



discussion questions | June 29, 2014

today

In the face of tragedy, will we be agents for healing, or will we stand by and do nothing? The answer isn't found in the moment of the tragedy, but in the choices we make leading up to it. God spoke to Obadiah in the wake of the most devastating tragedy in Israel's history - the Babylonian conquest of Judah. Obadiah addressed not God's people, but their neighbors, the Edomites, who refused to aid Judah, and even aided the Babylonians in sacking Jerusalem. In God's warning to them, we hear a similar warning to enact justice now, in the small, every day choices we make.



prophet profile

Name:: Obadiah (Servant of Yahweh)

Occupation:: Unknown

Lived In:: Judah

Dates Active:: 590-560 BC

Major Themes:: Exploiting the suffering of others

Key Verses:: Obadiah 2-14

scripture for further reading

Obadiah; Matthew 5:38-48; Romans 5:6-11; Colossians 1:19-22

discussion questions

1. Had you heard the story of Mallory Holtman before? What do you think of her behavior?
2. How does a person become a good sportsman like Holtman rather than a crook like the New Orleans contractors?
3. Have you had any experiences in your life you consider to be similar to Israel and Edom? Have you been betrayed or been the betrayer?
4. What does it look like for you to choose justice this week? What is happening in our world you can speak out against? How can you take a stand for those who can't stand up?

