

Obadiah

The Kingdom Belongs to Yah

A 5-Week Kingdom Bible Study

Kingdom Disciples Training Center
Win Souls. Make Disciples. Expand The Kingdom.

Introduction

The Book of Obadiah is the shortest book in the Old Testament, yet it delivers one of the strongest prophetic messages found in Scripture. In only twenty-one verses, Yah confronts pride, exposes injustice, announces judgment, and ultimately points His people toward hope.

Although Obadiah speaks directly to the nation of Edom, its message reaches far beyond one ancient kingdom. It exposes attitudes that still exist today—self-reliance, arrogance, indifference to the suffering of others, misplaced security, and the belief that no one will be held accountable for sin.

The descendants of Esau believed their mountain fortresses made them untouchable. They trusted their geography, their alliances, their wisdom, and their military strength more than the sovereign rule of Yah. Their confidence became their downfall.

Obadiah reminds us that Yah is never impressed by human strength. He opposes pride, defends justice, remembers every act of cruelty, and ultimately establishes His Kingdom over every nation and every ruler.

Yet this study is not merely about the judgment of Edom.

It is about the formation of our own hearts.

Every disciple must answer difficult questions:

- What false securities have I trusted?
- Where has pride quietly taken root?
- Have I remained silent when Yah called me to act?
- Am I living as though Yah truly reigns?

Throughout these five weeks you will study Scripture inductively by observing the text, understanding its historical context, exploring Ancient Hebrew word studies, connecting Scripture with Scripture, and responding personally through prayer and application.

The goal is not simply to understand Obadiah.

The goal is to become a disciple whose life reflects humility, justice, faithful obedience, and complete confidence in the reign of Yah.

Series Through-Line

Throughout Scripture, Yah reveals a consistent Kingdom pattern.

Human pride always seeks self-exaltation. Yah always resists the proud.

Justice may appear delayed, but it is never forgotten. Those who trust themselves eventually fall.

Those who humble themselves before Yah will stand. Each week builds upon this Kingdom progression.

Week One: Pride deceives the human heart.

Week Two: False security always fails.

Week Three: Yah holds every person accountable for how they treat others.

Week Four: The Day of Yah reminds us that justice belongs to Him.

Week Five: Every kingdom will pass away, but the Kingdom of Yah will endure forever.

The message of Obadiah is not ultimately about Edom.

It is about the King.

How to Use This Study

Each week's lesson follows the same inductive Bible study pattern.

Begin by reading every assigned passage before reading the teaching.

Allow Scripture to speak first.

As you work through each lesson:

- Read every passage in context.
- Answer the observation questions honestly.
- Study the Ancient Hebrew word insights.
- Connect the passages together.
- Reflect upon the Kingdom Synthesis.
- Answer the Personal Audit with honesty.

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- Complete the practical application.
- Pray sincerely, asking Yah to transform your heart.

Do not rush.

Formation happens through meditation, obedience, and faithful application.

The goal is not merely to complete another Bible study.

The goal is to become a citizen of the Kingdom whose life reflects the character of the King.

Week One — The Deception of Pride. Pride Blinds Before It Destroys

Theme

Pride rarely announces itself.

Instead, it quietly convinces us that we are stronger, wiser, safer, or more independent than we truly are. Like Edom, we begin trusting ourselves instead of trusting Yah. Before pride ever destroys a life, it first deceives the heart.

Read Core Scriptures

Obadiah 1-4; Proverbs 16:18; James 4:6-10; Proverbs 3:5-7

Where does confidence become self-confidence?

Where does healthy stewardship become self-reliance?

Where does success become self-exaltation?

Observe

1. According to Obadiah, what caused Edom to believe they were secure?
2. What false assumptions had pride created within them?
3. How do Proverbs and James describe Yah's response toward the proud?
4. What does Proverbs teach about trusting our own understanding?
5. What warning do these passages give every disciple today?

Understand the Context

The nation of Edom descended from Esau, Jacob's twin brother.

Their territory was surrounded by towering cliffs and nearly inaccessible mountain fortresses. These natural defenses made Edom feel invincible. Their confidence rested in geography, military strength, political alliances, and human wisdom.

Yet Yah exposed what no enemy could see.

Their greatest weakness was not outside their walls.

It was inside their hearts.

Pride convinced them they no longer needed dependence upon Yah.

Scripture consistently teaches that pride is more than arrogance.

It is misplaced worship.

