapters vv. 10-14*
  - 1. Violence to the Jew: *v. 10*
  - 2. Passive when you should have helped: *v. 11*
  - 3. Rejoiced over their captivity: *v. 12*
  - 4. Plundered Israel: *v. 13*
  - 5. Imprisoned their survivors: *v. 14*
- C. The catastrophe: *vv. 15-16*
- D. The comparison: *vv. 17-21*
  - 1. Israel lives on but you won't: *vv. 17-18*
  - 2. They will own your land: *vv. 19-20*
  - 2. God will have the final say in the matter: *v. 21*

### III. APPLICATIONS: (*Together becoming "people of the Word" in principle AND in practice*)

- A. Pride is at the heart of any attempt for revenge. *Rom. 12:17, 19*
- B. Pride is the main reason for people leaving a local church or splitting a local church.
- C. Pride destroys the temporal for the saved and the eternal for the lost. (*Dan. 4:3; Pro. 16:18, 25; 18:12*)