

THE ALL-SEEING EYES OF THE LORD

“The Doom of Pride”

Obadiah 1:1-4

Introduction: The book of Obadiah is the shortest in the Old Testament; It prophesies a judgment upon Edom for its treatment of Jerusalem.

I. (v. 1) GOD’S VISION OF EDOM.

1. Two nations are here: Edom, the descendants of Esau (a God-rejector) and Jacob, his twin (the God-recipients).
2. Esau had no spiritual discernment but lived by his fleshly desires.
3. Esau, the oldest, sold his birthright for a bowl of soup (Gal. 5:17).
4. The nation of Edom followed the fleshly example of Esau.

II. (v. 2) GOD’S VENGEANCE AGAINST EDOM.

1. God’s vengeance was sparked against Edom’s pride.
 - A. Pride always closes the channel of God’s blessings.
 - B. James 4:6
2. God’s all-seeing eyes always find pride and resists it.
 - A. *Proverbs 6:16-19* - Pride is on God’s hate list.
 - B. Pride caused war in heaven before the creation of earth (Ezekiel 28:13-19; Isaiah 14:12-17; Revelation 12:7-9).
3. God’s wrath is incurred over pride unless it’s broken by repentance.

III. (v. 3) GOD SEES THE VICE IN EDOM.

1. God sees the prideful vice in Edom just as He saw it in King Nebuchadnezzar, which drove him insane.
 - A. Daniel 4:30-37 – His sin, insanity, judgment, and return.
 - B. Pride is saying in one’s heart, “I can live my life without God.”
2. What happens when pride gets a foothold in our hearts?
 - A. We are deceived about our relationship with God, our dependency upon God, our self-sufficiency instead of God dependency, and about our eternity with God.
 - B. We develop the attitude of our being indestructible. (Proverbs 8:13 & I John 2:16)
3. The Edomites had convinced themselves that they didn’t need God.

IV. (v. 4) GOD’S VICTORY OVER EDOM.

1. The Edomites resolved to live with the eagles.
2. The Edomites refused to acknowledge their evil.
3. The Edomites were finally conquered by David, then by Solomon.