



Psalm 83: Islam, Israel, and Bible Prophecy

Will we ever have peace in the Middle East? What will be the outcome of these conflicts between Israel and Muslim nations such as Iran, Palestine, and Turkey. The Bible is clear, there will not be peace in this world until God establishes His Kingdom, that is the Kingdom of God. The promises of the Kingdom of God is the focus of Bible Prophecy.

What is the End Game? The End Game is the last stage of the process, groups operate with an endgame in mind. There is an "End Game" for Bible Prophecy, it's the Kingdom of God. How do we get to that point, what happens in the process.

The 83rd Psalm was written over 3000-years ago and reveals the very real events taking place in the Middle East today, what is going take place in the future as we get closer to the Kingdom of God. The Bible claims to be the Word of God, if it is true, then its Words will come to pass.

The physical land of Israel, the land known as Canaan, Palestine or ancient Israel was the land described in the Bible given to the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Genesis 12, Genesis 15).

Asaph¹ was a companion of King David, a Levite, a prophet and a singer, he lived over 3000-years ago and is credited with being pen behind 11 Psalms in the Bible. One of his Psalms, the 83rd Psalm talks about event taking place today. Asaph writes about a coming conflict between Israel and a set of nations, who have the intent on eliminating the nation of Israel for good.



A Plea for God's Help (vs. 1-2)

Psalms 83:1-18 ESV

(1) A Song. A Psalm of Asaph. O God, do not keep silence; do not hold your peace or be still, O God!

(2) For behold, your enemies make an uproar; those who hate you have raised their heads.

Asaph cries for God to not be silent, the enemies of Israel are seen as the enemies of God, they are working in unison against God, who is identified with Israel. The God of the Bible has identified Himself with the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Jacob was renamed Israel (Gen. 32:28), by God Himself at the ford of Jabbok, near the Jordan. This is the first time the name Israel is mentioned in scripture. The phrase "God of Israel" is used

over 204 times in the Bible. When Moses confronts Pharaoh, he tells Pharaoh what the "God of Israel" says.

[Exo 5:1](#) Afterward Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says the LORD, the [God of Israel](#), 'Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness.'"

¹ (1.) A Levite; one of the leaders of David's choir ([1Ch 6:39](#)). Psalm 50 and Psalms 73-83 inclusive are attributed to him. He is mentioned along with David as skilled in music, and a "seer" ([2Ch 29:30](#)). The "sons of Asaph," mentioned in [1Ch 25:1](#), [2Ch 20:14](#), and [Ezr 2:41](#), were his descendants, or more probably a class of poets or singers who recognized him as their master.

The God of the Bible has identified Himself with the nation of Israel, this identification was not temporary, its eternal and everlasting. Israel existence is tied to the very nature and character of God's Word and promises. If Israel as a nation is eliminated, then the God of Bible cannot be trusted. God's Word stands and falls with the nation of Israel's existence.

Isaiah 45:17

(17) But **Israel** shall be saved in the LORD with an **everlasting salvation**: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.

[35] THIS IS WHAT THE LORD SAYS, HE WHO APPOINTS **THE SUN** TO SHINE BY DAY, WHO DECREES THE **MOON AND STARS** TO SHINE BY NIGHT, WHO STIRS UP THE SEA SO THAT ITS WAVES ROAR— THE LORD ALMIGHTY IS HIS NAME: [36] "ONLY IF THESE DECREES VANISH FROM MY SIGHT," DECLARES THE LORD, "WILL **ISRAEL** EVER **CEASE BEING A NATION** BEFORE ME."

JEREMIAH-31-35-36



The assault against Israel is just physical, its spiritual, eliminate Israel and the world has its proof the God of Israel is a meaningless creation of humanity. Psalm 83 is challenge to God, through the proxy of Israel.

The Reason Behind the Plan (vs. 3-4)

(3) They lay crafty plans against your people; they consult together against your treasured ones.

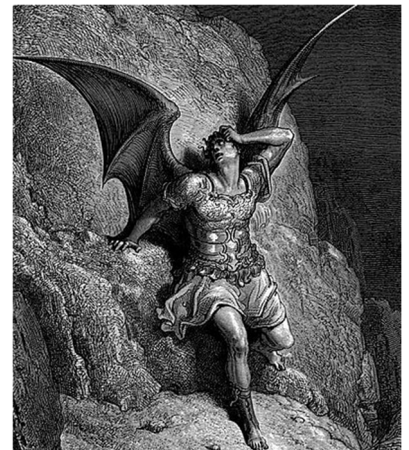
(4) They say, "Come, let us wipe them out as a nation; **let the name of Israel be remembered no more!**"

What is the reason that Asaph cries out? At stake is the very existence of Israel as a nation and a people. The goal of these nations is to eliminate Israel and its people from being a nation. They are working in unison, they "consult together" against God's people, "your treasured ones".

