

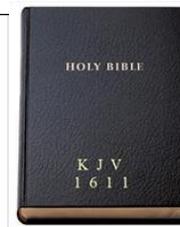
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*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations" (Matt 28:19)*

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# Bible Prophecy

*The War Of Psalm 83*



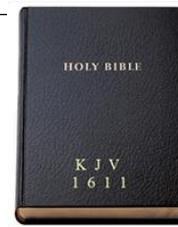
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### 4. The Consequences (Psa 83:13-18)

- Asaph prays for the Lord to bring 11 (# of JUDGMENT; DISORDER; CONFUSION) specific consequences upon the 10-nation confederacy

### The 11-Fold Prayer Of Judgment Upon The 10-Nation Confederacy

1. Make them like a wheel (v.13)
2. Make them...as the stubble before the wind (v.13)
3. Burn them as wood (v.14)
4. Set them on fire (v.14)
5. Persecute them (v.15)
6. Make them afraid (v.15)
7. Fill their faces with shame (v.16)
8. Confound them (v.17)
9. Trouble them (v.17)
10. Put them to shame (v.17)
11. Let them perish (v.17)



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## Psa 83:13-15

O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind.

As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire;

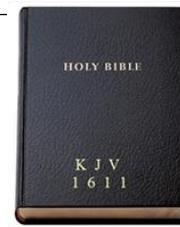
So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm.

- LIKE A WHEEL= whether it is a CHARIOT wheel (Exo 14:25) or a POTTER'S wheel (Jer 18:3), a wheel goes round and round; it rotates in a circular fashion
- The idea is that the Lord will make the enemy go in circles
- The expressions, “we are just spinning our WHEELS” and “we are going in CIRCLES” are used in situations where effort is extended but in futility
- WHEEL= Heb. galgal= appears 11x; translated WHEEL(S) 9x; HEAVEN 1x (Psa 77:18); and ROLLING THING 1x (Isa 17:13)

## Isa 17:13

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

- There is a definite connection between Psalm 83 and Isaiah 17:12-14; 41:10-16



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## Isa 17:12-14

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

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

And behold at eveningtide trouble; and before the morning he *is* not. This *is* the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.

## Isa 41:10-16

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I *am* thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish.

Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, *even* them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought.

For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

Fear not, thou worm Jacob, *and* ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat *them* small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.

Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the LORD, *and* shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.

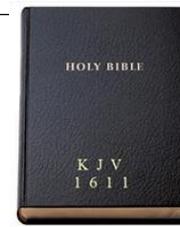


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- STUBBLE= “the stumps of wheat, rye, barley, or oats left in the ground; the part left by the sickle; the part of plants and cereal grasses remaining attached to the soil after harvest”
- BEFORE THE WIND= stubble is characteristically similar to CHAFF and DUST in that it is small and dry (Job 13:25; Nah 1:10), useless (Job 41:28-29), easily consumed by fire (Exo 15:7; Isa 5:24; 47:14; Joel 2:5; Oba 18; Mal 4:1; 1 Cor 3:12), and driven away by the wind (Job 21:18; Isa 40:24; Jer 13:24)
- CHAFF= “the seed coverings and other debris separated from the seed in threshing or winnowing grain; worthless matter; refuse”
- It is associated with CHAFF and DUST (Job 21:18; Isa 5:24; 33:11; 41:2)
- The picture is that the overwhelming armies of the 10-nation confederacy will be reduced to dust that will be devoured by fire and driven away by the wind

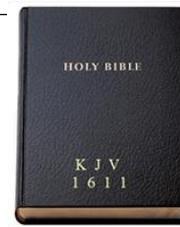
### Isa 17:13

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



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- While the Lord could accomplish this without any human intervention, it appears that he is going to use ISRAEL (probably the Israeli Air Forces) in some unusual way as the INSTRUMENT of his judgment
- If the Arab Muslim armies are the stubble and chaff, then Israel is the THRESHING INSTRUMENT in the hand of God cf. (Isa 41:15-16)
- AS THE FIRE...AS THE FLAME= the judgment upon the Arab Muslim armies is by FIRE cf. (Jer 48:45; 49:2,18; Amo 1:7,10,12,14; 2:2)
- THE MOUNTAINS= mountains represent KINGDOMS (Isa 2:2; Dan 2:35,44); in this case, the 10 nation confederacy that WARS AGAINST Israel cf. (Isa 41:12,15)
- PERSECUTE= “to pursue in a manner to injure, vex, or afflict; to harass with solicitations or importunity”
- MAKE THEM AFRAID= appears 5x (# of DEATH) but this is the only time it appears separate from the phrase NONE SHALL
- THY TEMPEST...THY STORM= this could refer to a FIRE storm (v.14) or a WIND storm (Amo 1:14)



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## Psa 83:16-18

**Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name**, O LORD.

Let them be **confounded** and **troubled** for ever; yea, let them be **put to shame**, and **perish**:

**That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high** over all the earth.

- FILL THEIR FACES WITH SHAME= the 10-nation confederation of nations dwelling ROUND ABOUT Israel will be filled with SHAME when, in spite of their overwhelming numbers, they are slaughtered on the battle field by Israel within 12 hours

## Eze 36:7

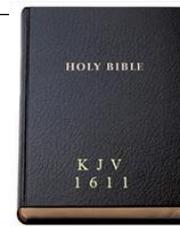
Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; **I have lifted up mine hand**, Surely **the heathen that are about you**, they **shall bear their shame**.

