

graceWORKS ! GOING DEEPER¹ The Papou Study Bible is a daily study provided by me to



help folks explore the depth and joy of the “conneXion” life of God. It’s my personal study, and is not intended as a doctrinal statement or statement of any church or denomination or congregation. It’s also my belief that “grace” works, and the servant of God should always want to go deeper. Multi-tasking as usual, I’m also calling this the “Papou Study Bible.” I’m writing it as if I were speaking to my girls who love me and any descendant they have that love their Papou too. And to anyone who wants to consider me a spiritual Dad or “Papou.” I want them to be able to study the Bible with Papou (grandpa in Greek) after I’m gone---and if they don’t, I’ll haunt them. The Scriptures say it’s noble to “search the Scriptures daily” to verify truth like the ancient Bereans did (Acts 17:11). My folks came from Berea. My incredible Dad (and your grandfather and great grandfather, guys), Vasil Charles Valekis taught me to do this like he did---every day until I die. He taught me and everyone I know to go to church no matter what and to put God first. While Mama (Maria Pagona Stratakis Valekis) never really did this, she made sure we listened to Daddy on this one. She would have hit us with a spatula or frying pan or worse if we didn’t.

This is a simple sharing my “daily search.” And I’d like to think it is a continuation of God’s life through my Dad through me. Both my “Dads” by the way. And a way to honor him, mama and our loving “Dad”---God. And for all of us to be together, in Spirit, even when we I join them in heaven. I like to use the Blue Letter literal, very “visual,” Greek translation a lot to help “visualize” these truths

the beautiful way Greek enables you to view. And I like to share this with folks serving in an elder capacity, or any capacity, to grow them, challenge them, and stretch them. But especially share it with anyone I’ve ever brought to Christ and family members who truly love me. And when you study these, I’ll make sure to connect with you from heaven. *Ever an orthodox Greek, Jim Valekis*

Christ IN You Series

Colossians 1:27 (King James Version)

²⁷To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is *Christ in you*, the hope of glory
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Obadiah Intro Part 1



So we ended the book of Hosea with a promise from God. Israel will be “my people” says the Lord! Unlike it had been stated in the Book of Hosea, that they were to be called ‘not my people,’ Israel would again be the people of God Never to be destroyed again! Hosea agreed.

Hosea 1:9	Hosea 2:23
⁹ Then the LORD said, “Call him Lo-Ammi (which means “not my people”), for you are not my people, and I am not your I AM BEINGH (“Haya” the One Who is Existing)	²³ I will plant her for myself in the land; I will show my love to the one I called ‘Not my loved one. ‘I will say to those called ‘Not my people, ^[b] ‘You are my people’; and they will say, ‘You are my God.’”

So now let’s get into the introduction of our next book---Obadiah.

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Taken from the NIV Study Bible Introduction to this book.

The author’s name is Obadiah, which means “servant (worshipper) of the LORD.” It was a common name.

1 Kings 18:3	1 Ch 3:21	7:3	8:38	9:16
³ and Ahab had summoned Obadiah, his palace administrator. (Obadiah was a devout believer in the LORD.	²¹ The descendants of Hananiah: Pelatiah and Jeshaiiah, and the sons of Rephaiah, of Arnan, of Obadiah and of Shekaniah.	The sons of Izrahiah: Michael, Obadiah, Joel and Ishiah.	³⁸ Azel had six sons, and these were their names: Azrikam, Bokeru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah	¹⁶ Obadiah son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun; and Berekiah son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, who lived in the villages of the Netophathites.
1 Ch 12:9	27:19	2 Ch 17:7	2 Ch 34:12	Ez 8:9
⁹ Ezer was the chief, Obadiah the second in command, Eliab the third,	⁹ over Zebulun: Ishmaiah son of Obadiah;	⁷ In the third year of his reign he sent his officials Ben-Hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel and Micaiah to teach in the towns of Judah.	¹² The workers labored faithfully. Over them to direct them were Jahath and Obadiah, Levites descended from Merari, and Zechariah and Meshullam, descended from Kohath. The Levites—all who were skilled in playing musical instruments—	⁹ And he said to me, “Go in and see the wicked and detestable things they are doing here.”
Neh 10:5		Ne 12:25		
⁵ Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,		²⁵ Mattaniah, Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon and Akkub were gatekeepers who guarded the storerooms at the gates.		

