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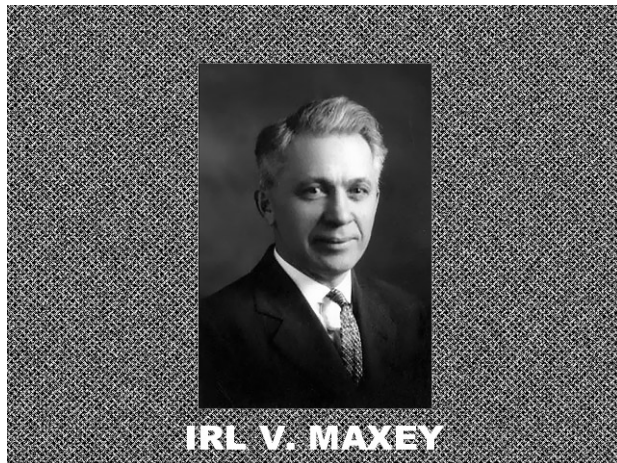
**THE BOOK OF OBADIAH  
As Translated By Irl V. Maxey**

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## **INTRODUCTION TO THIS FILE**

**With this file, I conclude the series of writings by our father, Irl Vancleve Maxey (1882-1950). And again, I wish to thank my brother, Gale E. Maxey of Boise, Idaho, for giving the collection of papa's writings to me from which the digital editions were created. I attempted to publish the digitized sermons in roughly a chronological order according to the dates and years they were written. However, the last three publications of papa's translation of Old Testament books were presented in the order in which they appeared in the same notebook, not in their Biblical order. Thus Jonah is hdm2539, Nahum -- hdm2540, and Obadiah, this last file, is hdm2541.**

I was sorry to discover that for some reason papa's translation of this little O. T. book was ended in the midst of verse 18 -- about three and one-half verses shy of the end of the book. It is an example of how, in this world, men often begin what they do not, or cannot, complete. I imagine that papa's ministry ended sooner than he may have thought -- about six and one-half years prior to his Home-Going in 1950. His was not a long life, nor was it one of fame and notoriety. Most of his ministry was spent in quite small and relatively obscure locations.

You will not find Irl V. Maxey's name among those of the religious luminaries of his time. As a humble, Holiness Preacher, papa labored "as unknown" to millions, "and yet well known" to God (2 Corinthians. 6:9). When God called him Home, he was "as dying" in this present, evil world, but "behold, he lives" forevermore! with the Lord he loved so much and served so well. If the family "circle is unbroken in the sky," it shall be largely because of his godly life and faithful, holy influence -- felt first and foremost by those in his family. Thank You, Papa! through you, all of us in your household have had "a goodly heritage" (Psalm 16:6).

I pray that God will make this entire series of our father's writings (hdm2501 - through -- hdm2541) a blessing to the many thousands around the world who may read them if Jesus tarries. -- Duane V. Maxey, (Ahwatukee) Phoenix, Arizona, March 1, 2006.

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## THE BOOK OF OBADIAH -- WHICH HAS ONLY ONE CHAPTER

1 The vision of Obadiah -- Thus says the Lord God to Edom: We have heard the Lord's listing,\* and an embassy is sent to the Gentiles. Stir yourself and let us oppose him in battle.

[\*The Hebrew word, which as best I can make out, papa translated as "listing" is defined by Strong's Concordance thus:-- "sehm-oo-aw' feminine passive participle of 8074; something heard, i.e. an announcement:--bruit, doctrine, fame, mentioned, news, report, rumor, tidings." I do not know why he seems to have translated it as "listing" instead of "rumour" as it is translated in the KJV. No other translation that I consulted had it as "listing" or as any word synonymous to "listing".]

2 Look! I have made you small among the Gentiles (in the world); you are made contemptible.

3 The conceit of your heart has deceived you -- you that dwell in protected caves. You are very conceited, saying: Who shall dethrone me?

**4 If you fly high as the eagle and nest in the stars, I will bring you down (pull to earth), says the Lord.**

**5 If thieves came to you and robbers by night, would you not be quiet? Would they not take sufficient for themselves only? If the grape-gatherers came, would they not leave some vintage?**

**6 How are the things of Esau scrutinized and secrets revealed!**

**7 I have made an end of you! All of the men pollute you and make sport itself. The men of your peace prevail against you. (I mean:) They who eat with you, and others, place you under ambush; there is no one with prudence in him (among you).**

**8 Shall I not , says the Lord, in that day destroy the wise fro Idumea? -- the wise from the mountain of Esau?**

**9 Your strong shall fear at noon, that the man from [the] mountain of Esau should be undone.**

**10 Because of your slaughter and iniquitous acts toward your brother Jacob, contusion shall cover you and you will perish eternally.**

**11 Recall the day you stood against him -- when the aliens captured him with his armies and foreigners walked into his gates and cast lots over Jerusalem and you also were a confederate.**

**12 You should not have despised your brother in the day of his peregrinations, nor rejoiced over Judah in the day of his perdition.\***

**[\*The KJV has "destruction" here, which I think is probably a better rendition of the Hebrew word, "aw-bad".]**

**13 Neither should you have walked into the gates of my people in their ruination-day, nor despised them in their evil in the day of their judgment, nor sent your army to plunder their goods on that day,**

**14 Nor stood in the passage-way, neither killed those who were saved, nor closed in upon those fleeing in the day of their trouble.**

**15 Because the Judgment Day of the Lord is near the whole Gentile world, as you have done, it shall be done to you -- retribution shall come upon your own head,**

**16 As you drank upon my holy mountain, all the Gentiles drinking continually. They shall drink and be absorbed, and be just as [if] they never existed.**

**17 But in Mount Zion shall be salvation; there shall be holiness. The house of Jacob shall inherit their own.**

**18 The house of Jacob shall be a fire -- it shall be a flame.\***

**[\*Here, papa's translation ended -- apparently right in the midst of verse 18 -- never to be completed. For the sake of those who wish to read the remainder of the book, I have appended below the KJV of verse 18-21.]**

**18 And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for the Lord hath spoken it.**

**19 And they of the south shall possess the mount of Esau; and they of the plain the Philistines: and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria: and Benjamin shall possess Gilead.**

**20 And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel shall possess that of the Canaanites, even unto Zarephath; and the captivity of Jerusalem, which is in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the south.**

**21 And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the Lord's.**

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