

# Amos & Obadiah

66 Books in 52 Weeks

(A Book-by-Book Overview of the Bible)

## Summary & Structure

# AMOS

ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

30

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

9

TYPE

PROPHECY, MINOR



### OVERVIEW

Amos was a shepherd from Tekoa, a small town 10 miles south of Jerusalem. This was unusual, as most prophets did not have previous occupations. Amos predicted the overthrow of the Kingdom of Israel by the Assyrians, which happened in 722 BC. He also predicted the doom of Judah and many surrounding nations.



WRITTEN  
750 BC



TIME PERIOD COVERED  
722-516 BC



AUTHOR  
The Prophet Amos

## Key Verse

*But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!*

Amos 5:24.

## Background

Author: Amos was a shepherd from Tekoa, a rural town in Judea, about 11 miles south of Jerusalem.

His name means “\_\_\_\_\_.”

Historical Context: Prophesied at a time when both Israel and Judah enjoyed a time of relative prosperity and power. Sadly, this prosperity led the people to believe they were immune to disaster. (Amos 6:1-3)

Amos prophesied to Israel around 755 BC. Thirty years later the Assyrians overtook them.

## Outline of Amos

Accusations Against the Nations (Chapters 1-2)

Amos 2:6-16

Sermons against Israel (Chapters 3-6)

A list of questions. (Amos 3:3-8)

Because Israel did not do what is right, the land would be destroyed. (Amos 3:11-15)

The illustration of an overindulged woman. (Amos 4:1)

Empty worship/rituals.

God's patience is nearing an end. (Amos 4:12)

A list of the ways people disregarded God's Law. (Amos 5:10-13)

The judgement Israel desired for others would also land on them. (Amos 5:18-20)

The hypocrisy of the people pointed out. (Amos 5:21-24)

Israel's complacency and arrogance would be her downfall. (Amos 6:1-14)

## Visions of Judgment (Amos 7:1-9:10)

God warns Amos of Israel's coming judgment through five visions:

Locusts (Amos 7:1-3)

Fire (Amos 7:4-6)

Plumb Line (Amos 7:7-17)

Basket of Ripe Fruit (Amos 8:1-14)

Vision of the Lord's Wrath (Amos 9:1-10)

The Promise of Restoration (Amos 9:11-15)

### Lesson/Application

God communicates His message through a \_\_\_\_\_ of people.

### Summary & Structure

# OBADIAH

ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

31

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

1

TYPE

PROPHECY, MINOR



### OVERVIEW

Obadiah's name means "worshipper of Yahweh" and his writings are one of the few instances where God speaks solely to another culture rather than Israel. At the time, the people of Edom were mocking and harassing God's people, and Obadiah prophesies to them and warns them of their impending punishment.

### Key Verse

*Deliverers will go up on Mount Zion to govern the mountains of Esau. And the kingdom will be the Lord's!*

Obadiah 1:21

### Background

Obadiah is the shortest book in the Old Testament.

The name Obadiah means \_\_\_\_\_.

Likely resided in Judah.

The book is aimed at the nation of Edom.

The Edomites were descendants of Esau. (Genesis 25:23; 27:41; Numbers 20:14-21)

By the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70, the Edomites disappeared completely.

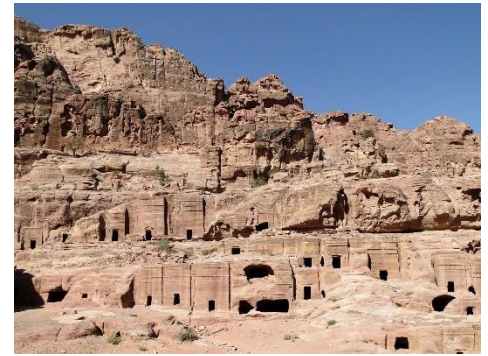
## History

Edom bordered Judah to the east and south.  
One of the most famous features of the kingdom of

Edom was Petra. Many people lived in fortified cliffs.  
They were seemingly indestructible.

The rivalry between the Edom (descendants of Esau) and Israel (descendants of Jacob) began in the womb of Rebekah. (Genesis 25:22-26)

Both Jacob and Esau prospered after initially settling in Canaan. Esau moved to Seir, leaving Jacob all of Canaan. Even though the brothers reconciled, the two nations did not.



## Outline of Obadiah

The Judgment of Edom (Verses 1-9)

God revealed to Obadiah in a vision that he was declaring war on Edom.

Two factors gave Edom a reason to feel self-sufficient.

Located on a trade route between Syria and Egypt.

Located on sandstone cliffs 5,000 feet above sea level.

God's judgment of Edom would be complete. (Obadiah 1:3-4)

The Charges Against Edom (Verses 10-14)

The Edomites treated Judah with cruelty.

The Edomites plundered the city of Jerusalem.

The Edomites gloated over Judah's misfortune.

The Edomites took advantage of the attack on Jerusalem by the Babylonians.

The Edomites captured Jews who were trying to escape from the Babylonians.

The Day of the Lord (Verses 15-21)

## Lessons/Applications

\_\_\_\_\_ is the common denominator of all fallen kingdoms.

Only one \_\_\_\_\_ will be indestructible.