Why is Israel Important?

What is so important about Israel, why does Israel matter? God is the one who renamed Jacob Israel, as mentioned earlier. In scripture God has made promises regarding Israel as a nation and people. Here are some important points why Israel is important:

- Through Israel the Messiah would come: He would be a descendent of King David (2 Samuel 7:14)
- God promised the land of Canaan to the descendent of Israel, they were to occupy the land.
- Jesus said, He would not return until Israel accepted Him as Messiah
- When Israel accepts Jesus as Messiah, Jesus will return in Glory and Power.
- If no nation of Israel exists, then God's Word would prove to be meaningless.
- The nation of Israel is proof the Bible is true, and more sure then the Sun, Moon and Stars (Jeremiah 31)



The attack against Israel is a Satanic attack against the God of the Bible, to prevent the Second Coming and Satan's own judgment (Revelation 20). If Israel is eliminated, they cannot call out to Jesus to fulfill the Messianic prophecies both the Old and New Testaments. (Zechariah 12:9-10, Matthew 23:39)

Revelation 12:13-14

(13) And when the dragon (Satan) saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman (Israel) which brought forth the man child.

(14) And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into

her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

The One Accord of Islam (Vs. 5)

(5) For they conspire with one **accord**²; against you they make a **covenant**³—

The group of nations have one mindset, the Hebrew Word "Labe" means they have one heart or even the same intellect. We are going to see all the nations and locations referenced in Psalm 83, have one thing in common. They are Islamic nations, all unified under the doctrine and theology of Islam. They also have a Covenant or compact. In the Hebrew "*Bereith*" is the source word translated in English as Testament for example, Old Testament and New Testament (Old Covenant, New Covenant). This is where we get the word for the two parts of the Bible. The book of Jeremiah 31:31 בְּרִית, uses the same word used in Psalm 83, in reference to the Covenant. The Covenant these nations have is to eliminate Israel.

"Come, let us wipe them out as a nation; let the name of Israel be remembered no more!" Psalm 83:4

Islam sees the Quran⁴ as the "Covenant" from God to the Muslims, superseding the Bible (Surah 3:19⁵). The way Christians view the Old and New Testament, Muslims view the Quran. The Quran along with the Hadith⁶ (The traditions of the prophet Mohammad) shapes the worldview of Islamic nations, it guides their understanding of the "End Game". In the End, the world is under Islamic control and both Jews and Israel are eliminated according to Islamic teaching. The Hadith below was part of the Hamas Charter, and was used as the justification for their actions on October 7th, 2023.

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Reference : Sahih al-Bukhari 2926
In-book reference : Book 56, Hadith 139
USC-MSA web (English) reference : Vol. 4, Book 52, Hadith 177
(deprecated numbering scheme)

The world's Muslim population is 1.7 Billion, over 20% of the earth's population, but the largest concentration surrounds the nation of Israel. The Muslim population in the world is projected, to grow by 70% by the year 2050. Where is this headed? The nation of Israel is surrounded by a sea of Islamic nations, who

envision a world without Israel or Jews. This is the focus of Psalm 83, the God of the Bible versus the God of Islam.

² *Labe* A form of H3824; the *heart*; also used (figuratively) very widely for the feelings, the will and even the intellect;

³ *ber-eeth'* From H1262 (in the sense of *cutting* (like H1254)); a *compact* (because made by passing between pieces of flesh): - confederacy,

⁴ The Quran (Koran) is revelations Mohammad claims to have received from God through the angel Gabriel, Muslims believe there is an identical book in Heaven. They claim it is the Word of God.

⁵ [3:19]Religion with God is **Islam**. Those to whom the Scripture was given differed only after knowledge came to them, out of envy among themselves. Whoever rejects the signs of God—God is quick to take account. <https://www.clearquran.com>

⁶ The Hadith, is a collection of traditions of the prophet. These are sayings, commentaries, pronouncement of people who witnessed what Mohammad said and did.

