

Obadiah Article

Commentary for April 1, 2013 — ... and the Jerusalem and the Lost Temple DVD

As one of my favorite 19th century fictional characters, Jack Aubrey, says in the movie *Master and Commander*, **“What a fascinating modern age we live in.”** Indeed! Look at the wonderful resources we have available to us today, resources that scholars of the past could never have imagined. Even Dr. Martin would be thrilled to have worked with the tools that are available now less than a dozen years since his death. Truly, we have all the information in God’s Word available to us, and we have the tools to extract the sweet oil of God’s thoughts from the depths of His wisdom, as contained in the prophecies He gave to us for the end of the age.

The article for April 2013 is “The Book of Obadiah,” a short book of God’s thoughts which deals with the destruction of the people of Edom, and the arrival of the Day of the Lord to usher in the Kingdom of God on earth. The Book of Obadiah tells of prophecies fulfilled in the past, and prophecies to come in the future. First read the [“April 2013 Newsletter.”](#)

“Now all this befalls them typically. Yet it was written for our admonition, to whom the consummations of the eons have attained.”

• **1 Corinthians 10:11, Concordant Literal Version**

Keep in mind that one of Obadiah’s roles was to bind and link information from several sources about Edom. Furthermore there is a very close correspondence of the judgment upon Babylon with the judgment of Edom’s.¹ This all plays out with other prophecies about Edom that are connected to Obadiah with clear literary references.

As you will see in the last page of the article, Obadiah has strong and deliberate links with the previous Book of Amos. So too, strong links to the next book following Obadiah, which is Jonah, are also evident. Obadiah verses 11–14, and 15b are linked with Jonah 1:1–8. This is in line with Professor Nogalski’s compelling thesis and evidence regarding the unity of the books of the Twelve Minor Prophets.

“Throughout the Book of the Twelve, the end of one writing contains significant words which reappear in the opening sections of the next writing. Because of the nature of translating from one language to another, modern and ancient translations of the Book of the Twelve do not illuminate the full extent of the words and phrases shared between these writings.”

• **Nogalski, Literary Precursors, p. 20²**

Obadiah and the other 11 books view God’s justice as leading to retribution against evil and sin, and to restitution for God’s people.

¹ James Nogalski, *The Book of the Twelve: Hosea–Jonah* (Macon, GA: Smyth & Helwys, 2011), p. 384.

² James Nogalski, *Literary Precursors to the Book of the Twelve* (New York: Walter de Gruyter, 1993).

See also Dr. Ernest Martin’s article [“Minor Prophets for Today.”](#)

Jerusalem Temples DVD

We are pleased to announce the release of the DVD titled [Jerusalem and the Lost Temple of the Jews](#), a film by Ken Klein. On that page you can watch five trailers to whet your appetite about the truth of the location of the Jerusalem Temples. The 90-minute DVD is available now. To give you an added bonus for ASK readers and supporters, we include shipping charges with the purchase price, as we do for each of the books we sell and other material. Keep in mind that ASK does not support itself by the sale of materials. We need the free-will offerings of contributors.

Because this DVD is packed with important information, you may miss some important points of evidence the first time you watch it. I suggest you watch it at least twice or three times before passing this DVD on to others. Much of the information in Dr. Ernest Martin's book [The Temples that Jerusalem Forgot](#) (upon which the DVD is based) will become clearer. Ken Klein shows you evidence and details on video which Dr. Martin's book can only tell about.

You will see the importance of the water system of the Gihon Springs to the ancient city of Jerusalem and to the Temple. You will also understand how such a system could send water to supply a fountain within the Temple 40 stories tall, as 5 non-biblical historical sources tell us, in addition to the biblical evidence. None of this information can be fulfilled with the traditional site of the Temple on the Haram esh-Sharif.

You will also see explained the information about the massive 50 cubit (75 foot) rock that Josephus said was the foundation around which Fort Antonia was constructed. The top of this rock is under the Dome of the Rock. This information alone proves that the Temple cannot be anywhere on the Haram and the Temple must be south of Antonia, again, according to Josephus.

Some might ask, why did we not announce the DVD project before now? Well, projects such as this are done when ready and not before, and we did not want to build anticipation and then have to explain delays. We hope you enjoy watching the DVD trailers and the DVD when you buy it. Also, I know you will enjoy reading about the Book of Obadiah.

An Additional Richmond Speaking Slot

[Robert Bowie Johnson](#) (whose work I greatly admire) will not be speaking as scheduled at the 2013 Richmond Bible Fellowship Conference, April 5–7, 2013. Therefore, the speaking order has changed. I have been given two one-hour slots at **11 am** and at **4 pm** both on Saturday, April 6. Then I have been given an additional one-hour speaking slot for Sunday, April 7 at **9 am**. At that time I will speak on "The History of the Lake of Fire" based on Dr. Martin's article, "[The Lake of Fire: Where Is it Located?](#)" I recommend attending for the full conference, Friday night, all day Saturday and the ½ day on Sunday morning. If you attend the full conference and there are other schedule changes, you will not miss out on any important teaching.

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