

OBADIAH AND JEREMIAH 49 COMPARED

Notice the similarities between Obadiah and Jeremiah chapter 49. Some have supposed that Obadiah 'borrowed' from Jeremiah, or perhaps Jeremiah 'borrowed' from Obadiah. All Scripture is God-breathed (**2Tm.3:16**). God inspired every word! None of Scripture is of any private interpretation (**2Pe.1:20**). The same Holy Spirit that gave Jeremiah the words to write, gave Obadiah the words to write as well. This comparison may be helpful in dating the book of Obadiah. If these two books are referring to the same time period, then Obadiah would be a contemporary of Jeremiah, and so is writing concerning the Babylonian conquest of Judah in 586 BC. Obadiah writes as if the event has already taken place. Jeremiah writes prophesying what will happen in the near future. This is why an early date for Obadiah (848-841BC) is preferred.

OBADIAH



JEREMIAH 49

"The vision of Obadiah. Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning Edom; We have heard a rumour from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent among the heathen, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle." (**Ob.1:1**)



"I have heard a rumour from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent unto the heathen, saying, Gather ye together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle." (**Je.49:14**)

"Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen: thou art greatly despised." (**Ob.1:2**)



"For, lo, I will make thee small among the heathen, and despised among men." (**Je.49:15**)

"³The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground? ⁴Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the LORD." (**Ob.1:3-4**)



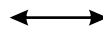
"Thy terribleness hath deceived thee, and the pride of thine heart, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: though thou shouldest make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith the LORD." (**Je.49:16**)

"If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night, (how art thou cut off!) would they not have stolen till they had enough? if the grapegatherers came to thee, would they not leave some grapes?" (**Ob.1:5**)



"If grapegatherers come to thee, would they not leave some gleaning grapes? if thieves by night, they will destroy till they have enough." (**Je.49:9**)

"How are the things of Esau searched out! how are his hidden things sought up!" (**Ob.1:6**)



"But I have made Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself: his seed is spoiled, and his brethren, and his neighbours, and he is not." (**Je.49:10**)

"Shall I not in that day, saith the LORD, even destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau?" (**Ob.1:8**)



"Concerning Edom, thus saith the LORD of hosts; Is wisdom no more in Teman? is counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom vanished?" (**Je.49:7**)

"And thy mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter." (**Ob.1:9**)



"Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread his wings over Bozrah: and at that day shall the heart of the mighty men of Edom be as the heart of a woman in her pangs." (**Je.49:22**)

"For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the heathen drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been." (**Ob.1:16**)



"For thus saith the LORD; Behold, they whose judgment was not to drink of the cup have assuredly drunken; and art thou he that shall altogether go unpunished? thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink of it." (**Je.49:12**)