

OBADIAH

Book note for Obadiah

Obadiah is the shortest book in the Old Testament. It carries the same warning as is found in Romans 11; here addressed to Edom, a type of the world, there addressed to the Gentiles.

Chapter note for Obadiah 1

1 The destruction of Edom, 3 for their pride, 10 and for their wrong unto Jacob. 17 The salvation and victory of Jacob.

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Oba 1:1

Obadiah = obeyer of JAH. Though the English word *obey* is ascribed a Latin origin, it appears equally to stem from the Hebrew root word of Obadiah, *obad*. Jews which know Hebrews freely admit that of all the world's modern languages, English is the closest to Hebrew.

Oba 1:3

A reference to Petra, the rock city, the capital.

Oba 1:4

Suggestion of space travel. Deu. 4:19, q.v.

Oba 1:9

Job 6:19.

Oba 1:20

Zarephath = refinement (in the metal working sense): where Elijah stayed during the drought.

A note in the Geneva Bible says that "By the Canaanites the Iewes meane the Dutchmen, & by Zarephath, Fraunce, & by Sepharad, Spaine." This stems from the Talmud, and the Jews refer to France and Spain by these two names mentioned, though they do not refer to Dutchmen as Canaanites. This is acceptable to Calvinists because they are generally a- or post-millennialists. Apparently the Talmud does not anticipate that the Jews will return to the promised land, even as the Calvinists. Thus they extrapolated the prophecy to territories settled by people who also settled in the named areas, or those emanating from those regions, such as France and Spain; and imposing the names of other inhabitants mentioned in this text, such as Canaanites, to match inhabitants not identified with them by descent. (The Dutch, as the Germans, descend from Japheth, not Ham, though miscegenation has made it difficult to trace a pure descent, regardless of the nation, including the Jews.) The whole scenario is based on the assumption that there are ten lost tribes and that the nations of the gentiles were founded by them.