





## Book:

### *Presentation Ideas -*



**Read It!** This is the shortest book in the Old Testament. Let's read it out loud together. Who would like to volunteer to get us started?



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### *Bible Adventure -*

The more we study God's Word, the more we realize how faithful He is. Even when God's people are off on their own path and are even in danger of forgetting Him altogether, God keeps calling them back, warning them of the danger.

In Old Testament times, God used men called prophets to speak to His people. Prophets were men given a special assignment by God to deliver a message from Him. Many times the messages were warnings against the people of Israel for their idolatry. At other times, the message was directed toward another nation. This was true of Obadiah, the prophet we will be studying today. Obadiah's message was a promise to the nation of Edom that God would bring about their doom.

To understand who the Edomites were, we go back to the story of Jacob and Esau. In Genesis 25 we read that even when Jacob and Esau were still in their mother's body, they struggled with each other. Years later, when Esau was hungry, he traded his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of stew. When he realized what he had done, he was very angry with Jacob and with Isaac, their father. Later, Esau moved to the land of Seir, which was later called Edom. Even though they were related by blood, the Edomites became bitter enemies of the Israelites. When the Israelites were on the way to the Promised Land, the Edomites refused to let them cross Edomite land. That was the beginning of Edom's crimes against Israel. God spoke through Obadiah about the seriousness of these crimes. After the kingdom of Solomon and David divided into Israel and Judah, the Edomites attacked and raided Judah at least three times. When other nations attacked Judah, Edom stood by and watched and even rejoiced over Judah's misfortune. They took Judah's wealth, killed anyone who tried to escape, and even turned over any survivors to the attacking army--all this against people who were of their own blood.

Obadiah was sent by God to prophecy against the Edomites, telling them God had noticed what they had done to their brothers in Judah. Obadiah prophesied that God would not allow their evil deeds to go unpunished. The people of Edom had become very arrogant. They lived in a fortress-type city, high in the mountains, that other nations had found impossible to conquer. They had obtained great wealth and prided themselves on their wisdom. But in verse 4 of Obadiah, God says that He is able to bring Edom down. God's judgments on Edom fit her crimes. Edom looted Jerusalem, so Edom was looted. Edom killed Judeans trying to flee from the enemy, so God allowed many of them to be killed. Edom handed over Judean survivors to the enemy, so God allowed those same enemies to conquer her.

Though Obadiah is the shortest book in the Old Testament, it contains a powerful message--God never forsakes his people. No matter how powerful and proud a nation gets, God is able to deal with it. The example of the Edomites also show us what happens to those who turn their back on God and His Word, becoming rebellious and arrogant. Those who trust in the Lord, however, even in the middle of trials and suffering, have everything to gain.

Think back to 2 Peter 2:9. "The Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of justice." You have no doubt had times in your lives when you were going through some kind of trial or suffering. You have been hurt and treated unfairly at times. Does it comfort you to know that these things do not go unnoticed? God sees and God cares. God can and will deal with it. It's wise to let God deal with it instead of trying to do it ourselves. We don't have

God's perfect wisdom, understanding and justice. If we leave it to Him, we know the punishment given will be perfectly right and deserved. Knowing that can give us a lot of security.

Obadiah ends his prophecy by stating, "the kingdom will be the Lord's." Will knowing that God is in control help you in facing future suffering? What will your attitude be when God allows you to suffer for a little while? Will you remember that He is able to deal with it? Will you trust Him?



### Look:



**Edomites.** How many words can you find in the word EDOMITES? Make a word list on the page provided. **3OBA01JR.GF2**



**Obadiah Maze.** Can you get the Israelites to the Promised Land? \*Be sure to go around Edom! **3OBA01JR.GF2**



**True False Quiz.** Give the following quiz out loud to your class to see if they listened. Have students raise their right hand if they think the answer is true and their left hand if they think the answer is false.

