

Cultures in Conflict

God's Response to the Proud

God **SEES** and **WARNS** the Proud vs. 1-9

Obadiah declares **GOD'S** response to:

An ancient **FAMILY FEUD**; two brothers fighting

Edom = **ESAU** Israel = **JACOB**
Gen. 25, 27, 32-33, 36

BABYLON sweeping in to conquer Israel; **EDOM'S**
participation

God **DESPISES** the Proud; either a nation or an
individual vs. 1-2; Proverbs 16:18

Sign #1 of Pride –
Self-Provided **SECURITY** and **SAFETY** vs. 3-4

God's warning to **EDOM** vs. 5-9

You will suffer **TOTAL** loss of your security vs. 4b-6

Your **ALLIES** will become your **ENEMIES** vs. 7-9

Application: Taking refuge in our own power and
strength is actually a weak position

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Life Group Discussion Questions – April 24, 2022

Obadiah 3 *"The arrogance of your heart has deceived you, the one who lives in the clefts of the rock, on the height of his dwelling place, who says in his heart, 'Who will bring me down to earth?'"*

DISCOVER (read Obadiah 1-9)

1. How does the world define pride? What is your definition?
2. Have you ever had a trusted friend betray you? What warnings signs might you have missed? What was your role leading up to the treachery?
3. Read Proverbs 6:16-19. In your own words, list the seven things God hates.
4. Re-read Obadiah v. 8. Whom would God destroy? Why would this be a problem for Edom? What happens to people who are renowned for their wisdom apart from God?

EXPLORE

1. Read Genesis 25:19-34. Who were the Edomites? What was the significance of the birthright that Esau sold to Jacob? What was the significance of the blessing that Jacob received by deception?
2. List the reasons for Edom's downfall. What lessons and warnings are pertinent for us as well?
3. Compare Obadiah 1-6 with Jeremiah 49:9-16. Why do you think the similarity is so great? What can we take-away from the similarity?
4. Read Jeremiah 27:1-7. How did both Edom and Judah sin?
5. What prophecy is mentioned in Romans 9:10-13? From where in the Old Testament is this quoted? Explain the meaning of this prophecy and how it relates to the nations of Israel and Edom. How can we see this being fulfilled even today?

EXPERIENCE

1. What does a universal struggle with pride in everyone have to do with many of the world's philosophies such as: "You only live once." ...or "Obey your heart." ...or "Fulfill your dreams."
2. In the account of Edom, we find that taking refuge in our own power and strength is actually a weak position. In what ways do you tend to do this today? What will it take to surrender complete control in these areas over to God? ...and not take it back from Him when we think He delays or does not see?

PRAY

Pray... Father in heaven, thank You for Your divine instruction through the Book of Obadiah, causing me to reflect on the dangers of pride and arrogance. May I never forget that a haughty soul will be brought crashing down in Your timing. Help me to do so justly, to be merciful and walk humbly before You, for I know those with a humble heart will be lifted up. May Your great Name be made famous through my life. Amen.

Action... The Book of Obadiah challenges us to think deeply about how we express negative emotions to God. Is there some deeply imbedded emotion in you that needs to be expressed and aired-out before God's Presence?