Whenever we trust ourselves more than Yah, pride has already begun its work.

Ancient Hebrew Word Study

Hebrew Insights

Gābah (גָּבַהּ)

Meaning: To be high, exalted, lifted up.

This Hebrew word often describes becoming elevated beyond one's proper place. Throughout Scripture, Yah is the One who exalts and the One who humbles. Pride occurs when people attempt to elevate themselves rather than allowing Yah to establish them in His timing.

True Kingdom humility is not thinking less of yourself.

It is thinking of yourself correctly before the King.

Connect The Scriptures

Obadiah reveals pride in a nation.

Proverbs reveals pride in the individual heart.

James reminds believers that Yah actively opposes the proud while extending grace to the humble.

Together these passages reveal one consistent Kingdom principle:

Pride always separates us from dependence upon Yah.

Kingdom Synthesis

Every visible act of pride begins with an invisible shift of trust.

Before Edom exalted themselves publicly, they first believed privately that they were secure without Yah. Kingdom disciples never graduate from dependence.

The closer we walk with Yah, the more we recognize our continual need for His wisdom, strength, and mercy.

Humility is not weakness.

It is accurate vision.

Personal Audit

Where have you become more confident in your own abilities than in Yah's provision and direction?

Journal

Take time to honestly examine your heart.

Ask Yah to reveal hidden pride that may have become acceptable in your thinking.

Write what the Ruach HaKodesh impresses upon your heart.

His Answer/My Response

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Closing Prayer

Father,

Search my heart and expose every trace of pride that keeps me from fully depending upon You. Forgive me for trusting my own wisdom, strength, or accomplishments more than Your guidance. Teach me to walk in humility, recognizing that every good gift comes from You. Form within me a heart that seeks Your glory above my own and help me become a disciple who is fully surrendered to Your reign.

In Yahusha's name, amen.

Practical Application

This week:

- Ask Yah to expose one area where self-reliance has replaced dependence upon Him.
- Begin each day by acknowledging your need for His wisdom before making important decisions.
- Practice humility by giving Yah credit for every success instead of taking personal glory.
- Memorize James 4:6 and pray it throughout the week.

Kingdom Truth

Pride lifts itself up. Humility bows before the King.

Week Two — False Security | What are You Really Trusting

Theme

Everyone builds their life upon something.
Some trust wealth.
Others trust influence, education, relationships, reputation, or military power.
Edom trusted its mountain strongholds.
Kingdom disciples are called to place their confidence in Yah alone.
Anything we trust more than Yah eventually becomes an idol.

Read Core Scriptures

Obadiah 5-9; Psalm 20:7; Jeremiah 17:5-8; Isaiah 31:1; Proverbs 18:10-11

Read each passage carefully.
As you read, identify the difference between **human security** and **Kingdom security**.
Notice how Scripture repeatedly contrasts trusting human strength with trusting Yah.

Ask yourself:

What makes a person truly secure?

Observe

1. Why did Yah declare that Edom's destruction would be complete?
2. What strengths had the Edomites depended upon?
3. According to Jeremiah, what happens to the person who trusts in human strength?
4. How does Psalm 20 contrast worldly confidence with Kingdom confidence?
5. What false securities are common in our culture today?

Understand the Context

Edom's confidence rested in everything the world admired.
Their mountain cities were considered nearly impossible to conquer.
Their alliances gave them political influence.
Their wise men were respected throughout the region.
Their soldiers were feared.
From every human perspective, Edom appeared secure.

Yet Obadiah reveals an important Kingdom principle:
What appears strong to people may already be collapsing before Yah.

Security that is built upon possessions, influence, education, political power, or personal ability is temporary.
Only the Kingdom of Yah cannot be shaken.
The disciple who builds upon Yah stands secure even when earthly foundations begin to crumble.

Ancient Hebrew Word Study

Hebrew Insights

Bāṭah (בָּטָח)

Meaning: To trust, rely upon, feel secure.

This Hebrew word describes confidence that causes someone to rest without fear.

The question is never whether we trust.

The question is **what—or whom—we trust.**

Throughout Scripture, Yah continually calls His people to place their confidence in Him rather than in temporary sources of security.

False trust produces fear whenever circumstances change.

Kingdom trust produces peace because Yah never changes.

Connect the Scriptures

Obadiah shows a nation trusting its fortresses.

Jeremiah contrasts the person who trusts in human strength with the one who trusts in Yah.

