OBADIAH

NAME MEANING: Servant of the Lord

BIRTH PLACE: Thought to be in Judah (tradition)

PROPHET TO: Israel (Prophecy against Edom)

TIME OF PROPHECY: (a) ca. 860-844 BC  (b) ca. 586

(a) During reign of Ahab; Time of the Arabian and Philistine invasion against Judah 2 Chr. 21:16-17 or
During reign of Ahaziah; Time of the Edomite attack 2 Chr. 28:17

(b) After the Babylonian conquest; Ob. 1:11-14 as if it has already happened.

ANALYSIS OF BOOK:

A. JUDGMENTS AGAINST EDOM

1. Self righteousness and conflict with Judah her doom 1:1-9
2. Reasons for Edom's fall 1:10-14

B. EVENTS OF THE LAST DAYS "THE DAY OF THE LORD"

1. Universal Judgement 1:15-16
2. Restoration - Zion to be place of holiness 1:17-20
3. Righteous members to perform genealogy work 1:21

C. OBADIAH QUOTED BY OTHER PROPHETS

Ob. 1:1-4 - Jeremiah 49:14-16
NAME MEANING: Jehovah is God

BIRTH PLACE: Unknown - son of Pethuel 1:1

PROPHET TO: Judah

TIME OF PROPHECY: Uncertain - perhaps as early as 835 BC, reign of Joash

ANALYSIS OF BOOK:

A. FALL OF JUDAH -- DESTRUCTION AND LOSS OF TEMPLE
   1. Use of imagery 1:1-7 (a famine to portray Judah's future)
      a. PALMERWORM: gazam; Heb., (gnawer) = Assyrian/Babylonian
      b. LOCUST: argeth; Heb., (many) = Medes/Persians
      c. CANKERWORM: yeleg; Heb., (licker) = Greeks, Alexander the Great
      d. CATERPILLAR: chasil; Heb., (consumer) = Rome, destroyed by Titus
      e. VINE & FIG TREE: among the most stable & enduring plants in Israel. The finest the Lord had given His people.

B. ZION AND THE SECOND COMING
   1. Battle of Armageddon 2:2-11
   2. Lord to bless and sanctify His people 2:12-22
   4. Quoted by Moroni 2:28-32
      a. Great out pouring of spirit and knowledge
      b. Signs of second coming
      c. Two centers

C. ALL NATIONS AGAINST LORDS PEOPLE
   2. Gentiles at war 3:9-10
   3. Lord to Judge 3:11-17
   4. Land renewed at Saviors acceptance 3:18-21

D. JOEL QUOTED BY OTHER PROPHETS
   Joel 2:28-31 - Moroni JS-H 1:41
   Joel 3:10 - theme in reverse Isaiah 2:4 (Micah 4:3)
NAME MEANING: Dove

BIRTH PLACE: Gath-hepher in Zebulun, Son of Amittai

PROPHET TO: Israel & Nineveh

TIME OF PROPHECY: Ca. 788 BC During reign of Jeroboam II

ANALYSIS OF THE BOOK:

A. HISTORICITY OF JONAH
1. Jonah ben Amittai 2 Kings 14:25
2. Joppa, Nineveh, Tarshish - real places

B. CALL TO NINEVEH
1. Prophetic call from the Lord

C. FLEES FROM THE LORD
1. Heads to Tarshish (Tartessus of Spain?) 1:3
2. Tempest at sea 1:4-16
3. Great Fish "PREPARED" 1:17-2:1
4. Jonah’s repentance 2:2-10

D. PREACHING AT NINEVEH
1. Prophetic call re-established 3:1-2
2. Prophecy of destruction 3:3-4
3. People of Nineveh repent 3:5-9
4. Destruction turned away JST 3:10

E. JONAH'S CULTURAL BIAS
1. Upset because people repented 4:1-3
2. All things in God’s hands 4:4-11
AMOS

NAME MEANING: Burden

BIRTH PLACE: Tekoa, South of Bethlehem

PROPHET TO: Israel

TIME OF PROPHECY: ca. 760 BC

A. INTRODUCTION 1:1-2, 7:14-15
   1. Herdsman from Tekoa & gatherer of sycamore fruit
   2. No prophet or prophets son (not schooled in the school of the prophets, which at his time had become corrupt 7:12)
   3. Received Priesthood through proper ordination

