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Go ye therefore, and teach all nations” (Matt 28:19)

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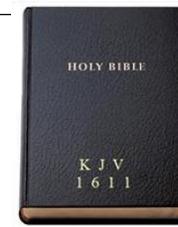


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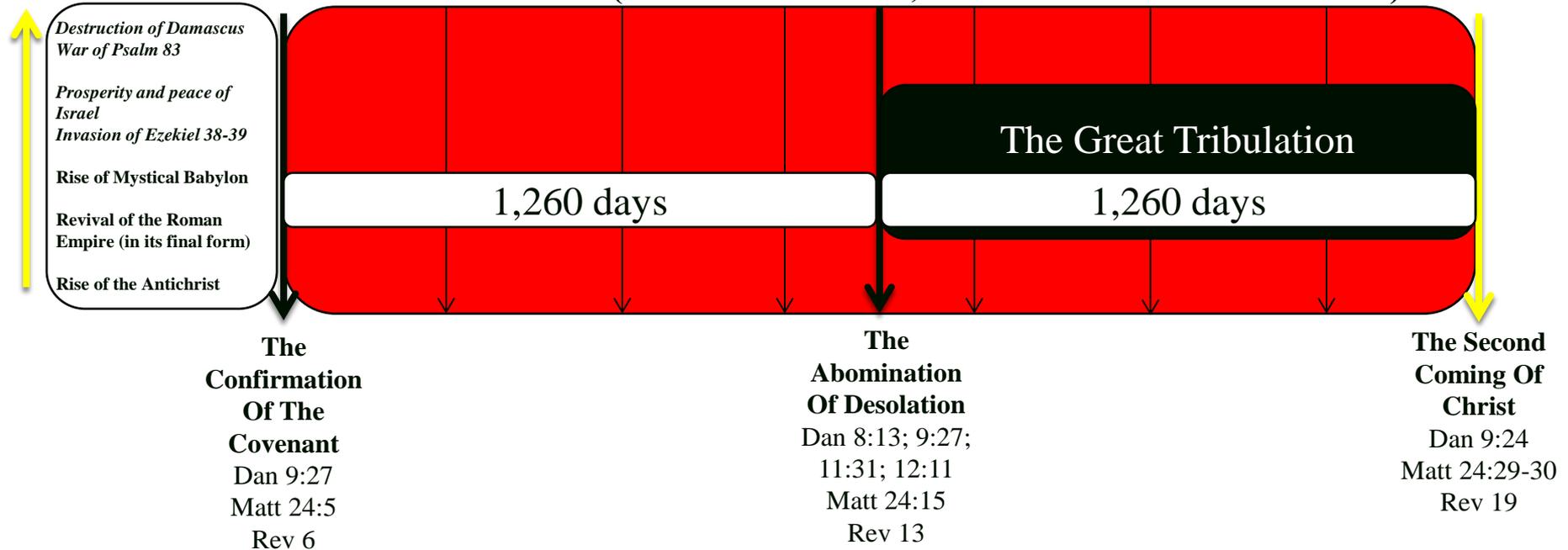
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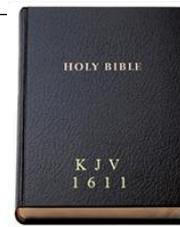


The Rapture

The Tribulation (Daniel's 70th Week; The time of JACOB'S trouble)



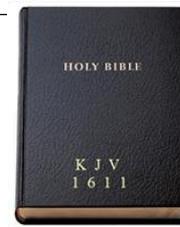
- *Italics* indicates events that may take place **before** the Rapture
- The fact any of these events **could** occur before the Rapture in no way undermines the doctrine of Imminency
- The same can be said of the prophecies related to the rebirth of Israel as a nation (Eze 37:7-8; Matt 24:32) fulfilled before the Rapture on May 14, 1948
- The Bible does not state any of these events **must** occur before the Rapture