1. Obadiah is the shortest book in the Old Testament. *True - Right hand.*
2. Obadiah spoke to the Edomites who were children of Jacob. *False - Left hand.*
3. Esau was the father of the Edomites. *True - Right hand.*
4. When the people of Judah were attacked, the Edomites came to help them. *False-Left hand.*
5. God is loyal to His enemies is the principle we took from the book of Obadiah. *False - Left hand.*
6. Obadiah told the Edomites that God would do to them the same things that had been done to the people of Judah. *True - Right hand.*
7. The Edomites loved the people of Judah because their father Esau had been such good friends to Jacob the father of the people who lived in Judah. *False - Left hand.*



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### Took:



**Aim Questions.**

1. Who was the prophet sent to prophecy against the Edomites?
2. What were the sins of the Edomites?
3. What were the consequences of the Edomites' sin against God and Judah?
4. Who was the father of the Edomites? (*Genesis 36:1,9,43*)
5. Will there be any survivors in the house of Esau? (*Obadiah 18c*)
6. As Gods children can we expect to suffer and does God care? (*2 Peter 2:9*)



**Prophet Page.** This is a half sheet of paper for the Bible students to fill out. This sheet will also help with the Memory Work. If these pages are all saved, the Bible students will have a booklet on the minor prophets that they have put together. These pages will fit in a small binder.

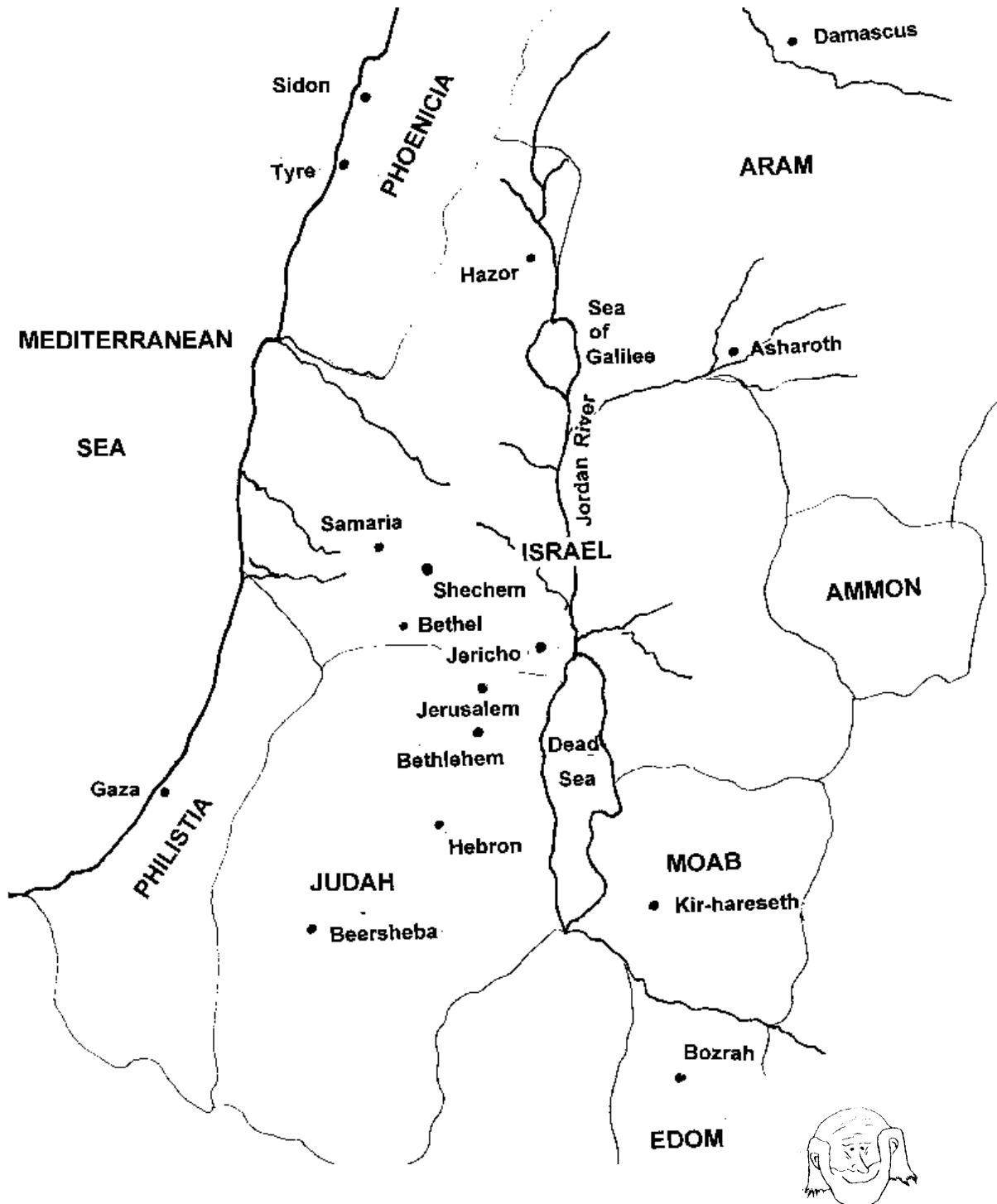
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**Old Testament Books.** Go through the books of the Old Testament again. You might want to have all your Bible students open their Bibles to the "Contents" in the front of their Bible. That way all your students are on equal footing, and there should be no embarrassment if someone doesn't know them.

