

Divided Kingdom

Lesson 18 – Jehoram & Obadiah

2nd Chronicles 21

Book of Obadiah

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Jehoram comes to the throne

2Ch 21:1 And Jehoshaphat rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David. Then Jehoram his son reigned in his place.

2 He had brothers, the sons of Jehoshaphat: Azariah, Jehiel, Zechariah, Azaryahu, Michael, and Shephatiah; all these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel.

3 Their father gave them great gifts of silver and gold and precious things, with fortified cities in Judah; but he gave the kingdom to Jehoram, because he was the firstborn. (NKJV)

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Jehoram – A king after the hearts of Ahab & Jezebel

2Ch 21:4 Now when Jehoram was established over the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself and killed all his brothers with the sword, and also others of the princes of Israel.

6 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had done, for he had the daughter of Ahab as a wife; and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.

7 Yet the LORD would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that He had made with David, and since He had promised to give a lamp to him and to his sons forever.(NKJV)

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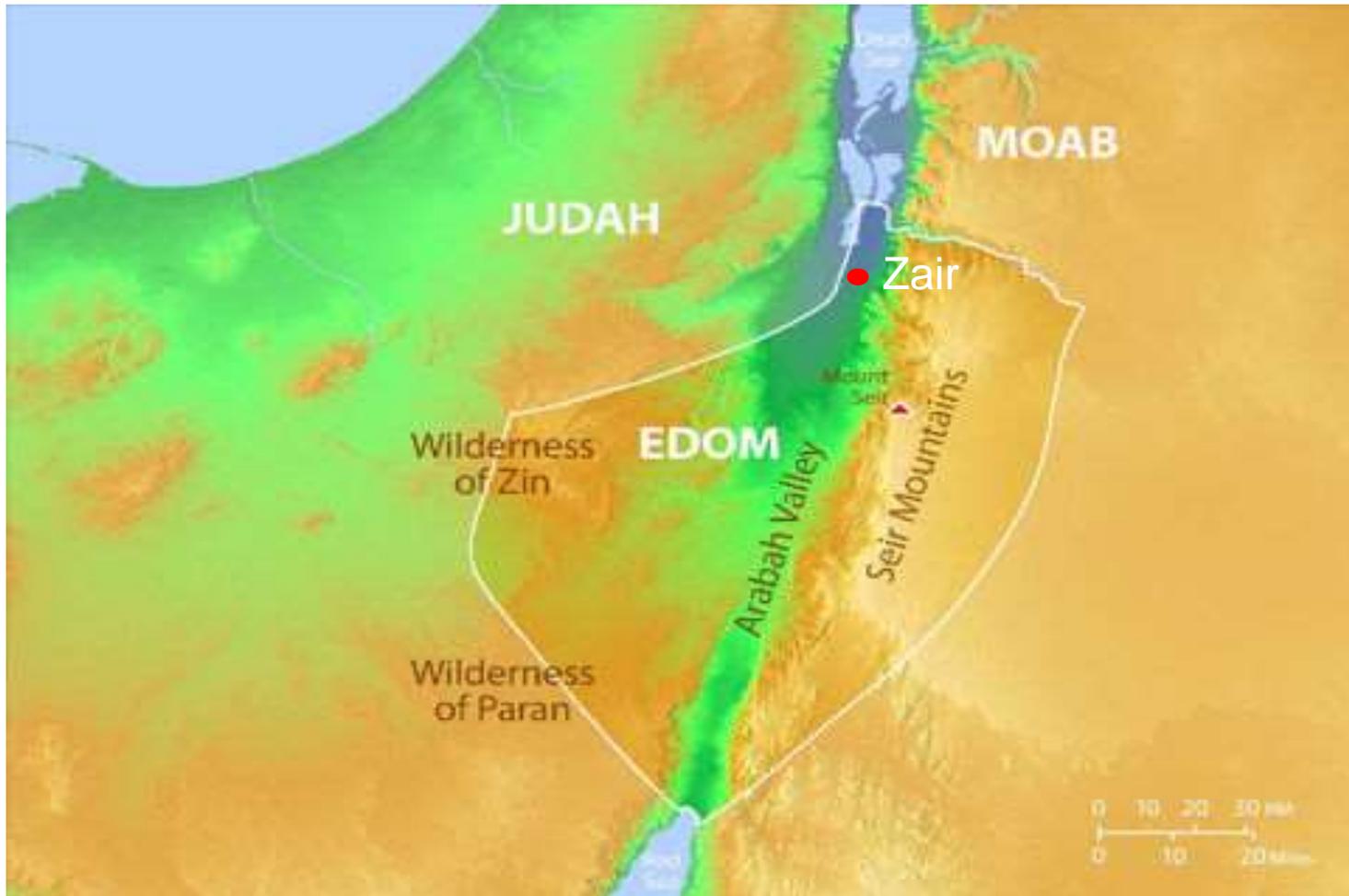
Edom revolts against Judah

2Ch 21:8 In his days the Edomites revolted against Judah's authority, and made a king over themselves.

