

MANUSCRIPT STUDY HANDOUT
OBADIAH: THE DOOM OF EDM & THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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LESSON 1: THE PRIDE OF THE HIGH ROCKS & THE ANCIENT RIVALRY PASSAGE:
OBADIAH 1:1–4 (WITH JACOB & ESAU CHARACTER STUDY)

[THE PREQUEL FRAMEWORK] In Haggai, we stood with the post-exilic remnant in Jerusalem rebuilding the Temple (c. 520 BC). Now, we are hitting "rewind on the tape" to step into a biblical PREQUEL! Obadiah takes us back to the painful backstory that led to or accompanied that exile—exposing the ancient rivalry between Israel and Edom.

MARGINS / NOTES	SCRIPTURE TEXT
The Vision and Envoy “Obadiah” = Servant of YHWH Sovereign decree to nations “Arise, let us go...”	1The 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, <i>saying</i> ,“Arise, and let us rise up against her for battle”:
Humiliation of Esau Edom=Descendants of Esau Ancient brotherly rivalry	2“Behold, I will make you small among the nations;You shall be greatly despised.
The Deceit of Pride Sela/Petra stronghold The Siq (narrow canyon) “Who will bring me down”	3The pride of your heart has deceived you, <i>You</i> who dwell in the clefts of the rock, Whose habitation is high; <i>You</i> who say in your heart, ‘Who will bring me down to the ground?’
Sovereign Overthrow Soaring eagle/Starry heights Lex Talionis principle God pulls down the proud	4Though you ascend as high as the eagle,And though you set your nest among the stars,From there I will bring you down,” says the LORD.

DISCOVERY & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **THE LENTIL STEW CHECKLIST:** Esau bartered eternal value for a temporary appetite. What "bowls of stew" (career advancement, short-term comfort, emotional approval, physical pleasure) are currently threatening to pull your focus away from your spiritual heritage?
2. **THE HIGH ROCK DIAGNOSTIC:** Edom's geographic security lied to them: "Who will bring me down?" (v. 3). When life feels secure, do you naturally drift into self-reliance, or do you actively anchor your security in God's covenant promises?

Name Jacob (Hebrew: Ya'aqov - "Grasper of the heel" / "Cheater") Renamed ISRAEL (Hebrew: Yisra'el - "Strives with God" / "God Prevails")	Born/Died Patriarchal Era (c. 2006 BC – 1859 BC) Died at age 147 in Egypt (Genesis 47:28)	Nationality Hebrew/Patriarch of Israel
Family Parents: Isaac and Rebekah Grandparents: Abraham and Sarah Twin Brother: Esau Wives: Leah, Rachel, Bilhah, Zilpah Descendants: 12 Sons (The 12 Tribes of Israel)	Major Events: 1. Born grasping Esau's heel (Genesis 25:26). 2. Purchased Esau's birthright for stew (Genesis 25:29–34). 3. Deceived Isaac to receive the covenant blessing (Genesis 27). 4. Vision of the ladder to heaven at Bethel (Genesis 28). 5. Wrestled with God at the Jabbok River and received a new name (Genesis 32). 6. Reunited with Esau; settled in Canaan; moved to Egypt during famine.	
Bible Passages Genesis 25–36, Genesis 48–49, Malachi 1:2–3, Romans 9:10–13, Obadiah 1:10	Location: Canaan (Hebron, Bethel), Paddan-Aram (Haran), Penuel / Jabbok River, Egypt	Association The Covenant line of Abraham and Isaac; progenitor of the 12 Tribes.
	Enemies: Edom (Descendants of Esau), Laban (his father-in-law), Canaanite nations.	Character Traits • Persistent, spiritually hungry, cunning, desperate for divine blessing. • Transformed from a scheming self-reliant deceiver into a humbled, God-dependent worshiper.
	Purpose in God's Plans To carry forward the Abrahamic Covenant line through which God would build His holy nation and ultimately bring forth Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world.	

Name Esau (Hebrew: 'Esaw - "Hairy" / "Rough") Nicknamed EDOM (Hebrew: 'Edom - "Red" / "Big Red")	Born/Died Patriarchal Era (c. 2006 BC – 1859 BC) Died at age 147 in Egypt (Genesis 47:28)	Nationality Hebrew/Patriarch of Israel
Family Parents: Isaac and Rebekah Grandparents: Abraham and Sarah Twin Brother: Jacob Wives: Judith, Basemath, Mahalath (Canaanite/Ismaelie) Descendants: Eliphaz, Reuel, Teman, Amalek (The Edomites)	Major Events: 1. Born red and covered with hair (Genesis 25:25). 2. Traded his eternal birthright for a single bowl of red lentil stew (Genesis 25:34). 3. Lost the patriarchal blessing to Jacob; vowed to kill Jacob (Genesis 27). 4. Moved his household to Mount Seir, founding the nation of Edom (Genesis 36). 5. Reunited and reconciled with Jacob (Genesis 33). 6. Descendants opposed Israel (Numbers 20) and gloated over Jerusalem's fall (586 BC).	
Bible Passages Genesis 25, 26, 27, 32, 33, 36, Obadiah 1:1–21, Jeremiah 49, Hebrews 12:16–17	Location: Canaan, Mount Seir / Sela (Petra)	
	Association The Edomites, Temanite wise men, Herod the Great & the Idumean dynasty..	
	Enemies: Israel (Descendants of Jacob), YHWH (who judges Edomite pride).	
	Character Traits • Skilled hunter, impulsive, appetite-driven, short-sighted, self-reliant. • Valued immediate physical gratification over eternal covenant promises; haughty and secure in his high rock fortresses.	
Purpose in God's Plans Serves as a biblical archetype of fleshy profane living, worldly self-reliance, and human pride that suffers divine overthrow (Obadiah 1:4).		