The background features a light beige wall with several fragments of ancient parchment scattered across the top and bottom edges. On the left side, there is a colorful illustration of a prophet with a long white beard, wearing a blue robe and a purple head covering, with his hands raised in a gesture of prayer or prophecy. In the center, the title "OBADIAH" is written in a large, bold, black serif font, with "SERVANT OF YAHWEH" below it in a similar but slightly smaller font. To the right, a scroll is unrolled, displaying the text "BI 305 HEBREW PROPHETS" in a gold-colored serif font. The date "OCT 10, 2013" is written in a blue serif font to the left of the scroll.

OBADIAH
"SERVANT OF YAHWEH"

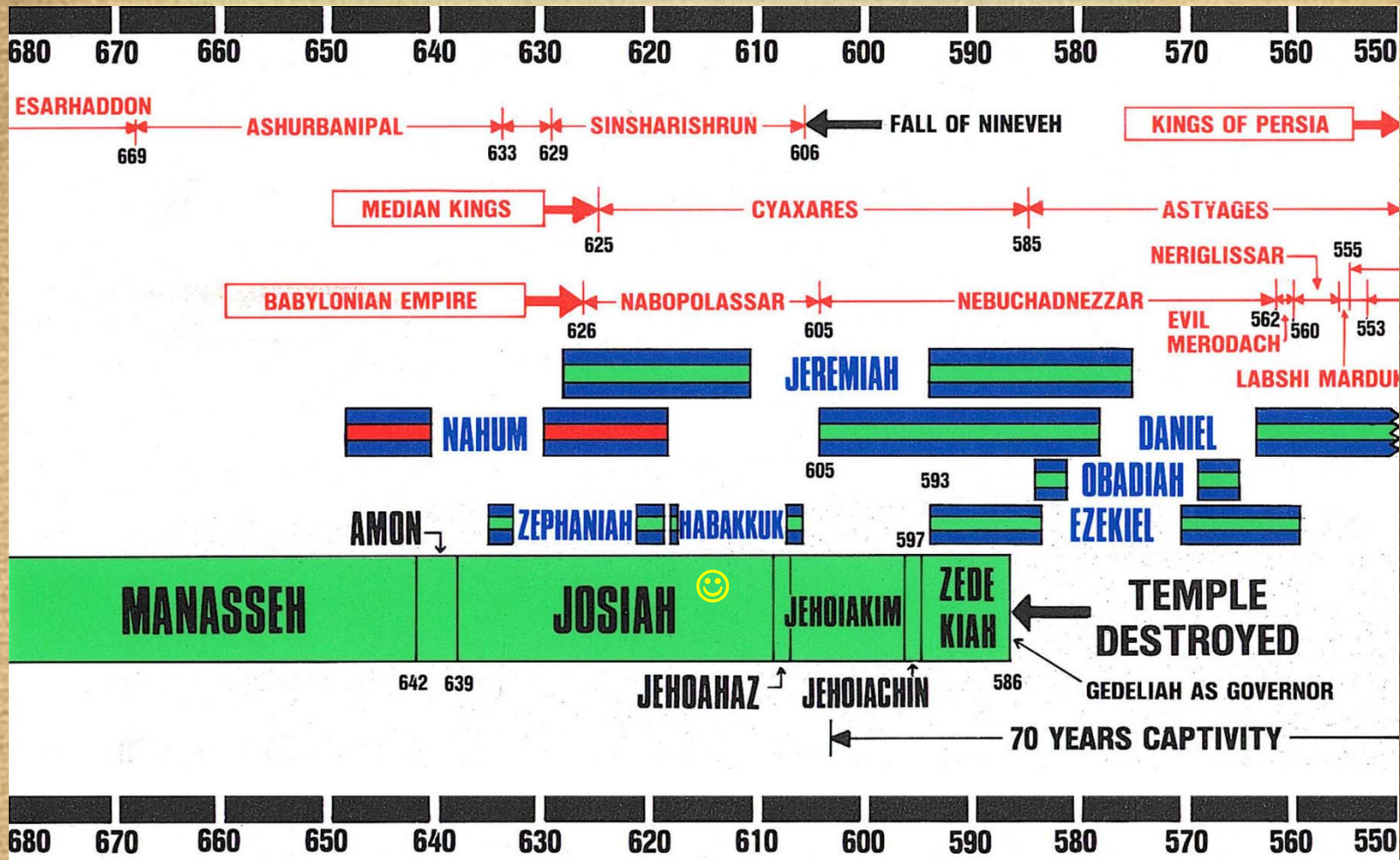
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BI 305
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Theme

***THE DIVINE JUDGMENT
AND DESTRUCTION OF
EDOM AND ALL
NATIONS WHICH RAGE
AGAINST ISRAEL.***





OBADIAH – “SERVANT OF YAHWEH”

PROBABLE DATE FOR BOOK
~586 OR 845 B.C.



Audience: Judah & the Nations

Historical Setting:

Obadiah records another chapter in the long story of enmity which existed between the descendants of Esau and Jacob (Gen. 25:29-34, Num. 20:14-21, 1 Sam. 14:47, Psa. 137:7). After Edom revolted against Judah and set up their own king (2 Chron. 21:8-10), Judah was invaded by the Philistines and Arabs (2 Chron. 21:16-17). The Edomites applauded this invasion, persecuting their Israelite kinsmen instead of protecting them.

Purpose

The book of Obadiah is designed to show God's faithfulness to Israel and illustrate His sovereignty over the nations. Obadiah also intends his prophecy to comfort Judah through God's promise of future restoration.

Theology

Obadiah teaches an important lesson concerning divine retribution. Verse 15 states this concisely, "As you have done, it will be done to you" (cf. Rom. 2:5-6). The book also instructs concerning the "Day of the Lord" which will be characterized both by judgment and blessing (vv. 15-21).



OUTLINE OF OBADIAH

LEVEL

I

I. The prediction of Edom's Destruction

2A →

A

II. The Reason for Edom's Destruction

2B →

III. Judgment and Restoration in the day of the Lord.

2C →



But who were the Edomites



I. THE PREDICTION OF EDMOM'S DESTRUCTION

LEVEL

2

A

A. Superscription (1a)

B. Nations arrayed against Edom (1b-2)

C. Coming judgment on Edom's Pride (3-4)

D. Description of Edom's destruction





II. THE REASON FOR EDOM'S DESTRUCTION

LEVEL

2

B

- A. Edom's violence against Jacob (10)
- B. Edom's attack instead of assistance (11)
- C. Obadiah shout's (12-14)

Do Not

Do Not

Do Not





III. JUDGMENT AND RESTITUTION IN THE DAY OF THE LORD

LEVEL

2

C

- A. Retribution on the nations (15-16)
- B. Preservation of Israel's remnant (17)
- C. Destruction of Esau (18)
- D. Restoration of Israel's Land (19-20)
- E. Inception of the Messianic Kingdom

