

Interesting Facts About Obadiah

MEANING: “Worshipper of Yahweh”

AUTHOR: Obadiah

TIME WRITTEN: Unknown

POSITION IN THE BIBLE:

- 31st Book in the Bible
- 31st Book in the Old Testament
- 9th of 17 books of Prophecy (Isaiah - Malachi)
- 4th of 12 minor prophets (Hosea - Malachi)
- 35 Books to follow it.



CHAPTERS: 1

VERSES: 21

WORDS: 670

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT OBADIAH:

- The Book of Obadiah is the only one chapter book in the Old Testament.
- Obadiah is the shortest book in the Old Testament.
- Obadiah probably lived in the Southern Kingdom of Judah.
- There are thirteen Obadiahs in the Old Testament.
- No kings are mentioned in Obadiah.
- Some believe Obadiah may have been a contemporary of Elisha.
- Obadiah may have been the earliest of the writing prophets.
- Concerning Edom:
 - Edomites were descendants of Esau.
 - Edom means “red” because of the color of the stew Esau traded his birthright for.
 - Edomites lived in the mountainous area of Seir, south of the Dead Sea.
 - The Edomites were bitter enemies of the Jews.
 - Edom refused Moses’ request to allow the Israelites to pass through their land on their way to Canaan.

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- The Edomites opposed Saul but were subdued by David.
- The Edomites fought against Jehoshaphat.
- The Edomites rebelled against Jehoram.
- In time Edom was controlled by Assyria and Babylon.
- In the 5th century B.C. the Nabateans forced the Edomites to leave their native country. The Edomites moved to the southern part of Palestine and became known as the Idumeans.
- Herod the Great was an Idumean.
 - Became King of Judea under Rome in 37 B.C.
 - Herod killed the male infants in Bethlehem in an attempt to kill Jesus.
- The Idumeans took part in the rebellion of Jerusalem against Rome and were defeated along with the Jews when Titus conquered Jerusalem in 70 A.D. **NOTE:** It is of interest to note that while the Edomites applauded the destruction of the Temple by the Babylonians in 586 B.C., a number of them died trying to defend it from the Romans in 70 A.D.
- Obadiah prophesied that:
 - Edom would be “cut off forever” (10).
 - “And no survivor shall remain of the house of Esau” (18).
- With the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., they disappeared from history.