⁷ <https://sunnah.com/bukhari:2926>



The Conflict between Islam and Israel

The Bible and Quran differ on the outcome of the nation of Israel. Islam's view is in the end of Israel and the Jewish people taught in the Quran, Hadith and traditions. The Bible on the other hand proclaims

Israel's existence is "Everlasting", and the nation will be exalted in the world when they come to salvation. Both "End Game" views cannot be true since they contradict each other.

Israel is a vehicle of Bible Prophecy, If Israel is eliminated, then the Bible is not True, But if Israel is victorious over those who would destroy her, God's WORD stands. God through Israel is going to prove His WORD, the Bible, is Truth, regardless of what the world thinks. Today if we looked at a map, Israel would be only a drop in the sea of Islamic nations.

| The Bible | The Quran/Hadith |
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| <p>Jeremiah 31:35-36 ESV (35) Thus says the LORD, who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar— the LORD of hosts is his name: (36) "If this fixed order departs from before me, declares the LORD, then shall the offspring of Israel cease from being a nation before me forever."</p> | <p>51. O you who believe! Do not take the Jews and the Christians as allies; some of them are allies of one another. Whoever of you allies himself with them is one of them. God does not guide the wrongdoing people. (Surah 5:51)</p> <p>Anas (May Allah be pleased with him) said: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "Dajjal (the Antichrist) will be followed by seventy thousand Jews of Isfahan and will be dressed in robes of green coloured satin." Riyad as-Salihin 1812⁸</p> |
| <p>Isaiah 44:21 ESV (21) Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.</p> | <p>Narrated Abu Huraira:Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "The Hour will not be established until you fight with the Jews, and the stone behind which a Jew will be hiding will say. "O Muslim! There is a Jew hiding behind me, so kill him."⁹ <i>Sahih al-Bukhari 2926</i>¹⁰</p> |

Islam versus Israel

This coming conflict between Islam and Israel is the focus of Asaph, to understand Psalm 83, we have to understand the connection between the nations and their unified mindset and covenant against Israel. Asaph three thousand years ago listed the nations who would be united in this united attack on

⁸ <https://sunnah.com/riyadussalihin:1812>

⁹ <https://sunnah.com/bukhari:2926>

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the nation of Israel.

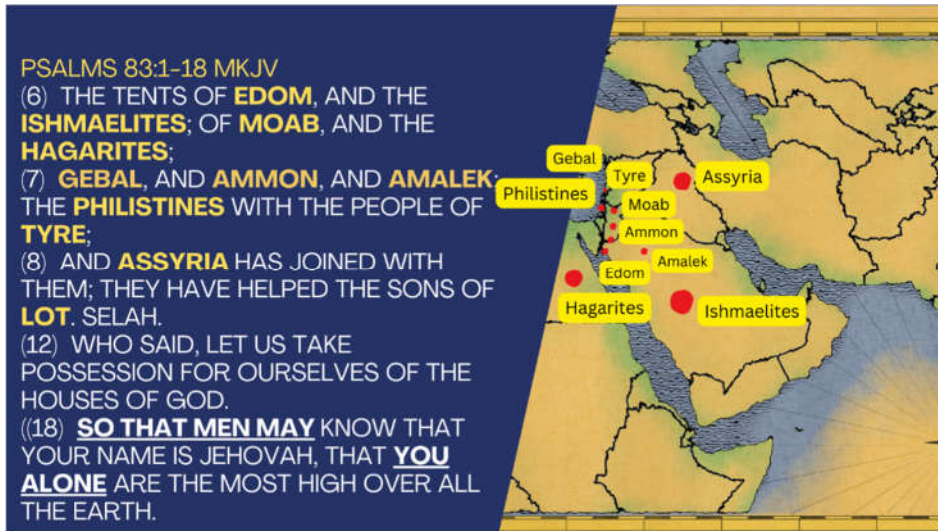
The confederacy of Nations (vs. 6-8)

- (6) the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, Moab and the Hagrites,
- (7) Gebal and Ammon and Amalek, Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;
- (8) Asshur also has joined them; they are the strong arm of the children of Lot. Selah

First the Tents are used to picture the migratory nature of the nations involved, like desert nomads the settle in various locations.

Edom is the first nation mentioned, like Jacob was renamed Israel, his brother Esau was renamed Edom (Red) for selling his birthright for Red Lentils (Genesis 25:30). His descendants settled in or near

the Dead Sea area known as Mt. Seir. One of the sites of the area is the famous Petra, this is now the land of Jordan. He was the brother of Israel.



