

The Pride and Fall of a People

What can we learn from the failure of Edom to care for his brother Israel

Obadiah 1-14

Introduction: Jacob and Esau – the rivalry begins (Genesis 25)

Edom in the Old Testament (Obadiah 1)

The judgment of Edom (Obadiah 2-9)

Edom's downfall because of pride (2-4)

The completeness of Edom's destruction (5-6)

Their allies break their covenants (7)

Loss of wisdom and might leading to slaughter (9)

Obadiah's prophecy was fulfilled in 312 B.C. and after 70 A.D.

God judged Edom for the sin of pride

God's hatred of pride (Ps 10:2-4, Pr 6:5, 16-17, Ja 4:10)

Prov 16:18 – *Pride goes before destruction*

The pride of Cain (who killed his brother, Abel)

How can we identify and mortify pride? (Pr 13:10)

God judged Edom for breaking covenant with their brother (Obadiah 9-14)

Brotherly love in the New Testament

Application

The consequences of boasting against Israel (Romans 11:17-21)

God's sovereignty over the affairs of nations (Malachi 1:2-5)

Lessons for nations

Lessons for individuals (families, church)

Epilogue: Take comfort God is faithfulness to judge our enemies

Social justice / reparation – Deuteronomy 32:35-43

The comfort of martyrs – Revelation 6:9-11