

QT Questions—for Obadiah

(Here's a short introduction to the book of Obadiah from my Study Bibles.)

- Obadiah is the shortest book in the OT. It tells of God's judgment on Judah's neighbor, Edom, the descendants of Jacob's brother Esau. Injustice does not go unrecognized by God. In the case of Edom, their injustice—tormenting the people of Judah while Judah was invaded by other nations—meant their coming downfall. Obadiah also envisions that Judah itself will be restored. This theme of the coming Day of the Lord, when God will execute judgment and fulfill His promises, is common among other Prophetic Books, especially Joel and Amos.

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(*Please answer the questions as best as you can.)

1. Who were the Edomites and what did they do that displeased God so much; because of their actions, what was God going to do to them; what do you learn?
- In v. 12, God told the Edomites, "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 troubles." Reading this, I know this is not only the Edomites problem. Many of us share this heart. I do. It's not right, as God shows us. But we do. I pray that our (my) hearts will learn to truly love more what He loves and to also hate more what He hates. It's easy to get caught up with my own feelings, how I feel, and that usually leads me astray, because my feelings are too smothered by my own foolish perceptions and understanding. If my feelings and my ways led my life, I will make so many foolish sinful mistakes. I often think wrong thoughts and see the world and myself in a foolishly wrong way. I pray that God's word is what sustains us, strengthens us, and guides our steps, so that His word will rule our hearts and not our feelings. May we rejoice and delight to follow our God because He is true and believe that I am the liar (Rom 3:4).