The Ishmaelites: Abraham's son from Hagar was also a father of many nations (Genesis 17:20) and tribes, but the Abrahamic covenant was passed to the descendants of Isaac and Jacob. Mohammad himself claimed his tribe was a descendant of Ishamel. Muslim even claim the right to the covenant promised to Isaac. Scripture teaches 12 tribes would come

from him, just as 12 tribes came from Jacob. Ishmael along with Isaac both attended the funeral of Abraham in Hebron (Genesis 25:9).

Moab: The firstborn son of Lot, through his daughter after they escaped from Sodom and were hiding in the cave. (Genesis 19:37) Moab became a tribe and enemy to Israel and adversary trying to turn them from the God of Israel (Numbers 21). The nation of Jordan currently occupies the land of ancient Moab.

Hagrites: Hagar was a slave girl purchased from Egypt, she was the mother of Ishamel, who settled in Arabia. She would represent Egypt since she is from the land. Egypt is a Muslim nation, majority Sunni, they have been an ancient and modern enemy to Israel. When Israel was founded in 1948, Egypt was a leading nation in the wars against Israel in 1948, 1954, 1967 and 1973. They currently have a peace agreement with Israel signed under Anwar Sadat in 1974.

Gebal: This area is noted as a seaport in Lebanon (I Kings 5:18, Ezekiel 27:9), this is noted as the city of Byblos, where the word Bible comes from, since it was a hub of Papyrus (Paper) exporting, so the word Byblos became synonyms for Book or Bible. Lebanon is nation controlled by various factions each with their own territory. Byblos is predominately Maronite.

Ammon: The descendants of Lot, through his younger daughter (Genesis 19:38), her son was named Ben Ami. The capital of Jordan, Amman, is named after these descendants of Lot.

Amalek: Currently part of Jordan, this is a tribe descended from the first born of Esau, through his son Eliphaz and the concubine Timna (Genesis 36:12). The descendants the Amalekites became an adversary to Israel (Exodus 17:8-16, I Samuel 15:3-9).

Philistia: The modern name for this group is Palestine, according to scripture they are descended from the Island of Crete, this is confirmed with pottery found at Philistine sites. They were wiped out during the time of Alexander the Great. After the destruction of Judah and Jerusalem by Hadrian, the land of Judah was renamed Palestine in honor of Israel ancient enemy (AD 132). Going forward the ancient land of Judah became known as Palestine.

Tyre: An ancient city in Lebanon currently controlled by Hezbollah (Shite) who is openly aligned with Hamas and Iran in opposing the Jewish state. Hezbollah is the most powerful group in Lebanon, they are more powerful than the Lebanese military and occupy the southern part of the nation. They have the freedom to launch missiles and do whatever they choose since they have the biggest guns. They are backed by Iran any opposition to their actions is seen as siding with Israel. Hiram King of Tyre supplied the cedar trees for Solomon's Temple (I Kings 9:11). Jezabel is also the daughter of Ithobal, King of Tyre (I Kings 16:31) her goal was to turn Israel away from the God of Israel in the days of Elijah.

Asshur: The descendent of Asshur, one of the sons of Shem, Noah's son (Genesis 10:22) founded the empire of Assyria, located in Iraq. Ninevah and

These are all Islamic nations, they are united by the same doctrine and theology, they have the same "End Game" for Israel. This is not the first time Israel as a people faced enemies who wanted to destroy them, on the way to the Promise Land, led by Moses they faced a similar threat. Asaph recalls those events.

A Cry for Help, the Example of the past (Vs. 9-15)

- (9) Do to them as you did to Midian, as to Sisera and Jabin at the river Kishon,
- (10) who were destroyed at En-dor, who became dung for the ground.
- (11) Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna,
- (12) who said, "Let us take possession for ourselves of the pastures of God."
- (13) O my God, make them like whirling dust, like chaff before the wind.
- (14) As fire consumes the forest, as the flame sets the mountains ablaze,
- (15) so may you pursue them with your tempest and terrify them with your hurricane!

