

Single Chapter Bible Study

Part 1

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There has to be a reason why 5 different books of the Bible only have 1 chapter. Importance isn't based on length but often these books of the Bible are ignored. Sometimes we read or study a few verses but ignore the entire book themselves. So, what we are going to do is learn more about all five books spread over three different lessons. The first one will cover the Prophet Obadiah. Instead of the usual break in questions, the Biblical and Personal sections are mixed throughout the lesson.

1.) Obadiah was able to get a chapter in the Bible but shows up with Elijah and Ahab in the book of Kings. From the verses below what did Obadiah do for the Lord and why?

1 Kings 18:1-4

2.) What mission did Ahab have for Obadiah?

1 Kings 18:5-6

3.) Obadiah met Elijah while on the mission for Ahab. What did Elijah ask him to do? How did Obadiah initially respond but what does he ultimately do for Elijah?

1 Kings 18:7-16

4.) If you were in Obadiah's situation, would you have hid the priests and ministers? Would you have done the mission that Elijah requested? Please explain.

5.) Obadiah had position that he could have lost and his life. What does this say about his character to risk it all for others? What areas of your life do you have a similar character trait?

Obadiah's message was to the Edomites. Before reading about this chapter in the Bible let's see the issue that Obadiah was referring too from the book of Numbers. In addition, Edomites are from Esau, which were related to the Israelites who were from Jacob.

6.) While the Israelites were marching in the area of the promise land, what request was made to Edom?

Numbers 20:14-17

7.) What was Edom's response?

Numbers 20:18-21

8.) How does Edom view themselves?

Obadiah 1:1-3

9.) Is there pride in the mindset of Edom? What does pride lead too? Why does God abhor this sort of mindset?

10.) What is being predicted to happen to Edom?

Obadiah 1:4-9

11.) What reason are given for the judgement on the Edomites?

Obadiah 1:10-14

12.) What will be the results of the Lord's judgement?

Obadiah 1:15-18

13.) Who will gain Edom's lands?

Obadiah 1:19-21

14.) Compare and contrast Obadiah's willingness to help the other priests and prophets with Edom's unwillingness to help the Israelites.

15.) What does Edom not willing to help their brethren in time of need say about their character?

16.) Why does the Lord take the mindset of helping one another so seriously?

17.) What lesson can we take from Edom's error to our lives in how we relate to people?

Just a Thought

Obadiah was a person who believed in doing the right thing in helping others. Even though it was risky, he still did what was right for God by saving the lives of his brethren. This truth, adds more weight to his prophecy to the Edomites who were the exact opposite of himself. When God blesses us with authority, money, resources, talent, and ability, we have to use this to help or save other people. The Lord has not given you what you have to keep for yourself. Do not let pride or fear stop you from becoming the person God wants you to be.

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