

## 4 OBADIAH & MODERN TIMES

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These notes, composed from 2013 on, are based on taped lectures given between 1977 and 1997 by Dr. Ernest L. Martin, Ph.D., formerly the Head of Theology for the Worldwide Church of God; he resigned in January 1974 because of his unresolved doctrinal issues with the administration. Sadly Dr. Martin died in January 2002, a great loss to the world and to those who seek Biblical truth.

Although only one chapter of 21 verses, it is one of the most pivotal prophecies in the Bible. It precedes Jonah which is about the 'gospel' in the Old Testament.

Paul was talking to the Gentiles in Romans 4:1 KJV What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? Who were these Gentiles whose father was Abraham? It was the descendants of Esau, (meaning 'red') the Edomites (also meaning red and 'mankind'). It was the Edomites and the Phoenicians that had migrated North and West in their quest for ever greater trading opportunities, into the Mediterranean, Rome, thence to Spain, Portugal and France.

The descendants of Edom (red, worldly, Babylonish!) created a 'worldly' church. Senior officials of the Roman church to this day wear scarlet robes.

Obadiah gives an introduction in a way to Jonah.

It is about Edom, or Esau, being a twin brother of Jacob, having Abraham the same father had strong links. Esau means red, and was a hairy man, hairy angels with hair like women are degraded angels and are not to be believed.

Because Edom, was geographically close to Israel, they are often confused with them. Esau, Edom, means "red", who gave the name to the "Red Sea".

They lived on the borders of the sea, and this enabled them to establish seafaring commerce. There is clear evidence that those who established Tyre were the Edomites, and were also called Phoenicians (Gr. Phoenos – red!) which enabled them to start trading in the Mediterranean, to Spain, and through the Pillars of Hercules, or Gibraltar, out into the Atlantic ocean. They became very wealthy as traders and in commerce and had great control, and may well be the forebears of the bankers of today!

When Solomon wanted to build the Temple, and his palaces he could finance the whole affair, but did not have the expertise to design the architecture, or cut the stones, so he went to Hiram. They had the skills

with wood and stone then, and the stone-masons are a power in the world of today!

Israel worshipped Yahweh, kept the Sabbath, the Holy Days, etc, but the Edomites and the Phoenicians worshipped Baal, but also recognized Yahweh, but seriously embraced the idolatrous practices of the heather, and this also infected and controlled in a way, some of the tribes of Israel particularly the tribe of Dan, many of whom have red hair to this day.

Most of the Babylonian prophecies of the Bible, have their root in Edom which means 'red' or 'mankind'. The number 666

Edom was the twin brother of Jacob, and deceived his father Jacob into giving Jacob the birthright by stealth, by supplanting, and ever since have had a grudge against Israel in all their dealings with them to this day. Edomites and Phoenicians have used their skill in trading, commerce, to become very wealthy, and to control the whole Indian Ocean, also the Mediterranean, up into Europe. The Phoenicians devised and spread the use of the alphabet we have today in English all over the world.

The main distinction between the Israelists and the Edomites is hard to see because they are so close as a people. Obadiah shows the direction in which those people moved and migrated Eastwards, but also North and West to Spain and France.

Which way did Peter and John go, and Paul said to the Gentiles in Rome, we have Abraham our father according to the flesh!

The Edomites, at the root of Babylon, become the race that take over the world instead of Israel before the second coming of Christ.

Obadiah 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> century two hundred years before Jeremiah who repeats almost word for word some of Obadiah, in Jeremiah 49:7-22 The Day of the Lord, shows the direction from the land of Canaan into the rest of the world.

The doctrines and the teaching of the Bible was not to go into India, or Africa, but through the Med into North Africa into Spain and beyond into Britain and eventually the U.S.

The vision of Obadiah, his name means 'worshipper or servant of God'. Some of the same language is used in different parts of scripture in relation to Babylon.

Edom is often confused with Israel, because of their similarities, common ancestry, so-called Christian practices, which are in reality based on pagan symbolism and idolatrous activities.

rearise and rise up against HER (Edom) I have made you small among the heather. I have made you small, note the past tense, but it means you are but you are going to become small. Comparing Edom to Babylon in its greatness.

The American politics is very similar to the old Roman Government, with a lot of Biblical overtones.

Isaiah 34. The whole chapter relates to Obadiah

V4, though you set your nest as an eagle, stars, (U.S. flag!!)

Esau Zech 13:4 prophets love to put on hairy garments that were red. Which church denomination has its leaders dressed in red? Catholic cardinals, the religion of Edom.

Great confederacy Psa 83:6 of Edom, will be repeated in the Day of the Lord.

V9 Your mighty men will be cut off in a great slaughter, because of the violence against Jacob, they had joined up with Babylon against Israel. They delivered up their brothers to be slain, and they will receive punishment for it. At the end time, Edom will be powerful again and will betray Israel.

V16 Holy mountain of Zion, they have reaped blessings but look at what they are doing to their brothers now.

The palin of Philistines, the Gaza strip.

V.20 Two cities on the coast of Palestine, Zarephath, traded with France, and Sepharad (became the Sephardic Jews) traded with the Iberian peninsular Spain and Portugal, cities of Phoenicians, they set up ports which had ships specializing in sending people and goods to different destinations.

Prophecy of the past which has a future reoccurrence for the end time. Jews lived in Spain until 1492 when Columbus went to the Americas 9<sup>th</sup>

and 10<sup>th</sup> of Ab the Jews were being thrown out of Spain, and went to America.

The Jews have looked at this in a prophetic sense.

Isaiah 34: you would think this was talking about passages in Revelation. Edom would rule over the world

Let the whole earth hear for the indignation of the Lord is over the whole

'rolled together as a scroll' Idumea is the King James, six different group of translators some translated Edom as Edom, others as Idumea.

Unicorns – bulls – Edom is going to do terrible things to Israel at the end time. Ages of the ages. Just like ancient Babylon, the same verses as those addressed to Edom at the end time.

The great mercantile systems of the world

Eze 28 the King of Tyre and the King of Salem were the two great angelic powers.