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Daily Bible Notes/Highlights Genesis through Revelation 2014

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Obadiah & Jonah

C1 Obadiah

A great portion of this chapter is devoted to Edom. There is a great deal of history with Edom. First Esau was also called Edom (Genesis). There is always antagonism between the descendants of Esau and Jacob (Israel). But the prophet explains the reason for punishment Edom will encounter. They gloated and took advantage of Israel and Judah's demise (10-12).

Nevertheless, though God's people would be punished, they also would be restored. And restored in a way that none of the other nations who contributed to their demise will ever be restored (16).

C1 Jonah.

Based on the sequence of prophets in the Bible, Jonah is the first to reject his appointment. This Chapter is evidence along with other Biblical evidence that we do what God calls us to do. He strikes out for Tarshish. It's amazing how sin completely dulls the sensitivities.

Jonah was sound asleep (5). Additionally, sins come to the surface. The mariner's by lot discover that Jonah is the culprit (7-8).

There is nothing like confession. Guilt will make us go beyond what's necessary. God calls

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for repentance and confession, not homicide or suicide (12).

C2 This chapter begins with crisis prayer. Often in the depth of our disobedience it requires prodigal motivation to get us to where we need to be in The Lord. What an extraordinary prayer of dedication Jonah utters from the belly of the great fish. Clearly, there are resurrection themes throughout the prayer and a fore-shadow of Jesus Himself. However, the great difference among others is that Jonah does not die.

C3 The Lord can change a mule's mind. The third chapter shows Jonah hurrying onto Nineveh. He arrives in Nineveh and delivers the Lord's message. An extraordinary thing happens. The Assyrian king leads a revival in the nation. God determines not to destroy them.

Jonah's experience performs as the model of what Israel was commissioned to do. Unfortunately, we are allowed to see what caused Jonah to disobey God.

Imagine having life-saving ability but you opt not to use it because of bias, envy, or whatever. This is what happens with Jonah. It is a microcosm of Israel's (Judah's) condition.

C4 Finally, representing all humanity we have the audacity to become angry with God. We forget we are vessels. We forget the mercy extended to us. We have God helping us to think right. Is it right for us to be angry. Then we have the nerve to sulk. A poor attitude and bad thinking is sin that will never provide the right perspective. We can find ourselves more concerned about plants than souls, and we created neither.

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