

THE BOOK OF

# Obadiah

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# Oh Brother

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## OPENING QUESTION

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Name a sibling or long-time friend with whom you've squabbled or even fought with multiple times over the years?

## READ **Obadiah 1:1—21.**

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### **1. What was the most significant thing between Jacob and Esau?**

- A. They were brothers.
- B. Jacob cheated and lied to steal the birthright from Esau.
- C. They were so different even though they were twins.
- D. God loved Jacob but hated Esau.
- E. They were both children of God's promise.
- F. They reconciled when Jacob returned with his family.
- G. Their descendants continued to fight against each other.
- H. Other.

### **2. When Obadiah's message came to Edom, the people felt confident of their current position. What makes you confident in your current position?**

- A. The talent you have.
- B. You're sitting pretty good right now.
- C. You've been given decent opportunities compared to most people.
- D. You're not confident right now.
- E. You've been down, but you fought your way out of it.
- F. God has promised to bless you.
- G. The plans you have in place give reason for confidence.
- H. Other.

### **3. What could make you feel threatened right now?**

- A. Losing family.
- B. Losing friends.
- C. Losing financial security.
- D. Losing your physical abilities.
- E. Losing your connection with God.
- F. Nothing.
- G. Lack of security due to war, terrorism, gangs, police, or riots.
- H. Upheaval from natural disasters.
- I. Other.

**4. When have you done nothing (when you could have done something)?**

- A. Passing a homeless person.
- B. Being a spectator at church.
- C. Opportunity to donate to a worthy cause.
- D. Actively listen to someone who wanted to talk.
- E. Passing the offering plate at church.
- F. Observed a fight.
- G. Ignored an opportunity to pray.
- H. Listened to someone gossip.
- I. Other.

**5. When are you likely to silently gloat?**

- A. When it becomes obvious that you were right.
- B. When a person you don't like experiences pain.
- C. When someone leaves another church to join yours.
- D. When someone else stands up for you.
- E. When you have more than others around you.
- F. Whenever you win.
- G. Whenever someone besides you loses.
- H. Other.

**6. The godless nations that oppressed Israel will experience a similar oppression (vs. 15).  
What are examples of oppression you have suffered from others?**

- A. People talk about me behind my back.
- B. People talk bad about me on social media.
- C. Purposely excluding me.
- D. Cheating on me.
- E. Bullying me.
- F. Stealing from me.
- G. Taunting me.
- H. Other.

**7. Why doesn't God prevent more oppression rather than letting it happen and then giving people a taste of their own medicine?**

**8. God promises that at the end, his people win. What assurance do you have that it will happen that way? How does that affect you now?**

