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Obadiah
**THE STORY OF
TWO**

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OVERVIEW

- 1. Obadiah = Servant of God**
- 2. Dated 590 BC between the 1st and 2nd siege of Jerusalem during the reign of King Jehoiachin (597 BC) and King Zedekiah (587 BC)**

The Story Of Two BROTHERS

- 1. Abraham -> Isaac -> Esau (Edom) and Jacob (Israel)**
- 2. Esau sold his birth right for a bowl of stew and lost the blessings of the first born**
- 3. Jacob was God's chosen to fulfil His purpose**

The Story Of Two BROTHERS

Not only that , but Rebekah's children had one and the same father , our father Isaac. Yet , ***before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad – In order that God's purpose in election might stand : not by works but by Him who calls (Rom 9:11-12)*** - she was told , “the older will serve the younger” (Gen 25:23). Just as it is written : “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.” Rom 9:10-13

The Story Of Two OUTCOMES

EDOM CONDEMNED (v.1-14)

Call to war against Edom (v.1-2)

- 1. Edom was proud, arrogant and presumptuous (v.3-4)**
- 2. Edom mistreated his brother Israel (v.11-14)**
- 3. Edom will receive their just dessert (v.5-9)**

The Story Of Two OUTCOMES

JACOB CONSOLED (v.15-21)

- 1. The Day of the LORD is near (v.15)**
- 2. Edom punished and destroyed (v.15 , 18)**
- 3. Jacob delivered and restored (v.18- 21)**

The Story Of Two DAYS

1. The day of trouble or disaster (*Yom Tzarah*)

v.13-14

2. The day of the LORD (*Yom Hashem*) v.15

Apocalyptic event Jewish end-time

The Story Of Two DAYS

The day of the LORD (Yom Hashem)

- Judgement upon nations
- Israel delivered and restored
- God and His Messiah will reign over Israel and the nations

Reflection and Application

- **Jacob passed the tipping point and will be punished (2 Kings 21:12-13; 23:26-27)**
- **Edom, the perpetrator will be destroyed**
- **God will deliver and restore Jacob**
- **Message to COMFORT and ASSURE Jacob**

1. GOD'S COVENANTAL FAITHFULNESS

- God is **COMMITTED**
- God is **CONSISTENT**
- God is **COMPASSIONATE**

If we are
faithless,
God will
remain
faithful

2 Timothy 2:13

2. GOD'S PERFECT JUSTICE

**“ Why does evil prevail
and
bad people prosper? ”**

Does God care ?

2. GOD'S PERFECT JUSTICE

Do not repay anyone evil for evil.

Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Do not take revenge my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written : It is not mine to avenge ; I will repay says the LORD.

2. GOD'S PERFECT JUSTICE

On the contrary:

If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

If he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Roman 12:14-21

3. GOD'S SOVEREIGN RULE

Obadiah 21

And the kingdom will be the LORD's. (NIV)

And the LORD Himself will be king! (NLT)

And the kingdom and the kingship shall be the LORD'S. (Amplified)