

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. In your estimation, does God always reprove for sin before bringing judgment? Explain.
2. The Edomites were not God's chosen people. Why did God bring such judgment on them? What was their relationship to Judah?
3. God promised that the children of Judah should return to Jerusalem. Has this been fulfilled?
4. Why is prophecy an integral part of God's word?
5. What will we as believers, be judged for?

### SUMMARY:

The Edomites must have thought that they were pretty smart. They had chosen the "winning" side and had profited from this choice. They had been able to take part in the looting of Israel and had made a material gain. They did not consider that though the judgment of God may be postponed for a time, it nevertheless is an inevitable matter and sooner or later will come. Because they did not consider God in their plans and acts and because their hearts were hard to the needs of God's people, they were to suffer a very hard judgment.

It is a sad thing that man never seems to learn. Natural man feels that he knows best and will be able to take care of himself—even though history has repeatedly shown that the plans of man are continually upset. A careful survey of history also shows that the things God has foretold in His Word unerringly come to pass. It is a sad thing to see a nation die. It is a sad thing to see a person apart from God die, but it is an even sadder thing to consider the final judgment which is coming to all men whose names are not written in the Lamb's book of life.

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #13

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### OBADIAH, A PROPHET OF JUDGMENT

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**LESSON TEXT:** Obadiah 1-21

**LESSON SETTING:** Obadiah prophesies of God's judgment on the Edomites.

**TIME:** Approximately 587 B.C.

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#### I. GOD'S ENEMIES REPROVED. Obadiah 1-9

- A. Pride Deceives (vs. 3) Psalm 36:2; Galatians 6:3; Revelation 3:17
- B. The Lord Shall Humble (vs. 4) Job 40:12; Isaiah 2:12; Luke 1:52
- C. Mighty Men to be Dismayed (vs. 9) Isaiah 37:26-27; 41:11; Jeremiah 20:11

#### II. GOD'S ENEMIES JUDGED. Obadiah 10-16

- A. Reasons for Judgment
  1. Shared in the Spoils of Jerusalem (vs. 11)
  2. Lack of Brotherly Love (vs. 12)
  3. Rejoiced in Judah's misery (vs. 12)
  4. Lack of Mercy (vs. 13)
- B. God Shall Repay (vs. 10, 15) Isaiah 65:6; Jeremiah 51:56; Hebrews 10:30

#### III. GOD'S PEOPLE DELIVERED. Obadiah 17-21

- A. Deliverance Promised (vs. 17) 2 Peter 2:9
- B. Captives Shall Return (vs. 20) Ezekiel 20:40; Galatians 4:3-5
- C. God's Kingdom Established (vs. 21) Daniel 2:44; Acts 2:2-4; Revelation 11:17

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *HE THAT BELIEVETH ON THE SON, HATH EVERLASTING LIFE; AND HE THAT BELIEVETH NOT THE SON SHALL NOT SEE LIFE; BUT THE WRATH OF GOD ABIDETH IN HIM.*  
John 3:36

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Micah 3:9-12; 4:1-8

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Isaiah 11:1-9; Luke 1:31-33;  
Revelation 20:1-10

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Kings and Prophets of Judah

**TOPIC:** MICAH, PROPHET OF THE KINGDOM

**INTRODUCTION:**

Micah, called one of the Minor Prophets, was active during the reign of three of the kings of Judah, which ended about 110 years before the captivity. The first of these three kings, Jotham, reigned 16 years and was a good king. The second king, Ahaz, reigned 16 years and was a wicked king. The third, Hezekiah reigned 29 years and was one of the best of the kings of Judah.

Even during this generally good period of history for Judah, God's warnings of judgment were sent out. Also came the words of encouragement that God would establish His kingdom forever in Jerusalem.

Today too, we have God's warnings of judgment and how often people would try to stop the mouths of men of God with this message and rather would desire only the messages of promise. Yet the fulfillment of such messages are contingent today as well as hundreds of years ago upon repentant hearts and attitudes, and a separation from the ways of this world.

If we expect to be partakers in the kingdom of God here in this life and moreover in eternity, we need to "come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing: and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughter, saith the Lord Almighty." (2 Corinthians 6:17-18)

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** The Kingdom of God will ultimately triumph over rebellious mankind.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *THY KINGDOM COME. THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.*

Matthew 6:10

Millions of people are familiar with these words and many can quote them from memory, being a part of what we refer to as the Lord's Prayer. Yet how many of these millions really know the full meaning of these words?

When we quote them, are we really ready for the Lord to come to establish His kingdom? If He would come today, would we be ready to meet Him? Would we be counted as one of His great company or would we be among those who would come under His iron rule and His judgment? May we take time to examine our speech and our prayers and see if we are really ready for the Lord to answer our prayers.

A father once expressed grave concern for the salvation of a child and besought the Lord to bring conviction to that heart. A brother came with this thought. Are you really ready to pay the price for your child's salvation? This may mean sickness or even death for you so that the child can be awakened.

If we are ready to pay the supreme sacrifice God will answer our prayers. Thus may we be ready and really mean it when we pray "Thy Kingdom come."

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Dec. 27 – Jan. 2**

- M. Perverted Leadership. Micah 3:1-8
- T. \*Prophet of the Kingdom. Micah 3:9-12; 4:1-8
- W. The Coming of a King. Micah 5:1-15
- T. The Lord's Requirements. Micah 6:1-8
- F. The Place of Renewal. Micah 7:7-9, 18-20
- S. A Parable of the Kingdom. Matthew 21:33-46
- S. The Coming King. Revelation 9:11-16