



Obadiah

Message to Edom

The Minor Prophets

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28. Hosea

29. Joel

30. Amos

31. Obadiah

32. Jonah

33. Micah

34. Nahum

35. Habakkuk

36. Zephaniah

37. Haggai

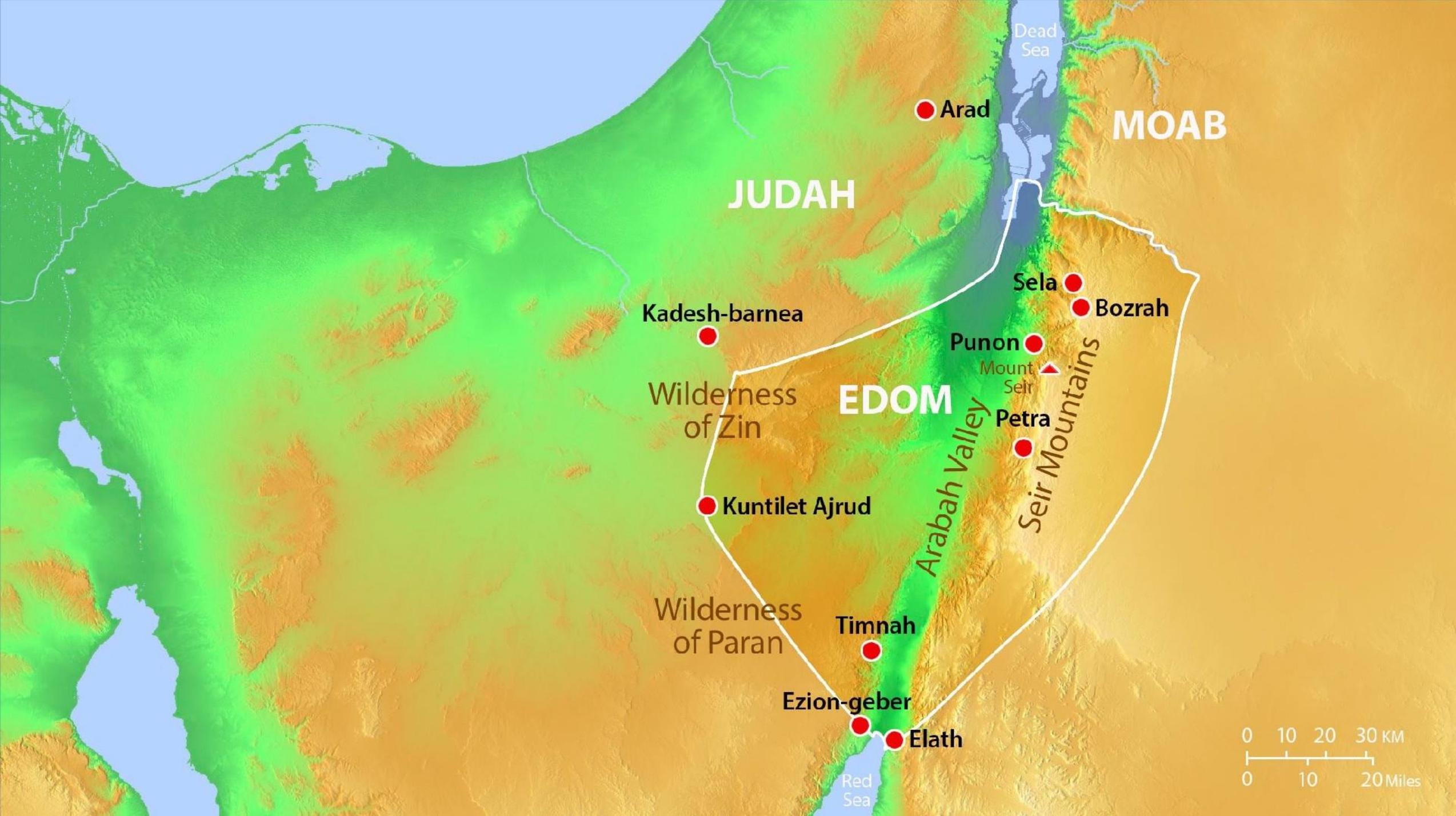
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JUDAH

MOAB

EDOM

Arabah Valley

Seir Mountains

Arad

Kadesh-barnea

Wilderness of Zin

Kuntilet Ajrud

Wilderness of Paran

Timnah

Ezion-geber

Elath

Sela

Bozrah

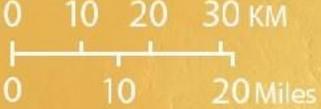
Punon

Mount Seir

Petra

Dead Sea

Red Sea





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- They became neighbors, but could rarely be friends.
- Their mutual history is full of friction.
- The animosity continued right up to **the destruction of Judah and Jerusalem**, mentioned in **Obadiah**.
- It is also mentioned in **Psalms**.

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- **Psalm 137:7** (ESV)

Remember, O LORD, against the Edomites
the day of Jerusalem,
how they said, “Lay it bare, lay it bare,
down to its foundations!”

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- The ESV divides this short book neatly into three parts:
- **1-14** Edom Will Be Humbled
- **15-18** The Day of the Lord is Near
- **19-21** The Kingdom of the Lord

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- 582 B.C. The Babylonian armies defeated Edom.
- This was four years after they took Jerusalem captive.

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- **126 B.C.** After the Jews returned, **John Hyrcanus**, a Jewish Maccabean ruler, defeated them again.
- He forced the **Edomites** to accept the Jewish religion and submit to circumcision.
- At this point a distinct **Edomite** society broke down and the people blended into the existing Jewish nation.

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- 63 B.C. The Romans conquered the land.
- The Romans gave the rule of Judah to the Herod family who were *Idumeans*, their name for the Edomites.

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- **70 A.D.** Nothing more is known of the nation of Edom since the Romans destroyed Jerusalem.
- The **Jews** retained their national identity while dispersed among the nations
- The **Edomites** did not.

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- The rivalry between **Esau** and **Jacob** continued between their children for many generations.
- Three lines of application appear as we follow the lessons that **Obadiah** contains.

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- **Romans 8:5-7** (ESV)

⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

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- **Galatians 5:16-18** (ESV)

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

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- **Hebrews 12:14-17** (ESV)

¹⁴ Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.¹⁵ See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶ that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷ For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it [that is, the blessing] with tears.

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- **Revelation 15:3-4** (ESV)

³ And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, “Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

⁴ Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy.

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- **Romans 5:7-9** (ESV)

⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—

⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

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- **Romans 12:19-21** (ESV)

¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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- **Matthew 5:43-45** (ESV)

⁴³ You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

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