

50+ Sunday School Class

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Christ in the Minor Prophets

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Winter-Spring 2020

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Class Schedule – Winter/Spring 2020

New Series – Christ in the Minor Prophets

- Jan 12 – 1: *Hosea* (14)
- Jan 19 – 2: *Joel* (3)
- Jan 26* – Guest speaker: Rev. John Trapp.
- Feb 2 – 3: *Amos* (9)
- Feb 9* – Guest speaker: Rev. Jordan Griesbeck
- Feb 16* – Guest speaker: Daniel Wang
- Feb 23 – 4: ***Obadiah*** (1)
- Mar 1 – 5: *Jonah* (4)
- Mar 8 – 6: *Micah* (7). (9:15: Sacraments Class)
- Mar 15 – 7: *Nahum* (3)
- Mar 22* – No Class (Spring Break)

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- Mar 29 – 8: *Habakkuk* (3)
- Apr 5* – Guest speaker: Isaac Benegas
- Apr 12 – No Class (Easter)
- Apr 19 – 9: *Zephaniah* (3)
- Apr 26 – 10: *Haggai* (2)
- May 3* – Guest speaker: Kim Hall
- May 10 – 11: *Zechariah* (14)
- May 17 – 12: *Malachi* (4)
- May 24 – Class Resumes in September

* - Craig away/preaching

Christ in the Minor Prophets – Feb 23 – Obadiah

- Why this series
 - “The Minor Prophets” – a misnomer
 - Luke 24:27—
“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.”
 - All Hebrew prophets prophecy of Messiah.
 - What did each prophet say about the coming Messiah?
- Be thinking, because I’m going to ask—
What difference should this make on Monday?

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- World of Obadiah
 - Question

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- World of Obadiah
 - After King Solomon died (931 BC), the Kingdom was divided into North (Israel) and South (Judah).
 - Scholars debate *when* Obadiah prophesied.
 - Best fit: after Babylon destroyed Jerusalem in 586 BC.
 - National Tragedy!
 - 2 Chronicles 36:15-16

“The LORD, the God of [Israel’s] fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place. ¹⁶ But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD rose against his people, until there was no remedy.”

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- World of Obadiah

- 2 Chronicles 36:17-20

“Therefore he brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans [Babylonians], who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or aged. He gave them all into his hand. ¹⁸ And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king and of his princes, all these he brought to Babylon. ¹⁹ And they burned the house of God and broke down the wall of Jerusalem and burned all its palaces with fire and destroyed all its precious vessels. ²⁰ He took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia...”

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- World of Obadiah
 - Judah experienced national defeat by the Babylonians
 - Losses:
 - Lives of Many
 - Temple – Priesthood – Religious identity
 - Land – King – National identity
 - Freedom – deported into slavery in a foreign land
- God sends Obadiah to speak into this situation

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- Obadiah 1:1-9
“The vision of Obadiah. Thus says the Lord GOD concerning *Edom*: ...”
 - Who/What is Edom?
- A History of Tension: Israel vs. Edom
 - Edom = Esau (the twin and elder brother of Jacob)
 - Genesis 36:1
“These are the generations of Esau (that is, Edom)”
 - Esau = Nation
 - Genesis 36:9
“These are the generations of Esau the father of the *Edomites* in the hill country of Seir”

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- A History of Tension: Israel vs. Edom
 - Esau = Land
 - Genesis 32:3
“Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom”
 - Began with Rebekah
 - Genesis 25:23
“And the LORD said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger.””
 - Genesis 25
Jacob outwitted Esau and took his covenant *birthright*

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- Birthright vs. Blessing in Ancient Israel
 - **Birthright**
 - Honor given to the firstborn, bestowing “head of household” status and the right to inherit his father’s estate (a double-portion of whatever was passed down)
 - Deuteronomy 21:16-17

“... on the day when [a man] assigns his possessions as an inheritance to his sons ... he shall acknowledge the firstborn ... by giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he is the firstfruits of his strength”
 - **Blessing**
 - Could be given regardless of birthright. However, a greater blessing was given to the one who held the birthright.

