

Outline: EDOM AND YASHRAAL ^(ISRAEL)

A. Edom is the nation east of the Dead Sea, which came from Esau, (cf. Genesis 25-28; 32-33). Edom means “red” while Esau means “hairy” (cf. Gen 25:25, 30).

B. Yashraal ^(Israel) was commanded to respect Edom (cf. Deut. 23:7)

C. Israel and Edom had continuing problems.

1. Num. 20:14-21
2. Jdgs. 11:16-17
3. I Sam. 14:47-48
4. II Sam. 8:14
5. I Kgs. 11:14-22
6. II Kgs. 14:22; 16:5-6
7. II Chr. 20:10-30; 21:8ff
8. Amos 1:6, 9

D. Other prophecies against Edom.

1. Isa. 34:5ff; 63:1ff
2. Jer. 49:7-22
3. Lam. 4:21-22
4. Ezek. 25:12-14; 35:1-15; 36:2-6
5. Amos 1:11-12

E. In Ebadiyah ^(Obadiah) Edom was condemned because of

1. her pride, vv. 3-4
 - a. in geographical security
 - b. in political alliances and military power
 - c. in commercial wealth
 - d. in traditional wisdom
2. her violation of Yahudah ^(Judah), her kinsman, vv. 10-14
 - a. rejoiced over the fall of Yarushalaiym ^(Jerusalem) (Lam. 2:15-17; 4:21)
 - b. refused to help (v. 15)
 - c. active support of enemy (v. 14)
 - d. took Judah’s property (Jer. 13:19)
3. her rejection and disdain of Yahuah (v. 16)

F. Edom may be a symbol (type) for all nations who rebelled against Alahiym and His people, vv. 15-21 (cf. Psalm 2).

G. Possible historical fulfillment of this prophecy

1. destruction of Edom by Neo-Babylon about 5 years after the fall of Yarushalaiym ^(Jerusalem), 580 b.c.
2. displacement of Edom from Petra by Nabatean Arabs about 550-449 b.c. (cf. Mal. 1:2-5). Edom not mentioned in Nahimyah ^(Nehemiah’s) list of surrounding enemies, but is replaced by Arab tribes. Edom moved to the Negev.
3. defeat of Edom by Alexander’s general, Antigonus in 312 b.c. (recorded in Diodorus Seculus)
4. defeat of Edom in the Negev by Yahudah ^(Judah) Maccabaeus around 175 B.C. (cf. I Maccabees 5:3,15; II Maccabees 10:15; Josephus’ Antiquities of the Jews 12:8:1; 13:9:1)

5. Edom forced to accept "Judaism" by John Hyrcanus in 125 b.c. They are now called Idumeans.
6. The Roman General, Titus, completely destroyed the Idumean influence in A.D. 70A