9 So Jehoram went out with his officers, and all his chariots with him. And he rose by night and attacked the Edomites who had surrounded him and the captains of the chariots.

10 Thus Edom has been in revolt against Judah's authority to this day. At that time Libnah revolted against his rule, because he had forsaken the LORD God of his fathers. (NKJV)

2Sa 8:14 He also put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom he put garrisons, and all the Edomites became David's servants.



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Elijah's prophecy against Jehoram

2Ch 21:11 Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit harlotry, and led Judah astray.

12 And a letter came to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus says the LORD God of your father David: Because you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father, or in the ways of Asa king of Judah,

13 but have walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and have made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to play the harlot like the harlotry of the house of Ahab, and also have killed your brothers, those of your father's household, who were better than yourself, (NKJV)

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Elijah's prophecy against Jehoram

2Ch 21:14 behold, the LORD will strike your people with a serious affliction-your children, your wives, and all your possessions;

15 and you will become very sick with a disease of your intestines, until your intestines come out by reason of the sickness, day by day. (NKJV)

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Philistines and Arabians invade Judah

2Ch 21:16 Moreover the LORD stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines and the Arabians who were near the Ethiopians.

17 And they came up into Judah and invaded it, and carried away all the possessions that were found in the king's house, and also his sons and his wives, so that there was not a son left to him except Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons. (NKJV)

2Ch 17:11 Also some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents and silver as tribute; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand seven hundred rams and seven thousand seven hundred male goats...

(NKJV)

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Jeroboam's tragic end

2Ch 21:18 After all this the LORD struck him in his intestines with an incurable disease.

19 Then it happened in the course of time, after the end of two years, that his intestines came out because of his sickness; so he died in severe pain. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning for his fathers.

20 He was thirty-two years old when he became king. He reigned in Jerusalem eight years and, to no one's sorrow, departed. However they buried him in the City of David, but not in the tombs of the kings.

(NKJV)

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Obadiah prophesies against Edom

Ob 1:1 The vision of Obadiah. Thus says the Lord GOD concerning Edom (We have heard a report from the LORD, and a messenger has been sent among the nations, saying, "Arise, and let us rise up against her for battle"): 2 "Behold, I will make you small among the nations; You shall be greatly despised. (NKJV)

What was the origin of the nation of Edom?

Ge 25:23 And the LORD said to her: "Two nations are in your womb, two peoples shall be separated from your body; One people shall be stronger than the other, And the older shall serve the younger." (NKJV)

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Brief review of history of Israel and Edom

Ge 27:40 By your sword you shall live, And you shall serve your brother; And it shall come to pass, when you become restless, that you shall break his yoke from your neck." (NKJV)

Nu 20:14 Now Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom. "Thus says your brother Israel: 'You know all the hardship that has befallen us,...17 'Please let us pass through your country. We will not pass through fields or vineyards, nor will we drink water from wells; ...we will not turn aside to the right hand or to the left until we have passed through your territory.'" 18 Then Edom said to him, "You shall not pass through my land, lest I come out against you with the sword." (NKJV)

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Brief review of history of Israel and Edom

2Ki 3:7 Then he went and sent to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, saying, "The king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you go with me to fight against Moab?" And he said, "I will go up; I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses."

8 Then he said, "Which way shall we go up?" And he answered, "By way of the Wilderness of Edom."

9 So the king of Israel went with the king of Judah and the king of Edom.
(NKJV)

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What was the source of Edom's pride?

They were secure

Ob 1:3 The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; You who say in your heart, 'Who will bring me down to the ground?' (NKJV)

They were rich

Ob 1:6 "Oh, how Esau shall be searched out! How his hidden treasures shall be sought after! (NKJV)



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What was the source of Edom's pride?

They had alliances

Ob 1:7 All the men in your confederacy shall force you to the border; The men at peace with you shall deceive you and prevail against you. Those who eat your bread shall lay a trap for you. (NKJV)

They thought themselves wise

Ob 1:8 "Will I not in that day," says the LORD, "Even destroy the wise men from Edom, and understanding from the mountains of Esau?
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Why did God choose to punish Edom?