Isaiah warns against relying upon military alliances instead of seeking Yah.

The psalmist declares:

"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we remember the name of Yah our Elohim." (Psalm 20:7)

Together these passages reveal one enduring Kingdom truth:

Anything we trust more than Yah will eventually disappoint us.

Kingdom Synthesis

False security is often invisible until it is tested.

Many people believe they trust Yah until their finances change.

Until their health declines.

Until relationships fail.

Until a career ends.

Until the future becomes uncertain.

Testing exposes where our confidence truly rests.

Kingdom disciples learn to anchor their lives in the unchanging character of Yah rather than in changing circumstances.

The safest place on earth is not a mountain fortress.

It is complete dependence upon the King.

Personal Audit

If everything you currently depend upon disappeared tomorrow, would Yah still be enough?

Journal

Prayerfully consider the foundations upon which you have built your life.

What gives you confidence?

What do you fear losing?

What would expose misplaced trust?

His Answer/My Response

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- ☐ _____
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Closing Prayer

Father,

Forgive me for placing my confidence in temporary things rather than in You. Remind me that wealth fades, influence changes, and human strength eventually fails, but Your Kingdom stands forever. Teach me to trust You completely, even when life feels uncertain. May my confidence rest not in what I possess, but in who You are.

Strengthen my faith so that I remain secure in every season because my life is built upon You alone.

In Yahusha's name, amen.

Kingdom Truth

The strongest fortress is still weaker than the faithfulness of Yah.

Week Three — Yah Sees Everything: The Sin of Standing By

Theme

Obadiah is not only a prophecy against pride.

It is also a warning against indifference.

Edom was judged not merely for what they did—but also for what they refused to do.

When Jerusalem suffered, Edom watched.

When their brothers were attacked, they stood by.

When people fled, they betrayed them.

When they had an opportunity to help, they chose personal advantage instead.

Kingdom disciples are called to love their neighbor, defend the vulnerable, and reflect the justice of Yah.

Silence in the face of injustice is never neutral.

It reveals the condition of the heart.

Read Core Scriptures

Obadiah 10-14; Micah 6;8; Matthew 25:31-46; James 2:14-17; Luke 10:25-37

Read each passage carefully.

As you read, notice that Yah is concerned not only with obvious acts of evil, but also with failures to love, protect, and act justly.

Ask yourself:

Where does Scripture call God's people to become actively involved in the needs of others?

Observe

1. What specific sins did Yah list against Edom?
2. Why was their treatment of Israel especially serious?
3. According to Micah, what does Yah require of His people?
4. What does Yahusha teach in Matthew 25 about serving others?
5. How does the Parable of the Good Samaritan challenge religious indifference?
6. What relationship does James describe between genuine faith and compassionate action?

Understand the Context

The conflict between Jacob and Esau began generations before Obadiah.

Although the brothers eventually reconciled, hostility continued between their descendants.

When Babylon invaded Jerusalem, Edom should have come to the aid of their relatives.

Instead, they celebrated Judah's downfall.

They looted the city.

They captured fleeing survivors.

They handed them over to their enemies.

Yah condemned not only their violence but their complete lack of covenant compassion.

Kingdom citizenship has always required more than avoiding evil.

It requires actively pursuing righteousness.

Love is demonstrated by action.

Justice requires participation.

Compassion refuses to remain comfortable while others suffer.

Ancient Hebrew Word Study

Hebrew Insights

Ḥāmās (חָמָס)

Meaning: Violence, injustice, cruelty, wrongful treatment.

This Hebrew word describes more than physical violence.

It includes oppression, exploitation, abuse of power, and actions that violate righteousness and covenant faithfulness.

Throughout Scripture, Yah consistently opposes ḥāmās because it destroys the people He created in His image.

Kingdom justice begins by refusing to ignore the suffering of others.

Connect the Scriptures

Obadiah exposes Edom's indifference.

Micah calls God's people to **do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with Yah.**

Yahusha teaches that serving "the least of these" is service rendered to Him.

James reminds believers that faith without action is dead.

The Good Samaritan demonstrates that loving our neighbor requires compassion that moves beyond emotion into action.

Together these passages reveal one Kingdom principle:

Kingdom love is never passive. It is demonstrated through justice, mercy, and faithful action.

Kingdom Synthesis

Edom's greatest failure was not simply pride.

It was allowing pride to produce indifference.

A hardened heart no longer grieves over injustice.