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- A History of Tension: Israel vs. Edom
 - Conflict between Isaac & Rebekah
 - Isaac preferred Esau
 - Rebekah preferred Jacob
 - Conflict between brothers (Esau & Jacob) became a conflict between nations (Edom & Israel)
 - When Israel was trekking from Egypt to the Promised Land ...
 - Numbers 20:14-21



ISRAEL



- Amistice Demarcation Line
- Boundary of former Palestine Mandate



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- A History of Tension: Israel vs. Edom
 - Numbers 20:14-21

“Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom: “Thus says your brother Israel: You know all the hardship that we have met: ¹⁵ how our fathers went down to Egypt, and we lived in Egypt a long time. And the Egyptians dealt harshly with us and our fathers. ¹⁶ And when we cried to the LORD, he heard our voice and sent an angel and brought us out of Egypt. And here we are in Kadesh, a city on the edge of your territory. ¹⁷ Please let us pass through your land. We will not pass through field or vineyard, or drink water from a well. We will go along the King's Highway. We will not turn aside to the right hand or to the left until we have passed through your territory.””

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- A History of Tension: Israel vs. Edom
 - Numbers 20:14-21

“¹⁸ But Edom said to him, “You shall not pass through, lest I come out with the sword against you.” ¹⁹ And the people of Israel said to him, “We will go up by the highway, and if we drink of your water, I and my livestock, then I will pay for it. Let me only pass through on foot, nothing more.”
²⁰ But he said, “You shall not pass through.” And Edom came out against them with a large army and with a strong force. ²¹ Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his territory, so Israel turned away from him.”

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- A History of Tension: Israel vs. Edom
 - 2 Samuel 8:13-14
[During Israel's conquest of Canaan:] “David made a name for himself when he returned from striking down 18,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt. ¹⁴ Then he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom he put garrisons, and all the Edomites became David's servants.”
 - 2 Chronicles 20:1-2 [The Edomites Strike Back]
“...the Moabites and Ammonites, and with them some of the Meunites, came against [King] Jehoshaphat for battle. ² Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, “A great multitude is coming against you from Edom, from beyond the sea; and, behold, they are in Hazazon-tamar” (that is, Engedi).

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- A History of Tension: Israel vs. Edom
 - 2 Kings 8:20-22

“In [King Jehoram’s] days Edom revolted from the rule of Judah and set up a king of their own. ²¹ Then Joram passed over to Zair with all his chariots and rose by night, and he and his chariot commanders struck the Edomites who had surrounded him, but his army fled home. ²² So Edom revolted from the rule of Judah to this day.”
 - 2 Chronicles 25:11-12

“[Judah’s King] Amaziah took courage and led out his people and went to the Valley of Salt and struck down 10,000 men of Seir [Edom]. ¹² The men of Judah captured another 10,000 alive and took them to the top of a rock and threw them down from the top of the rock, and they were all dashed to pieces.”

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 - Psalm 137:7

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- **Message of Obadiah**
 - God sent Obadiah to declare and promise:
 - Harsh judgment against Edom
 - Future deliverance for Judah

- Obadiah 1:1-9

“The vision of Obadiah. Thus says the Lord GOD concerning Edom: We have heard a report from the LORD, and a messenger has been sent among the nations: “Rise up! Let us rise against her for battle!”² Behold, I will make you small among the nations; you shall be utterly despised.³ The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rock, in your lofty dwelling, who say in your heart, “Who will bring me down to the ground?”⁴ Though you soar aloft like the eagle, though your nest is set among the stars, from there I will bring you down, declares the LORD.⁵ If thieves came to you, if plunderers came by night—how you have been destroyed!—would they not steal only enough for themselves? If grape gatherers came to you, would they not leave gleanings?⁶ How Esau has been pillaged, his treasures sought out!⁷ All your allies have driven you to your border; those at peace with you have deceived you; they have prevailed against you; those who eat your bread have set a trap beneath you—you have no understanding.⁸ Will I not on that day, declares the LORD, destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of Mount Esau?⁹ And your mighty men shall be dismayed, O Teman, so that every man from Mount Esau will be cut off by slaughter.”