B. TRANSGRESSIONS OF OTHER NATIONS AROUND ISRAEL
   1. of Syria 1:3-5
   2. of Philistines 1:6-8
   3. of Phoenicians 1:9-10
   4. of Edom 1:11-12
   5. of Ammon 1:13-15
   6. of Moab 2:1-3
   7. of Judah 2:4-5

C. TRANSGRESSIONS OF ISRAEL (2:6 to 6:14)
   1. Social injustice 2:6-8
   2. Blessings they have forgotten 2:9-11
   3. Forced righteous to do wrong--ingratitude--conquest imminent 2:12-16
   4. Election carries no assured promises 3:1-2
   5. Prophets to declare truth 3:3-7
   6. Northern Kingdom to be destroyed 3:8-15
   7. Against heartless, self-indulgent women 4:1-3
   8. Sacrifices have become heartless ritual 4:4-5
   9. Famine brought no repentance 4:6-9
   10. War, captivity and destruction brought no repentance 4:10-13
   11. Lamentation against Israel 5:1-3
   12. Safety only to those that seek the Lord 5:4-9
   13. Again social injustice 5:10-13
   14. Seek good, not evil 5:14-15
   15. Universal morning of National destruction 5:16-17
   16. Day of the Lord will be darkness to the wicked 5:18-20
   17. Religion has become a sham 5:21-27
   18. Woe to the luxurious, self-indulgent, haughty & unjust people 6:1-14

D. FIVE VISIONS OF AMOS
   1. The Swarm of Locusts 7:1-3
   2. Devouring Fire 7:4-6
   3. Master builder and the plumbline 7:7-9
   4. Basket of summer fruit 8:1-9
   5. The Smitten Sanctuary 9:1-6

E. APPENDIX
   1. Scattering of Israel 9:7-10
   2. Gathering of Israel 9:11-15
FIVE VISIONS OF AMOS

VISION # ONE

SWARM OF LOCUSTS  7:1-3

1. KING = Jehovah
2. KING'S MOWINGS = Judgement already executed against Israel
3. SECOND CROP = Prosperity after repentance
4. LOCUSTS = Conquering armies  (Assyrians - Babylonians)
5. REMNANT OF JACOB = Saved in Last Days JST Amos 7:3

VISION # TWO

DEVOURING FIRE  7:4-6

1. FIRE = Wars to come
2. GREAT DEEP (part) = Israel, land Israel
3. REMNANT OF JACOB = Saved in Last Days

VISION # THREE

MASTER BUILDER WITH PLUMB LINE  7:7-9

1. MASTER BUILDER = Lord
2. PLUMB LINE = Exact judgement - no tolerance for crooked works
3. WALL = Exactness of rules and revelations already given

VISION # FOUR

BASKET OF SUMMER FRUIT  8:1-9

1. SUMMER FRUIT = Ripened Israel  (ready for destruction)
2. BASKET OF FRUIT = Already picked, must be eaten or preserved before it spoils
3. IN THAT DAY = Duelism to destruction at the second coming

VISION # FIVE

THE SMITTED SANCTUARY  9:1-6

1. ALTER = Sacrifice, covenants
2. LINTEL = top of door, leaders of Israel in that day
HOSEA

NAME MEANING: Salvation (from the same root as Joshua)
BIRTH PLACE: Son of Beeri, possibly lived in the Northern Kingdom
PROPHET TO: Israel & Ephraim (Divided northern Kingdom)
TIME OF PROPHECY: Ca. 753 to 725 BC