It watches suffering without compassion.

It celebrates another person's downfall.

It refuses to become inconvenienced for the sake of righteousness.

Kingdom disciples are called to live differently.

Where the world asks, "How does this affect me?"

The Kingdom asks,

"How can I faithfully represent the heart of the King?"

Personal Audit

Where have you remained passive when Yah was calling you to show compassion, defend the vulnerable, or stand for what is right?

Journal

His Answer/My Response

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Closing Prayer

Father,

Forgive me for every time I have remained silent when You were calling me to act. Give me eyes that see people as You see them and a heart that reflects Your compassion. Deliver me from selfishness and indifference. Teach me to pursue justice, love mercy, and faithfully represent Your Kingdom wherever You place me.

In Yahusha's name, amen.

Kingdom Truth

Kingdom compassion refuses to stand by while others suffer.

Week Four — Justice Belongs to the King

Theme

The Day of Yah reminds us that history is moving toward His righteous judgment.
Though evil may appear to prosper for a season, Yah remains sovereign over every nation, every ruler, and every human heart.
His justice is perfect.
His timing is perfect.
His judgment is certain.

Read Core Scriptures

Obadiah 15-18; Joel 2:1-13; Romans 2:1-11; Galatians 6:7-10; Revelation 20:11-15

Read each passage carefully.
Notice how Scripture consistently teaches that every person will one day give an account before Yah.

Observe

1. What does Obadiah teach about the Day of Yah?
2. What principle of sowing and reaping appears throughout these passages?
3. According to Romans, what is Yah's standard of judgment?
4. What hope is offered to those who repent?
5. How should future judgment influence the way believers live today?

Understand the Context

The Day of Yah is not merely one future event.
Throughout Scripture it describes moments when Yah intervenes in history to judge evil and establish His righteous rule.
Obadiah first applies this principle to Edom.
Then he expands it to **all nations**.
No kingdom escapes His authority.
No injustice escapes His attention.
No act of faithfulness escapes His reward.
The Day of Yah reminds believers that vengeance belongs to Yah—not to us.
Because Yah judges perfectly, we are free to live faithfully.

Ancient Hebrew Word Study

Hebrew Insights

Mishpat (מִשְׁפָּט)

Meaning: Justice, judgment, righteous order.

Biblical justice is not merely punishment.
It is Yah restoring what is right according to His holy character.
His judgments are never arbitrary.
They flow from His perfect righteousness and covenant faithfulness.

Connect the Scriptures

Joel calls God's people to repentance before the Day of Yah.
Paul reminds believers that Yah shows no partiality.
Galatians teaches that we reap what we sow.
Revelation reveals the final judgment before the throne of Yah.

Together these passages proclaim one Kingdom truth:
Justice belongs to Yah because the Kingdom belongs to Yah.

Kingdom Synthesis

Our culture often demands immediate justice.

Yah calls us to patient faithfulness.
He has not forgotten.
He has not overlooked evil.
He has not abandoned righteousness.
Kingdom disciples do not despair when evil appears to win.
They remain faithful because they know the King still reigns.

Personal Audit

Are you trusting Yah to judge righteously, or have you been trying to take His place?

Journal

His/Answer My Response

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Closing Prayer

Father,

Thank You that Your justice is perfect and Your judgments are always righteous. Help me trust Your timing instead of demanding my own. Guard my heart from bitterness and revenge. Teach me to live faithfully, knowing that You will ultimately make all things right.

In Yahusha's name, amen.

Practical Application

This week:

- Release any bitterness or desire for personal revenge.
- Pray for those who have wronged you.
- Remember that Yah alone judges perfectly.
- Live each day with eternity in view.

Kingdom Truth

Justice delayed is not justice denied when the King reigns.

Week Five — The Final Word Is Hope

Theme

Obadiah ends where every Kingdom story ends.

Not with judgment.

Not with destruction.

Not with human kingdoms.

But with Yah.

His Kingdom endures forever.

His promises never fail.

His reign is eternal.

Read Core Scriptures

Obadiah 19-21; Daniel 2:44; Matthew 6:33; Hebrews 12:28; Revelation 11:15

Read each passage prayerfully.

Notice how every passage points toward the unshakable reign of Yah.

Observe

1. How does Obadiah conclude his prophecy?
2. What hope is promised to Yah's people?
3. What does Daniel teach about Yah's Kingdom?
4. According to Hebrews, what kind of Kingdom have believers received?
5. How should living under Yah's reign shape our priorities today?