**Obadiah 15.** If you have extra time, see if you can remember Obadiah 15. This is just for fun. No memory pressure! **03OBAJR.GF1**

**Family Fun Sheet.** In this week's Family Fun Sheet there is reference to a chart titled "Track The Prophets Chart". You may wish to use an enlarged version of this chart as a teaching tool. Each prophet has a sticker that can be placed on the maps to help families know of where they spoke.





Obadiah



Obadiah



Obadiah



Jonah



Jonah



Jonah



Nahum



Nahum



Nahum



Amos



Amos



Amos



Hosea



Hosea



Amos



Joel



Joel



Joel



Isaiah



Isaiah



Isaiah



Micah



Micah



Micah



# STICKER MASTER

***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 FIFTEEN  
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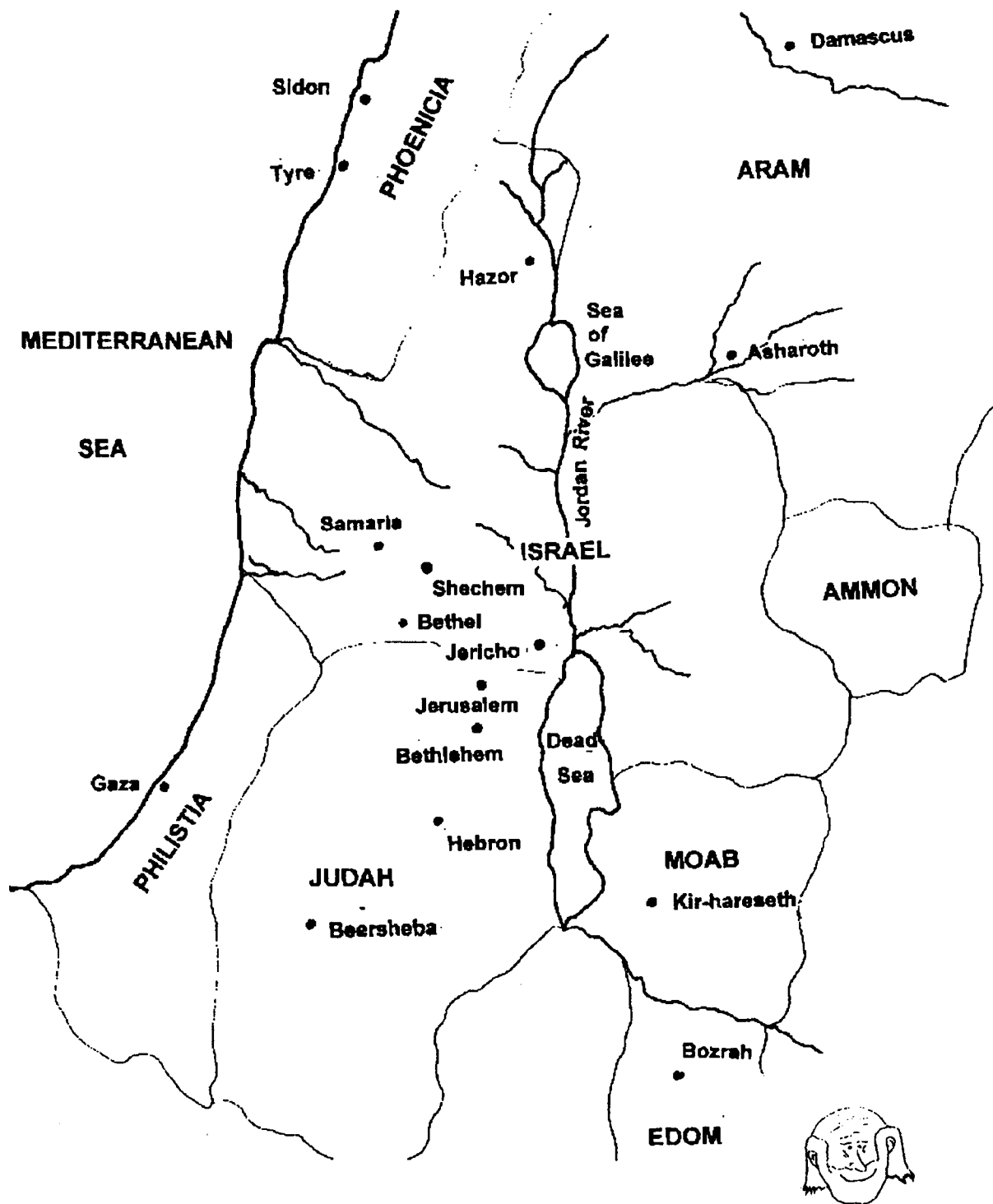
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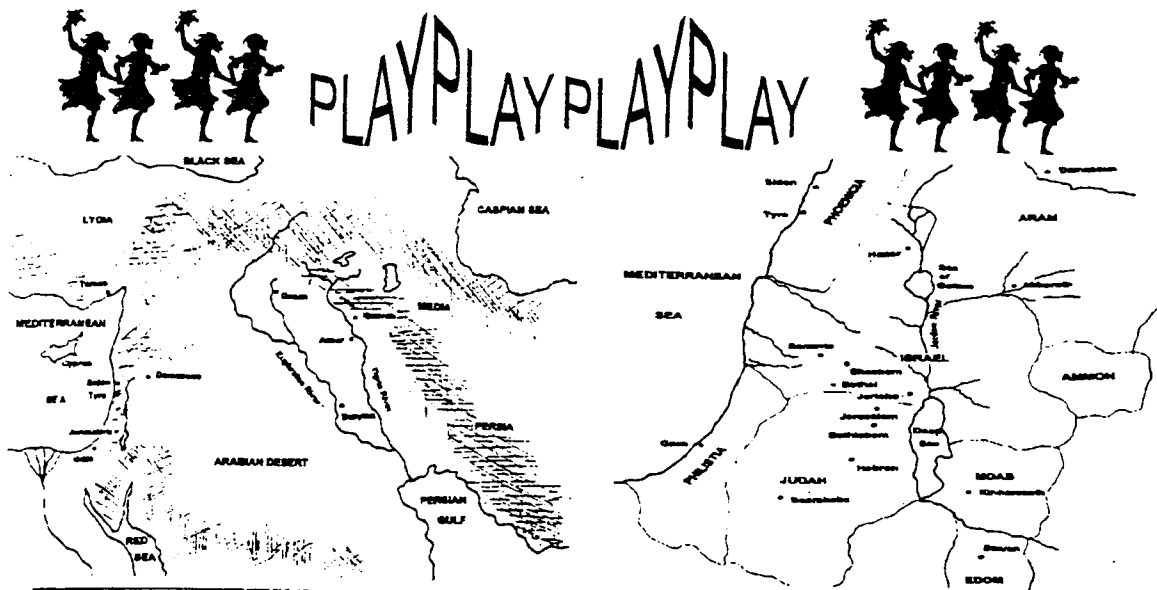
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## Middle East Map during the time of the Prophets