A. USE OF IMAGERY
1. The manner of prophesying among the Jews (2 Nephi 11:4, Alma 34:14 and 2 Nephi 25:1, 4-8)
2. Two Major images -- Bridegroom/Bride -- Tame and Wild Olive Trees
3. Symbolism of Bridegroom and Bride
   a. Bridegroom = Christ
   b. Bride = Righteous Israel
   c. Wedding Feast = Receiving "all that my Father hath"
   d. Harlot = Apostate Israel (worship of idols)
   e. Divorce = Separation of Israel from Christ/Church/Covenants/God
   b. Young, "An Introduction to the Old Testament"
   c. Wood, "The Prophets of Israel"
   d. LaSor, Hubbard, Bush, "Old Testament Survey"

B. ISRAEL’S RELATIONSHIP WITH JEHOVAH (Chapters 1-3)
1. Marriage of Hosea 1:2-3
2. The children 1:4, 6, 8-9
3. Future restoration 1:10-11
4. Idol worship of Israel 2:1-5
5. Israel left to her own 2:6-13
6. Mercy and restoration foretold 2:14-23
7. Return from apostasy in last days 3:1-5

C. APPEALS, WARNINGS, CHASTISEMENTS, DENUNCIATIONS, REFLECTIONS.
   (Chapters 4-14)
1. Apostasy of Israel - its cause 4:
2. Israel divided, rival kingdoms - Fall of Israel & Judah 5:
3. Inner conversion greater than outward acts 6:
4. Scattering of Israel 7:
5. Loss of "light" through sin 8:
7. Imagery depicts Israel's history 9:10-17
8. By their fruits... 10:
10. A gathering 11:8-12
11. Prophets, similitudes, guide people 12:
12. Christ (Jehovah) is the only savior 13:1-8
13. Israel destroyed herself, went against knowledge 13:9-16
14. Restoration in the "Last Days" 14:

D. HOSEA TODAY
1. 6:4 = Righteousness only surface or acts of outward show not acceptable
2. 6:6 = Inner conversion not outward works wanted by the Lord
3. 10:13 = Unrighteous acts reap sorrow and disappointment
4. 11:1 = Obedience reaps God's guidance and help in our lives
5. 13:4 = Only one Savior - Only one way to Celestial Glory
MICAH

NAME MEANING:  Who is like unto Jehovah (Micaiah, Jer. 26:18, Mikayahu)
BIRTH PLACE:  Moresheth-Gath, territory of Gath, Shephelah, southwest of Jerusalem
PROPHET TO:  Israel & Judah
TIME OF PROPHECY:  ca. 740 to 697 BC

A.  JUDGEMENT AGAINST THE HOUSE OF JACOB  (Israel & Judah)

1.  Final judgement against the nations of the earth 1:2-4
2.  Judgement against Israel and Judah  1:5-9
3.  Lament over Judah's destruction  1:10-16*
4.  Social injustice  2:1-5
5.  People against true prophets, believe false prophets 2:6-11
6.  Future gathering  2:12-13

B.  DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL  (HOUSE OF JACOB) AND FUTURE EXALTATION

1.  Leaders lead the people astray  3:1-7
2.  Paid ministry  3:8-12
3.  Temple in Last Days in "top of the mountains"  4:1-7
4.  Judah to be conquered by Babylon  4:8-10
5.  Israel delivered in Last Days  4:11-13
6.  Messianic prophecy of birth  5:1-4
7.  Savior to save Israel when Assyria (world) invades in last days 5:5-6
8.  Triumph of Jacob over gentiles  5:7-15  (3 Nephi 21:12-21)

C.  LORDS CONTROVERSY WITH ISRAEL, THE FINAL SETTLEMENT

1.  Lords goodness to Judah  6:1-5
2.  What the Lord requires  6:6-9
3.  Lord cannot look on sin  6:10-15
4.  Destruction of Kings, (King line of Israel)  6:16
5.  Terrible state of Israel in symbolism  7:1-4
   a.  solitary grape
   b.  Retiarius vs. Secutor
   c.  brier patch entanglement
6.  Disharmony between friends and also family  7:5-6
7.  Israel will turn to the Lord  7:7-10
8.  Jerusalem rebuilt, gathering to Israel  7:11-13
9.  Micah's prayer to God for fulfillment of promises  7:14-20

