I. Obadiah is a study in *Brevity.*

A. Synonyms for Brevity: concise; exact; succinct; incisive; compact.

1. Obadiah is all of these in his compact message to the Edomites.

B. Obadiah is the shortest book in the whole Old Testament with 21 verses.

II. Let’s consider how Obadiah compacted and presented his message.

A. Obadiah’s bottom line is v. 15, “The day of the Lord is near (at hand).”

B. Where before this prophet have we heard this message? All the prophets!

III. What theme is always connected with The Day of the Lord?

A. The answer is found in Obadiah’s last verse, “The Kingdom of the Lord.”

B. What instruction is always associated with these two concepts? “Repent!”

1. In Obadiah’s case, how is, “Repent!” distinctly presented?

a. Connect, “Let those with ears to hear, hear,” with this book.

C. Let’s connect the dots with the other OT prophets we have studied.

1. Jeremiah 15:19

2. Ezekiel 18:30, 32

IV. Let’s consider Obadiah’s highlights in the New Testament context.

A. Who is the last Old Testament prophet? It’s not Malachi, it’s John the Baptist.

1. What are John the Baptist’s first recorded words of public ministry?

a. “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” Matthew 3:2

1. Compare that with the “Coming” of the day. It’s come.

2. What are Jesus’ first recorded words of public ministry? Matthew 4:17

a. “From that time on Jesus began to preach, ‘\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.’”

B. What concept does Jesus expound at the end of his public ministry? Matt. 24ff.

1. Jesus’ final recorded sermon, “The Olivet Discourse,” is found there.

V. Jesus’ declaration on Palm Sunday interestingly connects with all these concepts.

A. “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.” John 12:23

B. Palm Sunday is the beginning of the end in “Day of the Lord” terms.

C. The application is, “Repent!”

1. Greek: Metanoia: Meta (after) Noia (thought)

2. Re+Penser. “Think Again.” Take Stock. Analyze. Self-Evaluation.

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| **1.** I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;  No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.  **2.** I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby;  Temptations lose their pow’r when Thou art  nigh. | **3.** I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;  Come quickly and abide, or life is vain  **4.** I need Thee every hour, most Holy One;  Oh, make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son. |

**Refrain:**

I need Thee, oh, I need Thee;

Every hour I need Thee;

Oh, bless me now, my Savior,

I come to Thee.