**Obadiah – Judgment on the Nations**

**God’s dealings with the nations – 1: 1 -16**

 Joel 3: 19 -20 – “in that day” Egypt will become a waste, and Edom will become a desolate wilderness, because of the violence done to the sons of Judah, in whose land they have shed innocent blood.

 But Judah will be inhabited forever and Jerusalem for all generations.

 Amos 9:12 – “in that day” I will raise up the fallen booth of David…that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by My name, declares the Lord who does this.

 **God is sending out a message to the nations**

 Behold I will make you small among the nations – 2

 You are greatly despised – 2

 From there I will bring you down – 4

 O how Esau will be ransacked, and his hidden treasures searched out! - 6

 All the men allied with you…will deceive you and overpower you – 7

 Will I not on that day…destroy the wise men from Edom - 8

 Your mighty men will be dismayed…so that everyone may be cut off from the mountain of Esau by slaughter – 9

 “for the day of the Lord draws near on all nations” – “as you have done, it will be done to you”- 15

 “your dealings will return on your own head”- 15

 “all nations will drink continually…and become as if they had never existed” - 16

 **The wickedness of the nations described**

 The arrogance of your heart has deceived you – 3

 Self – confidence – “who will bring me down to earth?” – 3

 Rev. 18: 1 – 8 – Babylon has fallen!

 Isa. 14:12 – 17 – The arrogance & judgment of Satan the evil one

 Because of violence to your brother Jacob, you will be covered with shame & cut off forever – 10

 Rejoiced over the destruction of Jerusalem and the captivity of Israel – 11 -12

 Ps. 2:1 – 3 – why are the nations in an uproar and the peoples devising a vain thing? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against His anointed, saying, let us tear their fetters apart and cast away their cords from us!

 Ps. 46:6 – the nations made an uproar

 Ps. 83: 1 -8 – The nations seeking to destroy Israel God’s people

 **God’s warning to the nations against rejoicing over another’s troubles**

 “do not boast in the day of their distress” – 12

 “do not rejoice over the sons of Judah in their day of destruction” - 12

 “do not enter the gate of My people in the day of their disaster” – 13

 “do not gloat over their calamity in the day of their disaster” - 13

 “do not loot their wealth in the day of their disaster” - 13

 “do not stand at the fork of the road to cut down their fugitives “ – 14

 “do not imprison their survivors in their day of their distress” – 14

 Pro. 24:17 -18 – Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles; Or the Lord will see it and be displeased, and turn His anger away from him.

 Job 32:29 – Have I rejoiced at the extinction of my enemy, or exulted when evil befell him? No, I have not allowed my mouth to sin by asking for his life in a curse.

 Pro. 17:5 – He who mocks the poor taunts his Maker, He who rejoices at calamity will not go unpunished

 Ps. 35:14 – but at my stumbling they rejoiced and gathered themselves together, the smiters whom I did not know gathered together against me, they slandered me without ceasing. Like godless jesters at a feast, they gnashed their teeth at me

 **God’s deliverance of His people – 1: 17 -21**

“but on mount Zion it will be holy – the house of Jacob will possess their possession” - 17 – Amos 9:11 -15

 Israel will possess the land of promise again as was spoken to Abraham – 1:19 -20

 “the deliverers will ascend Mount Zion to judge the mountain of Esau, and the kingdom will be the Lord’s” - 21

 Ps. 22:28 – for the kingdom is the Lord’s and He rules over the nations

 47:7 – For God is the king of the earth

 67:4 – Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You will judge the peoples with uprightness

 Zech. 14:9 – and the Lord will king over all the earth; in that day the Lord will be the only one, and His name the only one

 Rev. 11:15 – the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.

 Rev. 12:10 – now the salvation, and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night

**Daily Use**

 God’s judgment of the nations will come – He is patient & long suffering

 2 Pet. 3:3 – 9

 God’s people pray for the lost wicked & do not rejoice in their trouble