

MINOR PROPHETS STUDY

Christ the King Lutheran Church, Winter 2024–Spring 2025

Session Five: Obadiah and Nahum – The Truth about Opposing God

BACKGROUND

Who: Obadiah (“Servant of YHWH”); Nahum (“Comforter”)

When: Obadiah – 587–533BC (Judah falls in 586); Nahum – 663–612BC (Israel fell in 722)

What Goes Around Comes Around

OBADIAH 1–21

Read Genesis 25:21–28; 36:1; Numbers 20:14–21; 2 Samuel 8:13–14; 2 Kings 8:20–22

Who is Edom and why is the relationship with Judah complicated?

vv. 1–9: What punishment is prophesied against Edom?

vv.10–11: Why?

vv.12–14: A warning...

vv.15–21: A promise (with a good side and a bad side)

Psalms 137 – An illuminating (and troublesome) Psalm...

Applying: the danger of grudges...

Separating Sheep from Goats

NAHUM 1

vv. 1–11: The basis of the warnings

- God’s power
- Ninevah’s/Assyria’s opposition

vv.12–13,15: Promises to God’s people in Judah

v.14: Continued destruction to Ninevah/Assyria

Who appears stronger to the human eye: Judah or Assyria? Who is actually stronger? How does this apply in our lives?

The Bigger They Are...

NAHUM 2-3

What is Chapter 2 describing? (NOTE: the lions' den)

Chapter 3:

- vv.1-7: Allegory/metaphor?
- vv.8-13: Comparison (and why is this particularly ironic)?
- vv.14-19: A few more metaphors

How did God accomplish the downfall of Assyria? Are there lessons for us here, too?