Here’s the Hebrew on this name.

H5662 `Obadyah o-bad-yaw'

or mObadyahuw {o-bad-yaw'-hoo};

active participle of **H5647** and **H3050**; serving Jah; Obadjah, the name of thirteen Israelites.

H5647 `abad aw-bad'	H3050 Yahh yaw
a primitive root; to work (in any sense); by implication, to serve, till, (causatively) enslave, etc..	contraction for H3068 (Yehovah), and meaning the same; Jah, the sacred name. Compare names in "-iah," "-jah."

Date and Place of Writing

The date and place of composition are disputed. Dating the prophecy is mainly a matter of relating vv.11-14 to one of two specific events in Israel's history.

¹¹ On the day you stood aloof
while strangers carried off his wealth
and foreigners entered his gates
and cast lots for Jerusalem,
you were like one of them.

¹² You should not gloat over your brother
in the day of his misfortune,
nor rejoice over the people of Judah
in the day of their destruction,
nor boast so much
in the day of their trouble.

¹³ You should not march through the gates of my people
in the day of their disaster,
nor gloat over them in their calamity
in the day of their disaster,
nor seize their wealth
in the day of their disaster.

¹⁴ You should not wait at the crossroads
to cut down their fugitives,
nor hand over their survivors
in the day of their trouble.

The NIV study bible sees this as either one of two events.

(1) The first one is the rebellion of Edom against Judah during the reign of Jehoram (853-841 B.C.).

2 Kings 8:20-22	2 Ch 21:8-10
<p>²⁰ In the time of Jehoram, Edom rebelled against Judah and set up its own king. ²¹ So Jehoram went to Zair with all his chariots. The Edomites surrounded him and his chariot commanders, but he rose up and broke through by night; his army, however, fled back home. ²² To this day Edom has been in rebellion against Judah. Libnah revolted at the same time.</p>	<p>⁸ In the time of Jehoram, Edom rebelled against Judah and set up its own king. ⁹ So Jehoram went there with his officers and all his chariots. The Edomites surrounded him and his chariot commanders, but he rose up and broke through by night. ¹⁰ To this day Edom has been in rebellion against Judah.</p>

(2) The Babylonian attack on Jerusalem (605 – 586).

Obadiah would then be a contemporary of Jeremiah. The NIV says this alternative seems most likely, and it cites this comparison of the writings of the two prophets.

Obadiah 1-6	Jer 49:9-10, 14-16
<p>¹ The vision of Obadiah.</p> <p>This is what the Sovereign LORD says about Edom—</p> <p>We have heard a message from the LORD: An envoy was sent to the nations to say, "Rise, let us go against her for battle"—</p> <p>² "See, I will make you small among the nations; you will be utterly despised.</p> <p>³ The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rocks^a and make your home on the heights, you who say to yourself,</p>	<p>If grape pickers came to you, would they not leave a few grapes? If thieves came during the night, would they not steal only as much as they wanted?</p> <p>¹⁰ But I will strip Esau bare; I will uncover his hiding places, so that he cannot conceal himself. His armed men are destroyed, also his allies and neighbors, so there is no one to say,</p> <p>I have heard a message from the LORD; an envoy was sent to the nations to say,</p>

<p>'Who can bring me down to the ground?'</p> <p>⁴ Though you soar like the eagle and make your nest among the stars, from there I will bring you down," declares the LORD.</p> <p>⁵ "If thieves came to you, if robbers in the night— oh, what a disaster awaits you!— would they not steal only as much as they wanted? If grape pickers came to you, would they not leave a few grapes?</p> <p>⁶ But how Esau will be ransacked, his hidden treasures pillaged!</p>	<p>"Assemble yourselves to attack it! Rise up for battle!"</p> <p>¹⁵ "Now I will make you small among the nations, despised by mankind.</p> <p>¹⁶ The terror you inspire and the pride of your heart have deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rocks, who occupy the heights of the hill. Though you build your nest as high as the eagle's, from there I will bring you down," declares the LORD.</p>
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These parallels are striking enough to where scholars think there was some kind of interdependence between Obadiah and Jeremiah. But they acknowledge that both prophets may also be drawing from a common source not otherwise known to us.

We'll address the theme of this book next time.