Understand the Context

Although much of Obadiah speaks of judgment, the book concludes with restoration.

Judgment is never Yah's final word for His covenant people.

Hope is.

The prophet declares,

"The Kingdom shall be Yah's."

This is more than Israel's future.

It is the ultimate destination of history.

Every earthly kingdom rises and falls.

Every empire eventually disappears.

But Yah's Kingdom cannot be shaken.

Kingdom disciples therefore live with confidence—not because the world is stable, but because the King is.

Ancient Hebrew Word Study

Hebrew Insights

Mālak (מָלַךְ)

Meaning: To reign, to rule as king.

This word emphasizes sovereign authority.

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Yah does not compete with earthly rulers.
He reigns above them.
His Kingdom is everlasting, His rule is righteous, and His purposes cannot be overthrown.

Connect the Scriptures

Daniel sees an everlasting Kingdom.
Yahusha teaches us to seek that Kingdom first.
Hebrews declares that believers have received an unshakable Kingdom.
Revelation announces that the kingdoms of this world have become the Kingdom of our Master and His Messiah.

Together they proclaim the final message of Obadiah:
The Kingdom belongs to Yah.

Kingdom Synthesis

Obadiah begins with pride.
It ends with worship.
Human kingdoms build themselves upward.
The Kingdom of Yah calls us to bow downward.
Our hope is not found in politics, economics, military strength, or human achievement.
Our hope is found in the eternal reign of the King.

Personal Audit

Does your daily life demonstrate that Yah is truly King over every area of your heart?

Journal

His Answer/My Response

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Practical Application

This week:

- Surrender one area where you have resisted Yah's authority.
- Spend time worshipping the King rather than worrying about the world.
- Read Revelation 11:15 and thank Yah that His Kingdom cannot be shaken.
- Ask yourself each day, "Does this decision reflect the rule of the King?"

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Closing Prayer

Father,

Thank You that Your Kingdom cannot be shaken. Rule over every area of my life. Remove every trace of pride, fear, and self-reliance, replacing them with humility, faithfulness, and joyful obedience. May my life continually reflect the reign of my King until the day every knee bows and every tongue confesses Your authority.

In Yahusha's name, amen.

Kingdom Truth

Human kingdoms rise and fall. The Kingdom of Yah stands forever.

Series Summary

Obadiah is much more than a prophecy against Edom.
It is a mirror held before every human heart.

Throughout this study we have seen that:

- **Pride** deceives before it destroys.
- **False security** eventually fails.
- **Indifference** is incompatible with Kingdom compassion.
- **Justice** belongs to Yah alone.
- **The Kingdom** belongs to Yah forever.

The message of Obadiah is both a warning and an invitation.

Turn from pride. Walk in humility. Practice justice.
Love mercy. Trust the King.

The Kingdom does not belong to the proud.

It belongs to Yah.

Final Reflection

Humility

- Where has Yah exposed pride in your life?
- What false security have you been trusting?

Compassion

- How has this study challenged the way you respond to the suffering of others?
- Where is Yah calling you to greater mercy?

Justice

- Are you trusting Yah's justice, or trying to establish your own?
- How has your understanding of the Day of Yah changed?

Kingdom

- What area of your life still needs to come under the rule of the King?
- How will you intentionally seek His Kingdom first this week?

Father, after completing this study, I believe You are calling me to become a disciple who

Closing Prayer

ather,

Thank You for speaking through the prophet Obadiah and reminding me that You alone are King. Search my heart and expose every trace of pride, self-reliance, and indifference. Teach me to trust You completely, pursue justice faithfully, and love others with compassion that reflects Your character.

May my confidence never rest in earthly kingdoms, but in Your eternal Kingdom that cannot be shaken. Continue forming me into a disciple whose life brings glory to Your Name and faithfully represents Your reign in the earth.

In Yahusha's name, amen.

About KDTC

Kingdom Disciples Training Center equips believers to move beyond information into transformation through Scripture-centered, Kingdom-focused discipleship.

Our mission is to raise mature disciples who know the Word, walk in obedience, pursue justice, and faithfully represent the Kingdom of Yah in every area of life.

Through Bible studies, biblical teaching, discipleship resources, and leadership development, KDTC seeks to cultivate believers whose character reflects Yahusha and whose faith is demonstrated through faithful obedience.

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