For violence against his brother

Ob 1:10 "For violence against your brother Jacob, shame shall cover you, and you shall be cut off forever." (NKJV)

Instead of helping, they joined in with his enemies

Ob 1:11 In the day that you stood on the other side-In the day that strangers carried captive his forces, when foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem-Even you were as one of them. (NKJV)

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Why did God choose to punish Edom?

Rejoiced at Jacob's fall

Ob 1:12 But you should not have gazed on the day of your brother in the day of his captivity; Nor should you have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; Nor should you have spoken proudly in the day of distress. (NKJV)

Instead of helping, they plundered Judah

Ob 1:13 You should not have entered the gate of My people in the day of their calamity. Indeed, you should not have gazed on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor laid hands on their substance in the day of their calamity. (NKJV)

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Why did God choose to punish Edom?

They prevented their escape & turned them over

Ob 1:14 You should not have stood at the crossroads To cut off those among them who escaped; Nor should you have delivered up those among them who remained in the day of distress.

15 "For the day of the LORD upon all the nations is near; as you have done, it shall be done to you; your reprisal shall return upon your own head.

16 For as you drank on my holy mountain, so shall all the nations drink continually; Yes, they shall drink, and swallow, and they shall be as though they had never been. (NKJV)

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Why did God choose to punish Edom?

They embodied that which God hates

Pr 6:16 These six things the LORD hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him:

- 17 A proud look, A lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood,
- 18 A heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil,
- 19 A false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren. (NKJV)

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Fulfillment of God's promise to Abram and Jacob

Ge 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; (NKJV)

Ge 27:29 Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be master over your brethren, and let your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be those who bless you!" (NKJV)

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Edom's sudden and complete destruction

Ob 1:5 "If thieves had come to you, if robbers by night-oh, how you will be cut off! -Would they not have stolen till they had enough? If grape-gatherers had come to you, would they not have left some gleanings?

6 "Oh, how Esau shall be searched out! How his hidden treasures shall be sought after!

7 All the men in your confederacy shall force you to the border; The men at peace with you shall deceive you and prevail against you. Those who eat your bread shall lay a trap for you. No one is aware of it. (NKJV)

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Edom's future contrasted with Jacob's

Ob 1:17 "But on Mount Zion there shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; The house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.

18 The house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame; But the house of Esau shall be stubble; They shall kindle them and devour them, and no survivor shall remain of the house of Esau," For the LORD has spoken. (NKJV)

Lu 1:33 "And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

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God's people will possess the lands of their enemies

Ob 1:19 The South shall possess the mountains of Esau, and the Lowland shall possess Philistia. They shall possess the fields of Ephraim and the fields of Samaria. Benjamin shall possess Gilead.

20 And the captives of this host of the children of Israel shall possess the land of the Canaanites as far as Zarephath. The captives of Jerusalem who are in Sepharad shall possess the cities of the South.

21 Then saviors shall come to Mount Zion to judge the mountains of Esau, and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S. (NKJV)

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God's people will possess the lands of their enemies

Nu 24:17 "I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel...

18 "And Edom shall be a possession; Seir also, his enemies, shall be a possession, while Israel does valiantly.(NKJV)

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Complete dominion for the King of Zion!

Zec 9:9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.

10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem; The battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion shall be 'from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.' (NKJV)

Divided Kingdom: Kings of Israel

- **Jeroboam** – 22y
 - Nadab - 2y
 - **Baasha** – 24y
 - Elah – 2y
 - **Zimri** – 1w
 - **Omri** – 12y
 - Ahab – 22y
 - Ahaziah – 2y
 - Jehoram (Joram) – 12y
 - **Jehu** – 28y
 - Jehoahaz – 17y
 - Joash (Jehoash) – 16y
 - Jeroboam II – 41y
 - Zechariah – 6m
 - **Shallum** – 1m
 - **Menahem** – 10y
 - Pekahiah – 2y
 - **Pekah** – 20y
 - **Hoshea** – 9y
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Divided Kingdom: Kings of Judah

- **Rehoboam** – 17y
 - Abijam (Abijah) – 3y
 - Asa – 41y
 - Jehoshaphat – 25y
 - Jehoram (Joram) – 8y
 - Ahaziah – 1y
 - **(Athaliah)** – 6y
 - Joash (Jehoash) – 40y
 - Amaziah – 29y
 - Uzziah (Azariah) – 52y
 - Jotham – 16y
 - Ahaz – 16y
 - Hezekiah – 29y
 - Manasseh – 55y
 - Amon – 2y
 - Josiah – 31y
 - Jehoahaz (Shallum) – 3m
 - Jehoiakim (Eliakim) – 11y
 - Jehoiachin (Coniah, Jeconiah)-3m
 - Zedekiah (Mattaniah) - 11y
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