The War Of Psalm 83

I. Introduction To Psalm 83

- A devastating event, or series of events, that impacts the nations directly round about Israel must occur prior to the invasion of Ezekiel 38-39 that produces the unprecedented CONDITIONS of prosperity and peace Israel will enjoy at that time and galvanizes the specific COALITION of nations listed
- None of the Islamic nations directly bordering Israel (i.e.- Egypt, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon) are listed as part of the Russian led invasion in Ezekiel 38
- Ezekiel mentions all of these nations by name in preceding chapters, so he would have included them if they were part of the invasion
- The reason he does not include them is because they are not part of the invasion
- They are not part of the invasion because judgment is executed against them prior to the invasion



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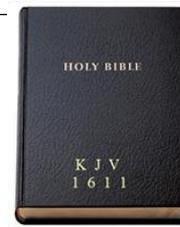
Eze 28:24-26

And there shall be no more a pricking brier unto the house of Israel, nor *any* grieving thorn of all that are round about them, that despised them; and they shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.

Thus saith the Lord GOD; When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob.

And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round about them; and they shall know that I am the LORD their God.

- It appears that after Israel is re-gathered, there is a period of time they dwell in the land that is not characterized by “safety” (1948-present), but when the Lord executes judgment upon the nations round about them then they dwell in safety and confidence
- A series of prophetic judgments are announced in Ezekiel 25-28 against the nations round about Israel including: Ammon (25:1-7); Moab (25:8-11); Edom (25:12-14); Dedan (25:13); the Philistines (25:15-17); Tyre (26:1-27:36); and Zidon (28:20-23)
- The details of these judgments are strikingly similar to Psalm 83



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II. Exposition Of Psalm 83

Psa 83 Introduction

A Song *or* Psalm of Asaph.

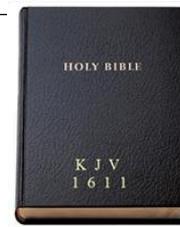
- Asaph was the son of Berachiah (1 Chr 6:39; 15:17) a Levite
- He was a singer (1 Chr 15:19), chief recorder (1 Chr 16:5), and psalmist
- He is credited with writing 12 Psalms (Psa 50; 73-83),
- He is called a SEER and a PROPHET

2 Chr 29:30

Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto the LORD with the words of David, and of **Asaph the seer**. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.

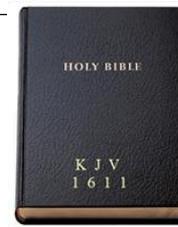
Matt 13:35

That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by **the prophet**, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.



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- Since he was a prophet, Asaph's psalms contain a significant amount of prophecy
- Psalm 78, which recounts the Exodus from Egypt and Israel's wandering in the wilderness, is said to be a PARABLE (Psa 78:2) implying these historical events illustrate a deeper future experience for Israel cf. (Mic 7:14-15; Rev 12:6,14)



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1. The Crisis (Psa 83:1-4)

Psa 83:1-2

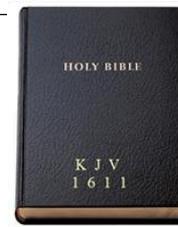
Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.

For, lo, **thine enemies** make a tumult: and **they that hate thee** have lifted up the head.

- Psalm 83 is certainly an imprecatory (“a prayer for evil or judgment to befall a person”) psalm but it is also prophetic
- KEEP NOT THOU SILENCE= Asaph beseeches the Lord to directly intervene in a potentially genocidal crisis for Israel
- THINE ENEMIES= Asaph identifies these enemies of Israel as the enemies OF GOD
- The Lord is bound to his covenant people in such a way that what is felt, said, and done toward them is felt, said, and done toward HIM

Gen 12:3

And **I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee**: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.



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Isa 63:9

In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

Zep 2:8

For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.

Matt 25:40

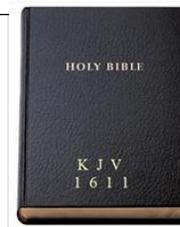
And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Acts 9:1,4

And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

- THEY THAT HATE THEE= these enemies that hate Israel (v.6-8) are specifically those who dwell ROUND ABOUT Israel (Eze 28:24,26)



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