

God's Twitter Account

Five Timeless Texts to His Followers: Obadiah

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Background of Obadiah

Fighting and feuding between twin brothers (Esau and Jacob, Genesis 27) leads to national enmity between their respective peoples (Edomites and Israelites). In an hour of need when Israel's enemies were knocking at the gates of Jerusalem, the Edomites came to the aid of the enemy. For their unwillingness to serve as their brothers' keeper, the Edomites would one day become extinct. Obadiah, an obscure prophet of unknown background, describes how Edom would be "cut off forever" (vs. 10). God's people would be vindicated, and God would be recognized as Judge over all the earth.

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Four Observations from Obadiah

- God uses anybody that is holy and available (vs. 1-2).
 - 1 Peter 1:10-11; Luke 24:44
- What God says will come to pass (vs. 2-5).
 - Romans 11:22; Psalm 119:89

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- Unresolved past brings present frustration and future conflicts (vs. 6-15).
 - Hebrews 12:16-17; Galatians 6:7-8
- God will bring His plan to completion (vs. 17-21).
 - Romans 8:28; Revelation 11:15

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Take Home Truths

- Give up the grudge (Rom 12:7-21; Eph 4:30-32).
 - Don't let sibling rivalries go on forever (1 Pet 5:5-6).
- You will reap what you sow (Obad 15, 17; Job 6:7-10).
 - Delete the prideful attitudes (1 Pet 5:5-6; Prov 3:34).
- Learn to be loyal (1 Cor 13:7, 13; Prov 17:17).
 - Don't sit by while others suffer, especially family

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Conclusion:

Do you believe that God's sovereignty overrules man's sinfulness and stupidity?

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