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- God's Promise to Judah

- Obadiah 1:10-14

“Because of the violence done to your brother Jacob, shame shall cover you, and you shall be cut off forever. ¹¹ On the day that you stood aloof, on the day that strangers carried off his wealth and foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem, you were like one of them. ¹² But do not gloat over the day of your brother in the day of his misfortune; do not rejoice over the people of Judah in the day of their ruin; do not boast in the day of distress. ¹³ Do not enter the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; do not gloat over his disaster in the day of his calamity; do not loot his wealth in the day of his calamity. ¹⁴ Do not stand at the crossroads to cut off his fugitives; do not hand over his survivors in the day of distress.”

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- God's Promise to Judah

- Obadiah 1:15-18 [The Day of the Lord is Near]

“For the day of the LORD is near upon all the nations. As you have done, it shall be done to you; your deeds shall return on your own head. ¹⁶ For as you have drunk on my holy mountain, so all the nations shall drink continually; they shall drink and swallow, and shall be as though they had never been. ¹⁷ But *in Mount Zion there shall be those who escape*, and it shall be holy, and *the house of Jacob [not Esau] shall possess their own possessions*. ¹⁸ The *house of Jacob shall be a fire*, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the *house of Esau stubble*; they shall burn them and consume them, and there shall be *no survivor for the house of Esau*, for the LORD has spoken.”

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 - Obadiah 1:19-21 [The Kingdom of the Lord]
Those of the Negeb shall possess Mount Esau, and those of the Shephelah shall possess the land of the Philistines; they shall possess the land of Ephraim and the land of Samaria, and Benjamin shall possess Gilead. ²⁰ The exiles of this host of the people of Israel shall possess the land of the Canaanites as far as Zarephath, and the exiles of Jerusalem who are in Sepharad shall possess the cities of the Negeb. ²¹ *Saviors shall go up to Mount Zion to rule Mount Esau, and the kingdom shall be the LORD's.*
- Question

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 - Genesis 3:15 [God to the serpent:]
“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”
 - Cain & Abel
 - Noah & the rest of the world
 - Esau & Jacob
 - . . . Not mere sibling rivalry or poor parenting

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- Jesus is the Victorious Seed
 - Hebrews 12:16
“... no one is sexually immoral or *unholy [godless] like Esau*, who sold his birthright for a single meal.”
 - John Owen
“... there are very few in the Scripture concerning whom more evidences are given of their being reprobates. And this should warn all men not to trust unto the outward privileges of the church. [Esau] was the first-born of Isaac, circumcised according to the law of that ordinance, and partaker in all the worship of God in that holy family, yet an outcast from the covenant of grace and the promise thereof.”
 - Warning #1 ... Question

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- Jesus is the Victorious Seed
 - Matthew 2:16

“Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.”
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- Revelation 12:4-5

“And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. ⁵ She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but *her child was caught up to God and to his throne*”

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- Jesus is the Victorious Seed
 - Dr. Vern Poythress

”Herod’s action was the first in a series of satanically engineered attempts to prevent the accomplishment of God’s salvation. Satan tempted Christ in the wilderness (Matt. 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-14) and was active in the background when Christ cast out demons and confronted opposition from Jewish leaders.
 - Revelation 12:17

“Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.”
 - Warning #2

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 - Warning #2
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“The Messiah himself is beyond reach of satanic attack. So, subsequent to the ascension, Satan turns his attention to the woman, the followers of the Messiah.”
 - Questions

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- Jesus is the Victorious Seed
 - The Kingdom is the Lord's!
 - Obadiah 1:21
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 - John Calvin
“The prophetic promise of Obadiah that “the kingdom will be the Lord's” is fulfilled in the church of Jesus Christ, the primary manifestation of the kingdom of God.”

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- Question:
What difference should this make on Monday?

Prayer Requests



Next Week

- Mar 1 – Jonah