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

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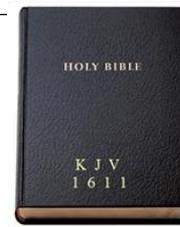
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# Bible Prophecy

*The War Of Psalm 83*



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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

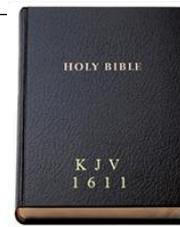
And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

## 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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- This hatred is described as the OLD hatred and a PERPETUAL hatred

### **Eze 25:15; 35:5**

Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because the Philistines have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with a despiteful heart, to destroy *it* for **the old hatred**;

Because thou hast had **a perpetual hatred**, and hast shed *the blood of* the children of Israel by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time *that their iniquity had* an end:

- Zacharias utters a prophetic prayer similar to that of Asaph's, that ties this HATRED of Israel to the ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

### **Luke 1:71-75**

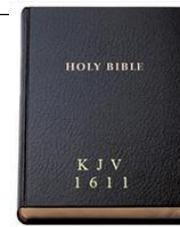
That we should be saved from **our enemies**, and from the hand of **all that hate us**;

To perform the mercy *promised* to **our fathers**, and to **remember his holy covenant**;

The oath which he sware to **our father Abraham**,

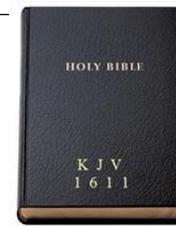
That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.



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- MOST of the progenitors of the enemy nations in (v.6-8) had a direct negative experience with the Abrahamic covenant
  - **Hagar** (Hagarenes)= the covenant was not confirmed to her son Ishmael, who was the firstborn son to Abraham, but to Sarah's son Isaac
  - **Ishmael** (Ishmaelites)= the covenant was not confirmed to him although he was Abraham's firstborn son, but to Isaac
  - **Moab** and **Ammon**= the two sons born to Lot after his separation from Abraham (he should never have been with Abraham in the first place, but was a benefactor of God's blessings for as long as he was with him)
  - **Esau** (the tabernacles of Edom)= the covenant was not confirmed to him although he was Isaac's firstborn son, but to Jacob
  - **Amalek**= a grandson of Esau, who would have been a benefactor of the Abrahamic covenant if it had been confirmed to Esau
- ALL of the enemy nations in (v.6-8) are directly impacted by the LAND GRANT promised in the Abrahamic covenant

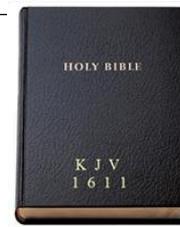


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Gen 15:18

In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:





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## Psa 83:3-4

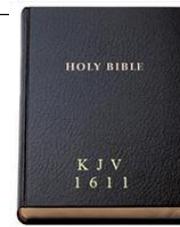
They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

- HIDDEN= Heb. *tsaphan*= appears 33x; the primary use of the word is to denote concealment in a secret place for protection
- The word is used to describe what Jochebed did to Moses (Exo 2:2); what Rahab did to the two spies (Jos 2:4); and what we are to do with the word of God (Psa 119:11)
- Some commentators believe this refers to Israel being hid from the Antichrist in the second half of the Tribulation (Isa 26:20; Zep 2:3; Rev 12:6,14)
- While a degree of application can be made to Israel in the Tribulation, the interpretation could not be Israel in the second half of the Tribulation because one of the locations Israel flees to at that time is Moab, and Moab is one of the confederate states in this attack (v.6)

## Isa 16:4

Let mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler: for the extortioner is at an end, the spoiler ceaseth, the oppressors are consumed out of the land.



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- THY HIDDEN ONES= THY PEOPLE
- The word HIDDEN is used to describe the protection Israel is under by virtue of their covenant relationship with God

### **Psa 17:8**

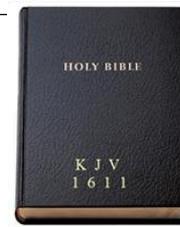
Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings,

- The same applies to the Christian, who is in a covenant relationship with God

### **Col 3:3**

For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

- LET US CUT THEM OFF FROM BEING A NATION= these enemies of God and Israel undertake how they can wipe Israel off the map and the pages of history
- This has been the battle cry of the Muslims since May 14, 1948, and a repeated promise from Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad



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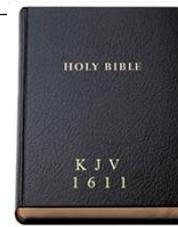
- It is not only a declaration of war against the nation of Israel but against God and the word of God

### Jer 31:35-36

Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, *and* the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts *is* his name:

If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

- It would be easier to destroy the sun, moon, stars, and sea than the nation of Israel, yet Israel's Arab Muslim neighbors have tried repeatedly since 1948
- The Lord knew that Israel would reject Jesus Christ as their Messiah, that the city of Jerusalem and the temple would be destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD, and that the Jews would be dispersed throughout the world
- He knew that following the Bar-Kokhba revolt in 135 AD, the Romans would expel all the remaining Jews from the land and intentionally rename it *Palestine* (after the Philistines) as a perpetual insult to the Jews



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- He knew that Arabs would move into the Promised Land and claim it as their own for over 1800 years
- He knew the day would come when Israel would be re-born as a nation and he would re-gather his people to their land
- He knew the Arabs would not take kindly to the re-birth of Israel and their return to their land, yet in compassion he offered them a “peace plan”

### Jer 12:14-17

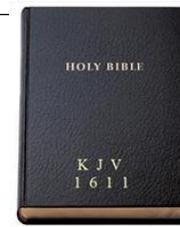
Thus saith the LORD against all mine evil neighbours, that touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit; Behold, I will pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them.

And it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them out I will return, and have compassion on them, and will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land.

And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, The LORD liveth; as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then shall they be built in the midst of my people.

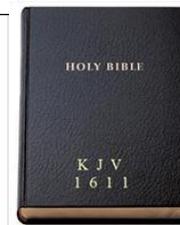
But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith the LORD.

- The terms of the peace plan are that upon Israel’s return to the Promised Land, the Arabs must return to their native lands and convert to the Lord
- The consequences of not accepting the terms is DESTRUCTION



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- The Arabs' choice has been clear over the years- they REJECT the terms of Jehovah's peace plan
- In spite of at least four previous attempts to take the land back by force (i.e.- 1948, 1956, 1967, and 1973), the Lord has stayed his hand of judgment from Israel's Arab neighbors
- The judgment of God will no longer be stayed when the fifth attempt, the war of Psalm 83, occurs



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