*  GATH = a wine press
   APHRAH = dust
   SAPHIR = fair
   ZAANAN = migratory
   LACHISH = invincible
   ACHZIB = lying, false
NAHUM

NAME MEANING: Consolation, Comforted by Jehovah

BIRTH PLACE: "the Elkoshite" City of Elkosh, location is unknown*

PROPHET TO: Nineveh & Judah

TIME OF PROPHECY: between 663 and 612 BC (663 represents the fall of No-Amon or Thebes today and 612 the fall of Nineveh)

A. NINEVEH'S DESTRUCTION A TYPE OF THE SECOND COMING

1. Lord's avenging anger against Nineveh 1:2-4
2. Burning at second coming likened to destruction of Nineveh 1:5-10
3. Satan and followers are overcome 1:11-14
4. Lord to establish peace on the earth 1:15

B. DESTRUCTION OF NINEVEH (SEEN AS A TYPE OF THE END OF WORLDLY EVIL)

1. Nineveh a power, warlike city 2:1-5
2. Lord will destroy Nineveh, it will be of His doing 2:6-10
3. Sarcastic exultation over Nineveh's fall 2:11-13
4. Retribution upon Nineveh for outrages against other nations 3:16
5. Time setting for Nineveh's destruction 3:7-10
6. Nineveh is beyond repentance 3:11-19

C. NINEVEH THE WORLD IN TODAYS SETTING

1. Waring amongst the nations and against righteousness
2. Lord will destroy the wicked nations
3. Justice will be met out to those that tried to destroy the Lord's kingdom
4. Wickedness to the point of being beyond repentance "love darkness more than light"
ZEPHANIAH

NAME MEANING: The Lord hides, hidden of Jehovah

BIRTH PLACE: Judea, perhaps a great-great-grandson of King Hezekiah

PROPHET TO: Judah

TIME OF PROPHECY: ca. 639-608 BC

A. REFORM MOVEMENT OF KING JOSIAH
   1. Reign of King Manasseh
      a. II Kings 21:1-16, II Chor. 33:1-17
      b. Tradition has Isaiah killed by Manasseh (Heb. 11:37)
   3. Reign of King Josiah II Kings 22 & 23

B. DUELISM OF DESTRUCTION OF JUDAH AND NATIONS PRIOR TO SECOND COMING
   1. The unrighteous will be consumed 1:1-18
   2. The Great Day of the Lord 1:10-18

C. HOPE FOR THE RIGHTEOUS DURING THE DESTRUCTION
   1. Only the meek may be hid from the day of the Lord's anger 2:1-3
      "We do not say that all of the Saints will be spared and saved from the coming day of desolation. But we do say there is no promise of security except for those who love the Lord and who are seeking to do all that he commands."
      Elder Bruce R. McConkie CR Apr. 1979, p. 133
   2. Destruction will be just and complete 2:4-15 (also at 2nd coming)
   3. Reasons for destruction 3:1-7 (a warning for today)

D. ZEPHANIAH'S FINAL MESSAGE
   1. The Lord's Kingdom will prevail 3:8-20
HABAKKUK

NAME MEANING:  Embrace

BIRTH PLACE:  no certain information

PROPHET TO:  Judah

TIME OF PROPHECY:  ca. 605-597 BC

605 BC Nebuchadnezzar defeated Egyptians at Carchemish
597 BC First deportation of Jews to Babylon

A. HABAKKUK PLEADS WITH THE LORD
   1. Prayer to the Lord, why has He not responded?  1:2-4, (D&C 121:1-6)
      a. Habakkuk 1:2 -- DC 121:1-2
      b. Habakkuk 1:3 -- D&C 121:3
   2. The Lord answers; assures punishment will come via the Chaldeans 1:5-11
   3. Habakkuk concerned over a Holy God allowing unholy nations to vex

B. LORD ALLOWS WICKED TO DESTROY THE WICKED  (Mormon 4:5)
   1. Prophet waits for reply, commanded to write vision 2:1-3
   2. Just to live by faith, self righteous destroyed 2:24
   3. Evil of the Chaldeans will also be punished, Five Woes 2:5-20
      a. Woe to those that lust for spoils  2:6-8
      b. Woe to those that covet evil  2:9-11
      c. Woe to those who gain from conquest and slavery  2:12-14
      d. Woe to those that treat conquered people with cruelty  2:15-17
      e. Woe to those that worship idols  2:18-20

