

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

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| Bible Class | N/A |
| Attendance AM | 61 |
| Attendance PM | N/A |
| Wednesday PM | N/A |

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Walter Tolley-colon cancer (MVH); Richard Melson, Jr. (tests); Sheree Collins (friend of Ashley, has cancer); Jerry Thomas; Otis & Glenda Adair, Richard Melson, Lenora Vance, Dollie Jones, Jack and Carlene Harley; Johnny and Lanora Vance family;

Prayer: Richard Melson, Jr.; Trey Mamula (work related in DC)

Traveling: Norris Cole, II;

Prayers: Norris Cole, II;

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy: Valerie Melson (uncle Benjamin Aaron, died); Penny Cook (uncle Wade, died)

| January 17 | BRETHREN TO SERVE AM | BRETHREN TO SERVE PM |
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| Announcements | Richard Melson | |
| Opening Prayer | Anthony Grigsby | |
| Song Leader | Patrick Cook | |
| Lead Lord's Supper | Frank Brock | |
| Server 1 | James Grigsby | |
| Server 2 | Denzil Turner, III | |
| Scripture Reader | Patrick Thomas | |
| Sermon | Richard Melson | |
| Prayer for Responses | Richard Melson | |
| Closing Prayer | Mike Mamula | |
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A.S.A.P. = Always Say A Prayer

**"Pray without ceasing"
1 Thessalonians 5:17**

TO OUR VISITORS

Our goal in the church of Christ is to be the New Testament church, which you can read about in the Bible. We invite you to observe our worship assemblies, the doctrine that is taught and the structure of the church organization. Make a close comparison with your "church" and the church of the Bible -- **The Church of Christ**. We also invite you to join us as we strive to be the church of the Bible and restore New Testament Christianity.

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OBADIAH

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Meeting Location:
2211 Needmore Rd
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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30
Worship 10:30 A.M.
4:30 P.M.

1st Sunday
No 4:30 PM service

Wednesday

Bible Study
7:00 P.M.

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Obadiah means "Servant of the Lord." There are thirteen men of this name in the Old Testament, but it is impossible to identify any of them with the author of this book. It is also impossible to date the book with much certainty. Dates from 848 B.C. to 586 B.C. all have their advocates, but no one knows for sure. Obadiah chastises Edom for rejoicing at Jerusalem's suffering. It is one of only two prophetic books not quoted in the New Testament.

Obadiah is an unknown prophet, as far as his personal life is concerned. There are thirteen Obadias in the Old Testament, but we don't know which, if any of them is the one who wrote this powerful little book. Obadiah is God's pronouncement of coming judgment and destruction on Edom, Judah's neighbor to the southeast. The Edomites were descendants of Esau, and so were distant cousins of the Jews. Long-standing hatred between Edom and Judah would cause Edom's doom.

The Lord sent an ambassador among the heathen, calling them to rise. up in battle against the Edomites (vs. 1). Edom had built her cities "in the cleft of the rock," with their habitation high on the cliffs. They thought they were invincible. "Who shall bring me down to the ground?" (vs. 3) The answer was, "I will bring thee down, saith the Lord." (vs. 4) The destruction will be complete.

Edom would be the victim of betrayal. "The men who were at peace with thee have deceived thee" (vs. 7). This was God's method of punishing Edom "to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter" (vs. 9).

Edom's punishment was coming because of her violence against Judah. "For thy violence against thy brother Jacob ... thou shalt be cut off forever." (vs. 10) Edom had stood by and watched "in the day that the strangers carried away captive his (Judah's) forces, and foreigners entered into his gate." (vs. 11) Worse yet, Edom actually "rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction." (vs. 12) Edom used Judah's destruction as an opportunity for looting. She "laid hands on their substance in the day of their calamity." (vs. 13)

Edom blocked Judah's escape and betrayed those who did escape. (vs. 14). She must now face her "day of the Lord." "As thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee." (vs. 15) Edom's destruction would be so complete, they would be "as though they had not been" (vs. 16).

Although Edom had contributed to Judah's destruction, Judah would ultimately come out on top. "Upon mount Zion shall be deliverance." (vs. 17). Judah ("house of Jacob")

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Words of Wisdom For Youth ... 1 Timothy 4:12

I Can Sleep When the Wind Blows

A young man applying for a job on a farm was asked what he knew how to do. He replied, "Sir, I know nothing about farm work, but I can sleep when the wind blows."

The farmer did not understand, but as he was desperate for help, he employed the young man.

A few nights later a terrible storm blew in. The farmer was wakened and ran to the young man's room.

There, just as he had said, he was sleeping through the storm. Rather than trying to awaken the youth, the farmer himself ran out to the barn to check the animals and equipment. He found the doors to the barn tightly shut. The animals were in their shelter, properly secured. Then he remembered the pile of straw the wind would be blowing in all directions, but he found it covered with canvas and tied down. Everything was secure.

On the way back to the house, he remembered what the young man had said: "I can sleep when the wind blows" And he understood.

What about us? Can we have the confidence to live through life's storms? Are we fulfilling all our obligations to God? Are our "chores" done? - Olden Cook



David Sproule
Thought for the Day

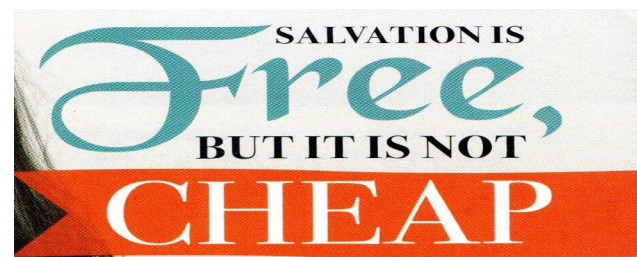
He was right there in the boat!



