



A Humble Servant with Hope

Hope for the Humble and Warnings for the Proud • Obadiah 1

Majoring on the Minor Prophets

- “Minor” refers to the **SIZE** of their prophecies, not their significance!

4 Major Prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah and his Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel

12 Minor Prophets: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

Major Facts about the Minor Prophet Obadiah

- **MOST** “minor” of the Minor Prophets.

- **FIRST** of the sixteen Writing Prophets to receive a revelation from God.

“The VISION of Obadiah. Thus SAYS the Lord GOD...we have HEARD a report from the LORD” (1)

Definition of a Vision

A verbal revelation from God that was communicated to the prophet by means of a vision or a dream.

Date of the Vision: Early 840 or Later in 586 B.C.?

- **LITTLE** is known about him except for his name.

Obadiah: “Servant or Worshipper of Yahweh”

What’s Revealed in the Name Obadiah?

1. His **CHARACTER** as a Person.

- Obadiah’s humble heart as a **SERVANT**. “SERVANT of Yahweh”

*Humility is **ESSENTIAL** to being an effective servant of God and others. Philippians 2:3-8; John 13*

- Obadiah’s humble hope in **YAHWEH**. “Servant of YAHWEH”

Exodus 3:13-15; 6:2-8; 34:5-7

*The **FIRST** time God is mentioned in this little book: “Lord GOD” or “Sovereign LORD”*

*“Yahweh” means God is a **PROMISE KEEPER** and
“Lord” means He is **POWERFUL** enough to keep His promises.*

WHO was Obadiah? *Not sure but we know WHO His God was that’s what counts for eternity!*

2. His CALLING as a Prophet.

- Be a **MOUTHPIECE** for the Covenant-Keeping God.

Deuteronomy 18:18; Jeremiah 1:9; Obadiah 1, 4, 8, 18

- Be a **MEDIATOR** for His Covenant-Breaking People.

As a Covenant Mediator Obadiah Has a Two-Fold Message:

1. **HOPE** for humbled covenant (promise) breakers who repent.

*"A vision of **Obadiah**. Thus says the Lord GOD...." (1)*

2. **WARNINGS** for proud covenant (promise) breakers who rebel.

*"Thus says the Lord GOD **concerning Edom**..." (1)*

3. His CHALLENGE in the Prophecy.

A DAY of DOOM Verses 1-9	A DAY of DISCIPLINE Verses 10-14	The DAY of DESTINY Verses 15-21
EDOM <i>House of Esau</i>	JUDAH <i>House of Jacob</i>	The LORD REIGNS Over ALL NATIONS <i>The Day of the LORD: The King Comes with His Kingdom</i>
<i>"The Proud Rebels"</i>	<i>"The Humbled Servants"</i>	<i>"The Proud, the Humbled & the Sovereign Lord"</i>

Hope for the Humble: *The Day of the Lord will be a day of reward!*

Warnings for the Proud: *The Day of the Lord will be a day of wrath!*

Hope for Those Who Want to Be Humble Servants

- ☐ The Lord Jesus Christ is the **PERFECT** Mediator: *The Humble Servant and Sovereign Savior! Philippians 2:4-11*
- ☐ Humility is **PROVEN** when you are tested as a servant.
- ☐ Humility **PAYS** off when you serve the perfect and all-powerful Promise Keeper.
- ☐ Pride has no **PLACE** in the hearts of true servants of Yahweh.

Jesus Is Our "I AM" So We Can Be His "Obadiah!"

Humble and Hopeful Servants of Yahweh!