C. POETIC SONG ABOUT GLORY AND POWER OF GOD
   1. Shigionoth 3:1, Musical notation indicating a reeling, rapid, emotionally packed song that perhaps is accompanied.
   2. Selah  3:3, 9, 13,  Musical notation, perhaps indicating a crescendo or other type of emphasis.
   3. Habakkuk's petition  3:2
   4. Vision of Habakkuk, his psalm of praise  3:3-15
NAME MEANING: Festive

BIRTH PLACE: no information given

PROPHET TO: Post-exilic Jews in Jerusalem

TIME OF PROPHECY: "ca. 520 BC 2nd Temple Period

a. Darius I reign 522-486 BC
b. Contemporary of Zechariah, Ezra

A. FIRST MESSAGE; PROSPERITY COMES BY KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS

1. People challenged to build the temple 1:2-4
   a. D&C 95:3
   b. D&C 124:26-32

2. Prosperity not coming because of disobedience 1:5-11

3. People begin temple building 1:12-15
   a. D&C 124:30-32
   c. Nov. 8, 1841 HC IV:446

B. SECOND MESSAGE: LACK OF TEMPLE SPLENDOR NOT TO BE A CONCERN

1. Older generation disappointed 2:3

2. People encouraged, splendor will come 2:4-9

C. THIRD MESSAGE: INDIFFERENCE AND APATHY LEAD TO CORRUPTION

1. Two Questions 2:11-13

2. People and land "unclean" until Temple is completed 2:14-19

D. FOURTH MESSAGE: THE LORD WILL PREVAIL

1. Conquest of wicked 2:21-22

2. Zerubbabel promised to be associated with Jehovah in His kingdom 2:23
NAME MEANING: Jehovah Remembers

BIRTH PLACE: Grandson of Iddo, who was one of the chief priests that returned in 537 BC with Zerubbabel (governor) and Joshua (High Priest)

PROPHET TO: Post-exilic Jews in Jerusalem

TIME OF PROPHECY: ca. 520-518
   a. Perhaps later than 518, Chapter 7 dated to 518, where as those after are undated
   b. Contemporary with Haggai and Ezra. (Ezra 6:14)

I. THE WORD OF THE LORD ALWAYS FULFILLED
   A. Don't follow ways of unrighteous fathers 1:2-4
   B. Past prophecies came to pass 1:5-7

II. EIGHT VISIONS OF THE NIGHT
   A. FIRST VISION : Conditions & conflicts on the Earth 1:8-17
      1. Red Horse = war and bloodshed
      2. Sorrel Horse (speckled) = confusion or unsettled period
      3. White Horse = victory and peace
      4. Restoration of Jerusalem (two centers) 1:12-17
   B. SECOND VISION : The horns & carpenters 1:18-21
      1. Four horns = wicked who destroyed Judah 1:18-19
      2. Four carpenters = righteous to restore Judah 1:20-21
   C. THIRD VISION : A man with a Measuring line 2:1-13
      1. Future Jerusalem to large for present boundaries 2:1-4
      2. Lord will be their wall 2:5
      3. Restoration of Israel in the last days 2:6-13
   D. FOURTH VISION : Messiah to cleanse Israel's Sins 3:1-10
      1. Joshua the High Priest as a type of Christ 3:1
      2. Jerusalem (Israel) saved from bondage 3:2
      3. Atonement of Savior, a type in Joshua 3:3-10
   E. FIFTH VISION : The Candlestick and Olive Trees 4:1-14
      1. Candlestick = Zerubbabel (Judah) and building of temple (return) 4:1-10
      2. Two Olive Trees = Two prophets to preach in Jerusalem in the last days 4:11-14 Rev. 11:1-13
   F. SIXTH VISION : A Flying Roll 5:1-4
      1. Flying Roll = the divine standard used for judgement 5:1-2
      2. Unrighteous to be judged according to it 5:3-4
G. SEVENTH VISION: Evils taken away from Jerusalem 5:5-11
   1. Ephah = one of largest measuring vessels 5:6
   2. Talent of lead = largest measuring weight 5:7
   3. Woman = Israel and her sins 5:7
   4. Shinar = symbolism of Babylon's evil people 5:11

