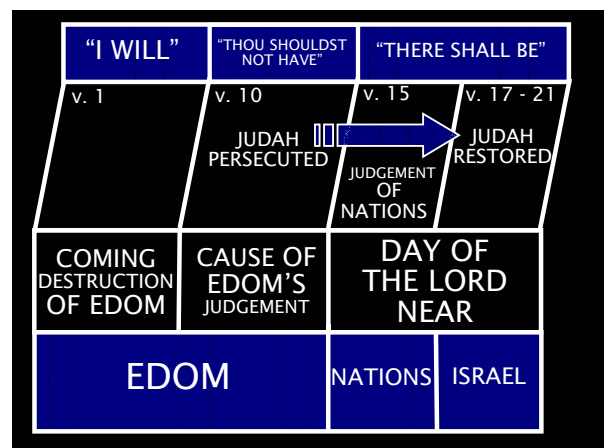
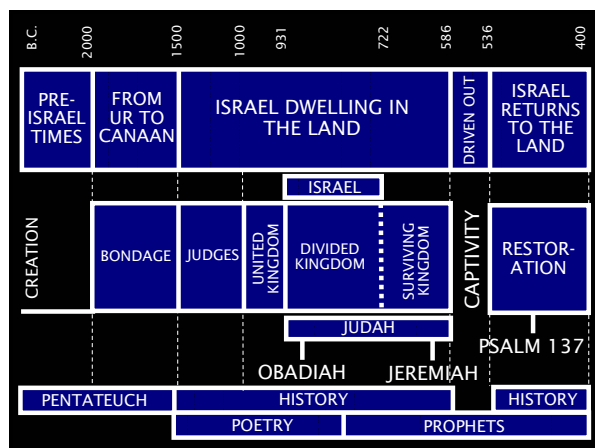




OBADIAH

Big Lessons from the Littlest Book in the Old Testament.



OBADIAH

- We know nothing of this man
- His name is as common as Joe or John
- Name means 'one who worships or serves the Lord'

OBADIAH

- Shortest book in the Old Testament
- The theme is God's judgment on Edom
 - Because of their treachery & cruelty to the people of Judah— especially when they were being attacked by the Babylonians

Jeremiah 49 : 7 - 22

1. The Horror You Inspire Has Deceived You
2. And the Pride of Your Own Heart (You Who Live in the Cleft of the Rock)





Ezekiel 25 : 12 - 14

- Edom acted revengefully against the house of Judah
- Edom has grievously offended in taking vengeance on them

Psalms 137

- Edom cheered on the Babylonians as they destroyed Jerusalem

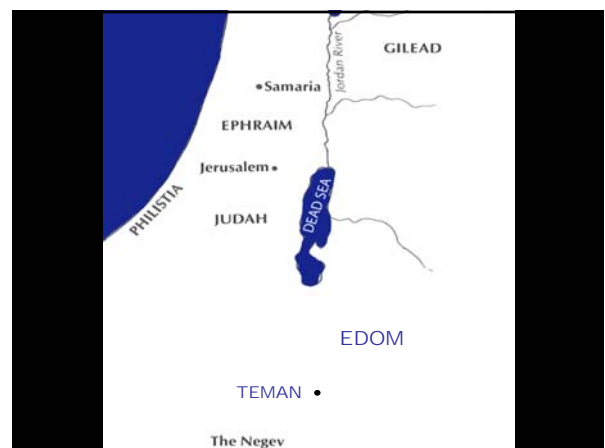
Amos 1 : 11 - 12

- God is angry with Edom
- Because Edom pursued his brother with the sword
 - Edom cast off all pity
 - His anger tore perpetually
 - He kept his wrath forever

Amos 1 : 11 - 12

So I will

- Send a fire on Teman and it shall devour the strongholds of Bozrah



Old Testament Narrative Illustration
II Samuel 16

New Testament Illustration
II Corinthians 12 : 7 - ff

⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But He

New Testament Illustration
II Corinthians 12 : 7 - ff

said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships,

New Testament Illustration
II Corinthians 12 : 7 - ff

persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

II Samuel 16

1. A common way that God tests your faith and/or brings discipline into your life is to have people fail you, deceive you, betray you, and unfairly accuse you.

II Samuel 16

2. Faith realizes that it is not your job to exact vindication

II Samuel 16

3. While keeping you in the trial, God also sends you the encouragement you need at just the right time.

II Samuel 16

4. The willingness to listen to one's critics, even those that seem to be 'ranting and raving lunatics' or 'very bitter people who have most of it wrong', may be a way to discover the truth of God.

II Samuel 16

5. If God is for us, who can be against us?
Romans 8:31-39 illustrated

II Samuel 16

6. David's acceptance of discipline wonderfully illustrates **Hebrews 12 : 5 -11**

I Peter 2 : 21 - 25

²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps.

²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. ²³ When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued

I Peter 2 : 21 - 25

entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. ²⁴ He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.

²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the

I Peter 2 : 21 - 25

Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Romans 12 : 19 - 21

¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his

Romans 12 : 19 - 21

head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Application #1

It is a Terrible Thing to Fall into the Hands of the Living God (v. 8 - 10)

Application #2

One Aspect of God's Judgment that is Mysterious & even Strange to our Thinking is that God's Judgment is Long Term

Application #3

God's Judgment Includes Searching Your Heart (v. 3 - 4)

Application #4

Non-involvement in a Social Crisis is
as Bad as if You were Doing it.
(v. 11)

Application #5

You Reap what You Sow—
Be Not Deceived! (v. 15)

Application #6

Hope for the Crushed Heart