

## Handout #1

### Commentaries:

David Baker, in *Obadiah, Jonah, Micah* (Tyndale OT series. IVP Press). Brief evangelical treatment; helpful for lay reader.

Paul Raabe, *Obadiah* (Anchor Bible series). Surprisingly evangelical commentary in a series usually very liberal; detailed for pastors and scholars.

### Archaeology of Edom

Archaeological surface survey

Late Bronze Age (LBA, 1550-1200 B.C.)    Early Iron Age (EIA, 1200-500 B.C.)

Archaeological digs

Thomas Levy+ UCSD (University of California, San Diego)

<http://members.bib-arch.org/publication.asp?PubID=BSBA&Volume=32&Issue=4&ArticleID=7>.

<http://levlab.ucsd.edu/publications/ELRAP/>.

Eilat Mazar

<http://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/biblical-sites-places/jerusalem/did-i-find-king-davids-palace/>.

Khirbat en-Nahas (Arabic, “ruins of copper”)

Arabah (“desolate area”/“wasteland”)

### Geography of Edom

*Carta Bible Atlas*, Maps 5, 7, 116, 240

Gen 32:3—Edom = \_\_\_\_\_

Gen 25:25—Edom = \_\_\_\_\_

Gen 14:6—Horites; cf. 36:20

Jdg 5:4

Obadiah’s names:

Threefold division of Edom’s geography:

Nabateans

Petra (OT = Sela)

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/jun/09/petra-buried-monument-discovered-jordan>.

Idumeans (LXX word for Edom = Idoumai,a/Idoumaia)

*Historical Highlights of Edom*

ca. 2100 B.C. (Abram, Gen 14:6)

ca. 1900's B.C. (Jacob and Esau)

ca. 14<sup>th</sup> century B.C., Amarna Letters

Num 20:14-21

1 S 14:47

Ca. 1000 B.C. (campaign of David and Joab, 2 S 8:13; Ps 60 Title)

Edom a vassal of Israel/Judah ca. 1000-850 B.C.

2 S 8:14

1 K 11:14-22—Hadad of Edom

1 K 11:40—Shishak (OT = Sheshonq, Egyptian)

ca. 925 B.C. Shishak invades Palestine, 1 K 14:25-26

ca. 845 B.C. Edom revolts against Judah's King Jehoram (853-841 B.C.), 2 K 8:20-22

Judean kings, Amaziah (796-767 B.C.) and Uzziah/Azariah (791-739 B.C.) recover Edom, 2 K 14:7, 22

ca. 735 B.C., Edom revolts against Judah (Ahaz, 743-726 B.C.), 2 Chron 28:17.

Judah and Edom vassals of Assyrian kings

Tiglath-pileser III (745-727 B.C.), 2 K 15 and 16

Sargon II (722-705 B.C.), Isa 20:1

Sennacherib (705-681 B.C.), 2 K 18 and 19

Esarhaddon (681-669 B.C.), 2 K 19:37

Ashurbanipal/"Osnapper" (669-631 B.C.), Ezra 4:10

Nabonidus, King of Babylon (555-539 B.C.)

Destruction of Edom ca. 551 B.C.; rock relief at as-Sila/Sela

<http://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/biblical-sites-places/biblical-archaeology-sites/the-edomite-stronghold-of-sela/>.

[https://www.jstor.org/stable/25067039?seq=1#page\\_scan\\_tab\\_contents](https://www.jstor.org/stable/25067039?seq=1#page_scan_tab_contents).

[http://www.persee.fr/doc/syria\\_0039-7946\\_1999\\_num\\_76\\_1\\_7644](http://www.persee.fr/doc/syria_0039-7946_1999_num_76_1_7644). (French)