Midian: The descendants of Keturah. Abraham's third wife, he married her after the death of Sarah. Moses lived among the Midianites for 40-years after he fled Egypt, his wife was a Midianite. The Midianites also became an enemy of Israel when they entering the Promise Land (Numbers 22) they along with Moab hired Baalam to destroy Israel. Israel took vengeance in Numbers 31 on the Midianites. **Sisera** was the captain of Jabin's army (Judges 4:2) who was defeated under the leadership of Deborah, Sisera was killed by a Jael a woman (Judges 5:26). **Oreb** and **Zeeb** were two princes of Midianites killed by Gideon's army (Judges 7:25). **Zebah** and **Zalmunna** are two kings of the Midianites who were defeated by Gideon army (Judges 8:10-12).

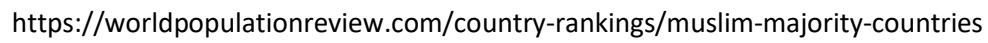
Let Us take possession..pastures of God: Land was the motive, just as it is today.

The Reason Behind God's Rebuke

- (16) Fill their faces with shame, that they may seek your name, O LORD.
- (17) Let them be put to shame and dismayed forever; let them perish in disgrace,
- (18) that they may know that you alone, whose name is the LORD, are the Most High over all the earth.

| Biblical Name | Current Name | Connection and Story behind Name |
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| Edom | Jordan | Edom was the brother of Jacob (Israel), he was founder of the Edomite nation. |
| Ishmaelites | Saudi Arabia | Ishmael was the son of Abraham and Hagar, he founded 12 tribes that settled in Arabia. |
| Moab | Jordan | The seed of the father, or, according to others, the desirable land, the eldest son of Lot (Gen 19:37), of incestuous birth. |
| Hagarites | Egypt | An Arab tribe, or confederation of tribes (1Ch 5:10 , 1Ch 5:19 , 1Ch 5:20 the King James Version "Hagarites"; 1Ch 27:31 the King James Version "Hagerite"; Psa 83:6 "Hagarenes"), against which the Reubenites fought in the days of Saul. In Gen 25:12-18 are recorded the descendants, "generations," of Ishmael, "whom Hagar the Egyptian Sarah's handmaid, bare unto Abraham." |
| Gebal | Byblos | Either a city of Lebanon(Byblos) on Mediterranean coast (I Kings 5:18,Ezekiel 27:9), Or an area south of the Dead Sea, a area of Edomites. |
| Ammom | Jordan (Amman) | The descendants of Lot, through his younger daughter (Genesis 19:38), her son was named Ben Ami. The capital of Jordan, Amman is named after this tribe which descended from Lot, the first cousin of Abraham. |
| Amalek | Jordan | (Genesis 36:12), The grandson of Esau, by his concubine Timna and Esau's son Eliphaz, the eldest son of Esau (Edom). Haman was an Amalekite who tried to wipe out Israel in the days of Esther. |
| Philistia | Palestine | Philis'tia. (Hebrew, Pelesheth). (<i>land of sojourners</i>). The word thus translated in Psa 60:8 ; Psa 87:4 ; Psa 108:9 , is, in the original, identical with that elsewhere rendered Palestine, which always means land of the Philistines. Deu 2:23 As for the Avvim, who lived in villages as far as Gaza, the Caphtorim, who came from Caphtor, destroyed them and settled in their place.) Eze 25:16 therefore thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, I will stretch out my hand against the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethites and destroy the rest of the seacoast. Gen 10:14 Pathrusim, Casluhim (from whom the Philistines came), and Caphtorim. |
| Tyre | Tyre | A rock, now es-Sur; an ancient Phoenician city, about 23 miles, in a direct line, north of Acre, and 20 south of Sidon. Sidon was the oldest Phoenician city, but Tyre had a longer and more illustrious history. The commerce of the whole world was gathered into the warehouses of Tyre. |
| Asshur | Iraq | Second son of Shem (Gen 10:22 ; 1Ch 1:17). He went from the land of Shinar and built Nineveh, etc. (Gen 10:11 , Gen 10:12). He probably gave his name to Assyria, which is the usual translation of the word, although the form Asshur is sometimes retained (Num 24:22 , Num 24:24 ; Eze 27:23 , etc.). In Gen 2:14 "Assyria" ought to be "Asshur," which was the original capital of Assyria |
| Lot | Jordan | The man who bore the name Lot (לוֹט, <i>lōṭ</i> ; לוֹט, <i>Lōṭ</i>) is mentioned for the first time in Gen 11:27 , at the beginning of that section of Genesis which is entitled "the generations of Terah." After Terah's 3 sons are named, it is added that the third of these, Haran, begat Lot. |





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