



**The Common Thread**  
*"Obadiah: Be Not Proud"*

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"Human history is the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy." - **C.S. Lewis**

### **The cycle of Israel**

Edom - is a representation of how those whom we love and are in relationship with often hurt us, betray us and cause conflict within our spiritual life and relationship to God.

Edomites operate for a place of pride.

**Obadiah 1:3-4 NLT** - You have been deceived by your own pride because you live in a rock fortress and make your home high in the mountains. 'Who can ever reach us way up here?' you ask boastfully. But even if you soar as high as eagles and build your nest among the stars, I will bring you crashing down," says the LORD.

Spiritual pride does not mean simple arrogance, presumptuous, proud, boastful, ostentatious, high minded or lofty. Instead it means hubris: excessive self-confidence preferring self-will to God's will.

For Pride is spiritual cancer; it eats up the very possibility of love, or contentment, or even common sense - **C.S. Lewis**

Pride leads to every other device that is the complete anti-God state of mind -  
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- God will deal with the evil.
- Sin will always be judged.
- Sin is always known by the sinner.

**2 Timothy 3:1-5 NLT** - You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

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**Philippians 1:26 NLT** - And when I come to you again, you will have even more reason to take pride in Christ Jesus because of what he is doing through me.