After a long, exhausting day of teaching and healing, "evening had come" and it was time to "cross over to the other side" of the sea (Mark 4:35). "Now when they had left the multitude, they took [Jesus] along in the boat as He was...And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, 'Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?'" (4:36-38).

The apostles had been through storms before, but this one was different. It was not different because of the storm. It was different because of Who was with them! As the waves overwhelmed the boat, fear overwhelmed their souls. But why? Why were they afraid? Why did they turn inward? They were so focused on the storm that they forgot one key thing: Jesus was right there in the boat with them!

If you are a child of God, know this: (1) You will go through storms. (2) Some storms will be tougher than others. (3) No matter the storm, Jesus is right there in the midst with you!



Melson's Musings ...



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would consume Edom ("house of Esau") like fire consumes stubble so that "there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau." (vs. 18) Judah would possess all the land that was rightfully theirs and "the kingdom shall be the Lord's." (vs. 21)

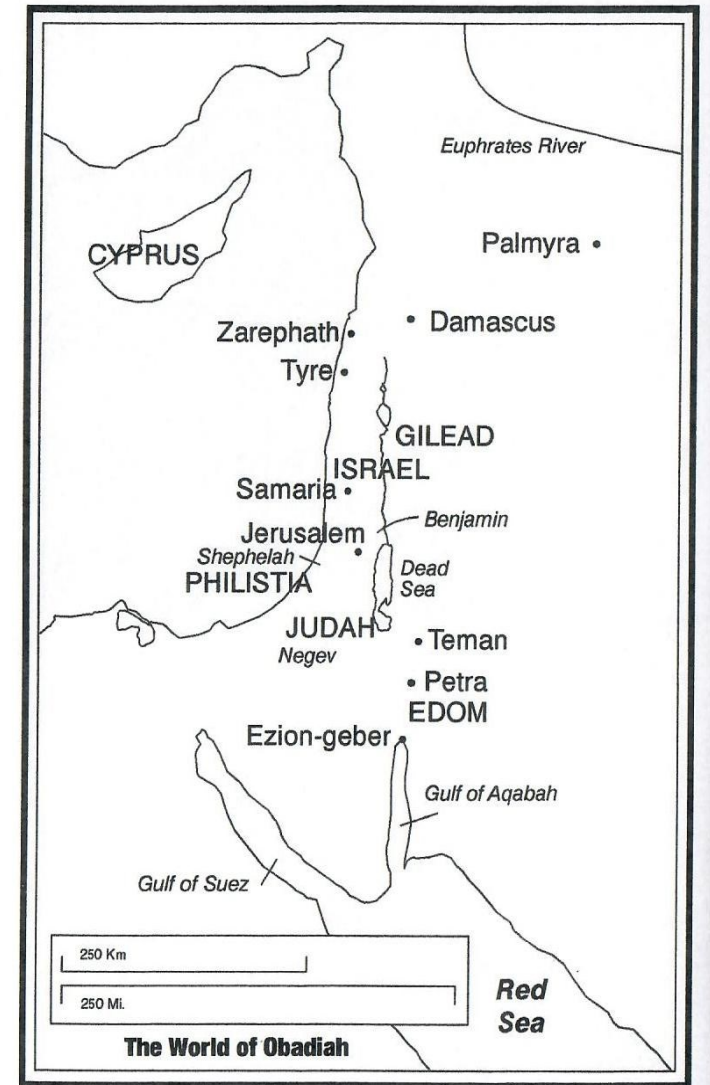
Obadiah teaches us a very powerful lesson in compassion. It is never right to rejoice in the sufferings of others, even our enemies. ✍

Studying The Prophets

As we begin this study of the Minor Prophets or The Twelve, I believe some key principles will help as we proceed (Rom. 15:4). Studying the prophets of the Old Testament is a very needed endeavor and if undertaken properly will be rewarding. This is not an easy task, but anything worthwhile does cost.

There are some keys which will aid the Bible student in this project.

"First, an intense desire to know of God in its entirety, is imperative. Second, one must have a purpose which motivates. Third, there must be a willingness to do some hard work. The desire should come from the relation that one sustains to God as a Christian; such a relation should impel one to know all that he can about God and His ways. The purpose which further motivates should be found in the desire better to understand the words of Jesus and the apostles, and to meet the errors of prophetic speculators. The disposition to hard work may have to come at the price of sacrificing something else that one wants to do." (Homer Hailey) ✍



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NEWS AND NOTES

- Visit these online resources: www.wvbs.org ; www.apologeticspress.org ; www.searchtv.org ; <http://gbntv.org/> ; kibbystreetcoc.org ; <http://kibbystreetcoc.org/index.php/let> (Let The Bible Speak)
- View In Search of the Lord's Way— Dish network Sunday 7:00 am Channel 239; DirecTV Channel 307; GBN 7 PM
- Check out Tullstar Archives at <http://media.Tullstar.org> for lessons from faithful brethren.

GOD'S PLAN FOR MAN'S SALVATION

"Sirs, What must I do to be saved?" Acts 16:30

- ♦ The Gospel Must Be Heard - John 6:44-45; Romans 10:17; John 8:32
- ♦ The Gospel Must Be Believed—John 8:24; Mark 16:16
- ♦ Sins Must Be Repented of — Luke 13:3,5; Acts 2:38
- ♦ Christ Must Be Confessed—Romans 10:10; Acts 8:37
- ♦ There Must Be Baptism (Immersion) for Remission (forgiveness) of Sins—Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21
- ♦ Christian Growth and Faithfulness—1 Peter 2:2; Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 3:18