

The 12 Minor Prophets
“God’s Enemies” - Obadiah
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INTRODUCTION

When did he Prophecy?

What is the main theme?

What is the aim?

What is the overarching question?

Enemies of God

A. The Proud (vv.1-9)

1. Edom
 - a) Historical
 - b) Geographical
2. Think too highly of themselves (**vv.1-4**)
 - a) From their vantage point
 - b) They will be brought down
3. Act like they own other’s possessions (**vv.5**)
4. Nothing will be left (**vv.6-9**)
 - a) Thieves would leave something being, taking quickly what they wanted
 - b) God will be total in just destruction of Edom

B. The Violent (vv.10-14)

1. Expression of pride
2. Pursued Judah like Esau pursued Jacob (Genesis 27-33)
3. They have nothing to boast in, but they think they do
4. Warning & command is laid down...the rejection of God’s Word is violence against God

C. God’s Dealing with His enemies (vv.15-16)

1. All nations will be judged (no one left unaddressed on “that day”)
2. Punishment fits the crime
3. They will drink of God’s wrath
 - a) Common metaphor in the Scripture for God’s wrath
 - b) Ask: What do you think you deserve?

Friends of God (vv.17-21)

A. Delivered enemies

1. First of all, only God could preserve a people of His choosing because the earthly odds are against them

2. No one will escape God's just vengeance against His enemies except those who see that they are enemies in need of being reconciled to God

B. Made holy

1. Sacred; set apart
2. Consecrated to the Lord (by His standard)

C. Made His

1. Heirs who possess what is theirs
2. Residents in His Kingdom
 - a) All the people
 - b) All the land
 - c) All the saviors
 - d) One Ruler
 - (1) **Matthew 12:28**
 - (2) **Matthew 25:34**

E. How are we made friends of God?

1. **Romans 5:10-11**
 - a) Acknowledge we were enemies
 - b) Remember we were enemies reconciled to God, by God, for God
 - c) Receive the reconciliation that is yours through Christ's righteous life, wrath-bearing death, grave-conquering resurrection, and future-telling ascension
2. **Romans 11:25-32**

- a) **Romans 9-11** speaks of the mystery of "all Israel" being a spiritual people that includes Gentiles. God is bringing in His children from all the nations
- b) This produces HUMILITY before God's sovereign election
- c) This produces PEACE, not violence, toward even our enemies because what can man do to us?