H. EIGHTH VISION: The Colored Horses 6:1-8
   1. Four colored horses 6:2-3 (see II A)
   2. Four "servants" go through the earth JST 6:5-8
      a. Rev. 7:1-3
      b. D&C 86:4-7
      c. Improvement Era Oct. 1914 p. 1164-1165
   3. Joshua crowned in similitude of Christ (Branch) 6:9-15

III. PROPHETIC INSTRUCTION AND VISIONS OF FUTURE EVENTS
   A. Righteousness greater than ritual observance
      1. Fasting & Sacred observance 7:2-7
      2. Mercy & compassion 7:8-14
   B. Restoration of Jerusalem 8:2-5
   C. Acts of conduct to bring about desired blessings 8:16-23
   D. Enemies of Israel Destroyed 9:1-8
   E. Messianic Prophecy 9:9-17
      1. Saviors first coming 9:9
      2. Millennium conditions 9:10
      3. Salvation for dead 9:11
      4. Righteous will prevail 9:13
   F. Following true Shepherd will bring peace 10:
   G. Messianic Prophecy -- Jesus sold for 30 pieces of silver 11:
   H. Events prior to Millennium 12 thru 14
      1. Battle of Megiddo 12:2-8
      2. Wicked destroyed 12:9
      3. Savior's appearance to Jews 12:10-14
      4. Baptism to house of David 13:1
      5. False prophets & Idols cast out 13:2-4
      6. Jews to recognize Jesus - wounds in hands 13:5-6
      7. Savior's crucifixion 13:7
      8. Jew's scattered 13:8
      9. Salvation after refiners fire 13:9
      10. Jerusalem sieged in last days 14:1-3
      11. Savior to appear on Mt. Olivet 14:4-8
      12. Lord king of the earth 14:9-11
      13. Those against Jerusalem destroyed 14:12-15
      15. Righteousness to prevail 14:20-21
NAME MEANING: My Messenger  
a. Argument of noun or proper name  
b. 3 Nephi 24:1 JS-H 1:36-38

BIRTH PLACE: Unknown

PROPHET TO: Post-exilic Jews

DATE OF PROPHECY: ca. 450-430 BC

I. THE LORDS LOVE FOR ISRAEL  1:2-5

II. LORD CONDEMN ISRAEL FOR HER FAITHLESSNESS  1:6-14  
   A. Lack of honor and respect for the Lord  1:6  
   B. Offered unpure sacrifices  1:7-9  
   C. Ought to close the temple  1:10  
   D. Name of Christ honored by "Gentiles"  1:11  
   E. Priesthood leaders reproved  2:1-10  
      1. Cursed if not obedient  
      2. Caused many to go astray  
   F. Sins of general membership  2:11-17  
      1. Marriage to non-members  
      2. Dishonor of the covenant

III. THE SPIRIT OF ELIAS  3:1-4  
   A. Messenger(s) to be sent to prepare the way of the Lord  3:1  
   B. Lord to suddenly come to His temple  3:1  
   C. Purification of Second Coming  3:2-4

IV. CONDEMNATION OF ISRAELS SINS  3:5-18  
   A. Various Immoralities of the people  3:5  
   B. God is unchanging  3:6  
   C. Strayed from the ordinances  3:7  
   D. Rob God ?  3:8-12  
   E. Unjust criticism of God  3:13-18  
      1. Unrighteous seem to prosper  
      2. Righteous receive Eternal Crown

V. EVENTS RELATED TO THE SECOND COMING OF THE SAVIOR  4:1-6  
   A. Destruction of wicked  4:1  
   B. Righteous to reign with the Son of Righteousness on earth  4:2-4  
   C. Coming of Elijah and the Sealing Keys  4:5-6