

MAJOR LESSONS FROM THE MINOR PROPHETS

Obadiah: Pride's Downfall

The vision of Obadiah. This is what the Sovereign Lord says about Edom—(Obadiah 1a)

***The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rocks and make your home on the heights, you who say to yourself, 'Who can bring me down to the ground?'* (Obadiah 3)**

Though you soar like the eagle and make your nest among the stars, from there I will bring you down," declares the Lord. (Obadiah 4)

Pride: Refuses to get involved

On the day you stood aloof while strangers carried off his wealth and foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem, you were like one of them. (Obadiah 11)

Pride: Delights when others fall

You should not gloat over your brother in the day of his misfortune, nor rejoice over the people of Judah in the day of their destruction, nor boast so much in the day of their trouble. (Obadiah 12)

Pride: Benefits at other's expense

¹³You should not march through the gates of my people in the day of their disaster . . . nor seize their wealth in the day of their disaster. ¹⁴You should not wait at the crossroads to cut down their fugitives, nor hand over their survivors in the day of their trouble.
(Obadiah 13, 14)

Pride's Payday . . .

“The day of the Lord is near for all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head. (Obadiah 15)

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may **lift you up** in due time. (1 Peter 5:6)

“The true way to be humble is not to stoop until you are smaller than yourself, but to stand at your real height against some higher nature that will show you what the real smallness of your greatness is.”
(Phillip Brooks)

Another Mountain . . .

*But on Mount Zion will be deliverance; it will be holy, and Jacob will possess his inheritance.
(Obadiah 17)*

*Deliverers will go up on Mount Zion to govern the mountains of Esau.
And the kingdom will be the Lord’s.
(Obadiah 21)*