This week we begin our study of the Old Testament prophets. Two maps with corresponding legend/key is provided through the Children's Ministries for your family to use as we keep track of these prophets, principles, prophecies, and people. Two Prophet stickers will be provided for each of the prophets studied so that you can place one sticker at the location on the map where they were proclaiming God's message, and the other one in the space provided on the legend/key. You may want to color each prophet sticker with a different color to make your map more interesting and easier to match up the prophet on the map with the one on the legend. For those of you who are looking for a massive family project, you could make these maps on a larger scale out of salt dough, paint them, and use colored markers or pins for the locations of the prophets, which would then reference a legend detailing the information on each of the 15 prophets to be studied. Whatever you choose to do make it fun.

### Recipe for Salt Dough

2 cups flour  
 2 1/2 cups salt  
 Add water til desired consistency is  
 attained

### God's People Stick together. God is loyal to His family

Cut out pictures of different people from magazines. Assemble them in a collage, and label the bottom with the title given above.

### THE PROPHET SPEAKS

#### *Lesson Review*

Here is an idea that might make your lesson reviews more PROPHETABLE! Use a paper plate and decorate it like a prophet's face. Make a slit in the mouth. Write your review or discussion questions for each lesson on a long and narrow piece of paper. Roll that piece of paper up so that it is hidden behind the plate. As you pull the end out of the prophet's mouth, someone can read what the prophet is asking.

## Preview

Obadiah.PRV

### **Memory Work:**

• *Learning the books of Old Testament Prophets starting with Isaiah.*

• *The Prophet . Obadiah.*

*The Prophecy . Revenge from God against the Edomites.*

The Principle - God is loyal to his people.

The People - The Edomites South of Judah. Key Verses:

Obadiah 15 - 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 18 - The house of Jacob will be a fire and the house of Joseph a flame; the house of Esau will be stubble, and they will set it on fire and consume it. There will be no survivors from the house of Esau.

### Surrounding Verses:

Jeremiah 49:7-22 The prophet Jeremiah quotes from Obadiah when he rails against Edom.

2Kings 8:20 Addressed to the people of Judah, Obadiah speaks to the people of Judah during the reign of the wicked queen Athaliah, the evil king Ahaziah, and young Joash. Judah had suffered a bitter defeat at the hands of their neighbors to the south, Edom. This prophecy was a comfort to Judah that God would avenge them.

Genesis 25:19-34; 27; 28; 32; 33 - Isaac's two sons, Jacob and Esau were born struggling against each other. God foretold that these two brothers would become two nations in conflict. In addition, the natural rights of birth order would be supplanted because Jacob, the younger, would rule over his older brother Esau. Obadiah's prophecy is a continuation of that struggle which began clear back in Genesis.

### Content/Fact Outline:

I. The Doom of Edom. Obadiah vs.1-16

II. Judah To Be Delivered. Obadiah 17-21

### Concepts

- Jacob and Esau's conflict grew into two nations that despised each other.
- After the kingdom of Solomon and David divided into Israel & Judah, Judah did not always have good kings. During the reigns of the wicked queen Athaliah, the evil king Ahaziah, and young king Joash, the nation of Edom attacked and raided Judah.
- Obadiah was a prophet sent by God to prophecy against the Edonites, telling them that God had noticed what they had done to their brothers in Judah. Obadiah warned the Edomites that God would not allow their evil attacks to go unpunished.
- The end of Obadiah's prophecy foretells a day when the Lord Himself would be king.

### Application Points

Obadiah and the Apostle Peter wrote about some of the same principles. When we suffer as God's people, our hurts and the injustices done to us do not go unnoticed. God sees, and God cares. Someday, when Jesus returns, all the evil in the world will be judged. We can take courage, for our God will not forsake us, but punish those who do evil. 2Peter 2:9 - The Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment.