

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

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The War Of Psalm 83



3. The Conquest (Psa 83:9-12)

Psa 83:9

Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison:

- DO UNTO THEM= the 10 nation confederacy will be defeated by Israel just like the MIDIANITES were in the days of Gideon (Jud 6-7), and just like SISERA and JABIN were in the days of Deborah and Barak (Jud 4-5)
- SISERA= "mediation; battle array"; JABIN= "whom God considered"
- AS UNTO THE MIDIANITES...AS TO SISERA= in both instances, Israel was faced with overwhelming numbers against them but was still victorious through divine intervention and empowerment
- While the outnumbered armies of Israel fought in both instances, they were "mop up" operations because the Lord intervened beforehand in very unusual ways (e.g.- the broken pitchers, lamps, trumpets, and shouting; a woman named Jael with a hammer and tent nail)
- The Midianites outnumbered Israel 450 to 1 (i.e.- 135,000 against 300)
- Sisera and his multitude consisted of 900 iron chariots (Jud 4:3,13)



Jud 7:3-6

Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And <u>there returned of the people twenty</u> <u>and two thousand</u>; and <u>there remained ten thousand</u>.

And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, that of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go.

So he brought down the people unto the water: and the LORD said unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink.

And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.

And the LORD said unto Gideon, **By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you**, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the other people go every man unto his place.

Jud 8:10

Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their hosts with them, about <u>fifteen thousand</u> men, all that were left of all the hosts of the children of the east: for there fell <u>an hundred and twenty thousand</u> men that drew sword.



• The Lord intervened against the Midianites by having them turn their swords on each other

Jud 7:22

And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and <u>the LORD set every man's sword against his</u> <u>fellow</u>, even throughout all the host: and the host fled to Beth–shittah in Zererath, and to the border of Abel–meholah, unto Tabbath.

• This appears to be what happens to Edom, as the leader of the confederacy in the war of Psalm 83

Oba 6-7

How are the things of **Esau** searched out! how are his hidden things sought up!

All the men of thy confederacy have brought thee even to the border: the men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee, and prevailed against thee; they that eat thy bread have laid a wound under thee: there is none understanding in him.

• The Lord intervened against Sisera by having Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite execute him



Jud 4:21

Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.

- AT THE BROOK KISON= KISON, KISHON appears 7x
- KISHON= "winding; bending"; from the root word *qowsh* meaning, "to set a trap or snare"
- Kishon was a city within the inheritance of the tribe of Issachar

Jos 21:28

And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishon with her suburbs, Dabareh with her suburbs,

• The river of Kishon is where Barak defeated the armies of Sisera

Jud 4:7,13

And <u>I will draw unto thee</u> to the river Kishon <u>Sisera</u>, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots <u>and his multitude</u>; and <u>I will deliver him into thine hand</u>.

And Sisera gathered together all his chariots, even nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that were with him, from Harosheth of the Gentiles unto the river of Kishon.



Jud 5:21

<u>The river of Kishon</u> swept them away, that ancient river, <u>the river Kishon</u>. O my soul, thou hast trodden down strength.

• The brook of Kishon is where Elijah had the prophets of Baal slain after the contest on Mount Carmel

1 Kin 18:40

And Elijah said unto them, <u>Take the prophets of Baal</u>; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down <u>to the brook Kishon</u>, <u>and slew them there</u>.

- The words RIVER and BROOK are used interchangeably in these verses (Heb. *nachal*)
- Although Elijah invited a total of 850 of the prophets of Baal and the groves (1 Kin 18:19) to participate in the contest, only the prophets of Baal came
- Although there were 7,000 others willing to stand for the Lord at the time (1 Kin 19:18), it was just Elijah on Mount Carmel



• Although the prophets of Baal outnumbered Elijah 450 to 1 (just like the Midianites outnumbered Israel in the days of Gideon), they would all be slain

1 Kin 18:22

Then said Elijah unto the people, <u>I, even I only</u>, remain a prophet of the LORD; but <u>Baal's</u> <u>prophets are four hundred and fifty</u> men.

• The contest on Mount Carmel was to determine WHO WAS GOD, the Lord or Baal (i.e.- the Phoenician sun god)

1 Kin 18:21,24

And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? **if the LORD be God**, follow him: but **if Baal**, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

And <u>call ye on the name of your gods</u>, and <u>I will call on the name of the LORD</u>: and <u>the God</u> that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

• With the war of Psalm 83, the Lord's forbearance with Islam and the promotion of its false god Allah (i.e.- the Arabian moon god) and false prophet Mohammed, will be over



- The Lord is calling Allah out just like he did Baal that day on Mount Carmel
- Jehovah and Allah are not the same and both cannot be the God of creation, salvation, and judgment
- The war of Psalm 83 is the first of a two round fight (the second will be the invasion of Ezekiel 38) to show the world who the ONE, TRUE, LIVING God is (Jehovah or Allah; the God of the BIBLE or the god of the KORAN; the God of ISRAEL or the god of ISLAM; the God of the JEWS or the god of the ARABS) and who the true PEOPLE of God are
- The Lord PICKED this fight and then PREDICTED the winner

1 Kin 18:30

And Elijah said unto all the people, <u>Come near unto me</u>. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD *that was* broken down.

Isa 50:8

He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me.



1 Kin 18:27

And it came to pass at noon, that **Elijah mocked them**, and said, Cry aloud: for he *is* a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, *or* peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.

Isa 41:21,24

Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob.

Behold, <u>ye are of nothing</u>, and your work of nought: <u>an abomination is he that chooseth you</u>.

1 Kin 18:36-37

And it came to pass at *the time of* the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, <u>let it be known</u> this day <u>that</u> thou *art* God in Israel, and <u>that</u> I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.

Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

Isa 44:6,8

Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared *it*? ye *are* even my witnesses. **Is there a God beside me?** yea, *there is* no God; **I know not** *any*.



Isa 43:9-12

Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, *It is* truth.

Ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, and <u>my servant whom I have chosen</u>: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that <u>I am he</u>: <u>before me there was no God formed</u>, <u>neither shall</u> there be after me.

I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.

I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when *there was* no strange *god* among you: therefore ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, that <u>I am God</u>.

Isa 45:5-6,21-22

<u>I am the LORD</u>, and <u>there is none else</u>, <u>there is no God beside me</u>: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:

That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that <u>there is none beside me</u>. <u>I</u> <u>am the LORD, and there is none else</u>.

Tell ye, and bring *them* near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? *who* hath told it from that time? *have* not I the LORD? and *there is* no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; *there is* none beside me.

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for <u>I am God</u>, and <u>there is none else</u>.



1 Kin 18:38-39

Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that *was* in the trench

And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.

- As Gideon and Elijah were both outnumbered 450 to 1, so it appears Israel will be outnumbered by their Arab Muslim enemies 450 to 1 in the war of Psalm 83
- If so, then this could be the enemy armies Isaiah mentions that flood upon Israel like a tsunami wave in the aftermath of the destruction of Damascus; a tsunami wave that not only stops when the Lord rebukes it, but flees

Isa 17:12-13

Woe to <u>the multitude of many people</u>, *which* make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to <u>the rushing of nations</u>, *that* make a rushing like <u>the rushing of mighty waters</u>!

The nations shall rush like the rushing of <u>many waters</u>: but <u>God shall rebuke them</u>, <u>and they shall flee far off</u>, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.



Psa 83:10-11

Which perished at Endor: they became as dung for the earth.

Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna:

- WHICH PERISHED...BECAME AS DUNG= dung is used as a soil FERTILIZER so this is a prophetic prayer that God destroy the Arab Muslim threat FOREVER
- The defeat of these nations directly bordering Israel will be absolute and FINAL, just as Ezekiel said

Eze 28:24

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

• ENDOR= "fountain of Dor"; from Hebrew words *ayin* meaning, "eye; sight; fountain; face; presence" and *dowr* meaning, "generation; all"



• MAKE THEIR NOBLES LIKE= their leaders will be captured and executed just like OREB and ZEEB, and ZEBAH and ZALMUNNA

Jud 7:25

And they took two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb; and they slew Oreb upon the rock Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the winepress of Zeeb, and pursued Midian, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the other side Jordan.

Jud 8:5,21

And he said unto the men of Succoth, Give, I pray you, loaves of bread unto the people that follow me; for they be faint, and I am pursuing after **Zebah and Zalmunna**, kings of Midian.

Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise thou, and fall upon us: for as the man is, so is his strength. And Gideon arose, and <u>slew Zebah and Zalmunna</u>, and took away the ornaments that were on their camels' necks.

- OREB= Heb. *Arob*= "mosquito; divers sorts of flies; a swarm"
- The Hebrew word appears 16x; the proper name OREB appears 7x; the word is translated DIVERS SORTS OF FLIES 2x (Psa 78:45; 105:31) and SWARM(S) OF FLIES 7x (Exo 8:21-22,24,29,31)



- OREB comes from the Hebrew root word *Arab*, which transliterated is the word ARAB= "mingled people; intermix"
- ZEEB= "to be yellow; a wolf"
- The Hebrew word appears 13x (# of REBELLION); the proper name ZEEB appears 6x and the word is translated WOLF or WOLVES 7x
- The names OREB and ZEEB appear a total of 13x (# of REBELLION)
- ZEBAH= "a slaughter; a sacrifice (the victim or the act)"
- The Hebrew word appears 174x; the proper name ZEBAH appears 12x; the word is translated SACRIFICE 155x; OFFERING(S) 6x; and OFFER 1x
- ZALMUNNA= "shade or protection denied"; appears 12x
- When the definitions of all the names in Psalm 83:9-11 are listed together they appear to form a summary message of Psalm 83

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- 1. *Midian*= "strife; brawling; contention"
- 2. *Sisera*= "battle array"
- 3. Jabin="whom God considered"
- 4. Kishon= "to set a trap or snare"
- 5. Endor= "presence of all"
- 6. *Oreb*= Arab "swarm"
- 7. Zeeb= "wolves"
- 8. Zebah= "protection denied"
- 9. Zalmunna= "slaughter"

"The battle was set in array and the Arabs swarmed like wolves (against Israel), but God considered them and set a snare so they began striving with each other. Their protection was also denied and they were slaughtered (by Israel) in the presence of all"



Psa 83:12

Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession.

• WHO SAID, LET US TAKE= the issue is the Abrahamic covenant; specifically, the land grant constituting that covenant- these nations want Israel's LAND as their own

Gen 15:18

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

Eze 35:10-11

Because thou hast said, These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess it; whereas the LORD was there:

Therefore, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, <u>I will even do</u> according to thine anger, and <u>according</u> to thine envy which thou hast <u>used out of thy hatred against them</u>; and I will make myself known among them, <u>when I have judged thee</u>.



- THE HOUSES OF GOD= in contrast to the TABERNACLES OF EDOM (v.6)- the former is what Israel's enemies WANT, the latter is what Israel's enemies HAVE
- HOUSES= Heb. *na'ah* = "a pasture; meadow; habitation; abode; abode of a shepherd"
- TABERNACLES= Heb. *ohel* = "a dwelling; home; habitation; a tent; a nomad's tent"
- The destruction of Damascus (Isa 17:9) may be what motivates these Arab Muslim nations to unite together in one final jihad to destroy Israel and possess their land



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