## Isa 41:11a

Behold, **all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded**:

## Isa 17:14

And behold **at eveningtide trouble**; and **before the morning he is not**. This *is* the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.



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- How long did the prophets of Baal call upon their false god before Elijah called upon the name of the Lord and the FIRE FELL, proving that the Lord is the one, true, living God? 12 HOURS (i.e.- from morning until evening)

### 1 Kin 18:26,29

And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed *it*, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But *there was* no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.

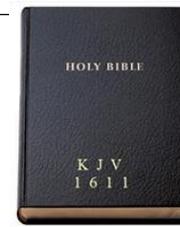
And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that *there was* neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.

- The same approximate period of time applies to Gideon and the Midianites

### Jud 7:19; 8:13

So Gideon, and the hundred men that *were* with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that *were* in their hands.

And Gideon the son of Joash returned from battle before the sun was up,

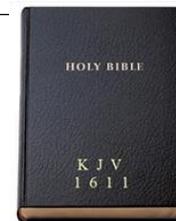


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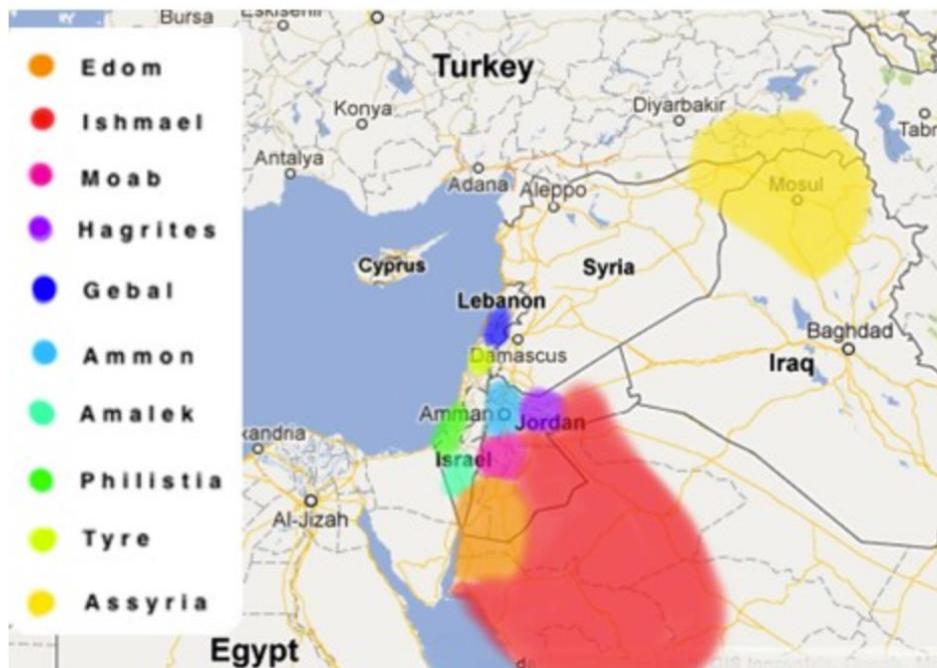
## **Three Primary Reasons For The War Of Psalm 83**

1. That men may know that the God of ISRAEL is the most high (v.18)
2. That men may know that the name of the God of Israel is JEHOVAH alone (not “Allah”) (v.18)
3. That the people of the Arab Muslim nations that formed this confederacy to wipe Israel off the map would seek Jehovah as their God (v.16)

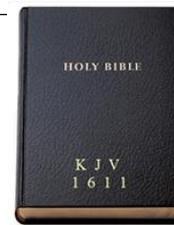
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Below is a map highlighting the regions specified in Psalm 83 as identified using a consistent geographic-correlation method of interpretation:

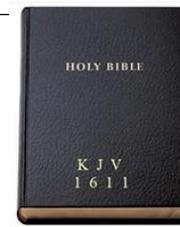


In the end, the only modern nations solidly included in Psalm 83 are Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and the Palestinian territories. Beyond this, the Psalm also points to the limited region of northern Iraq, southeastern Turkey and the northern border of Syria. But Egypt is nowhere to be found in this Psalm.



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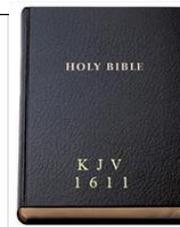


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## Other Views Regarding Psalm 83

1. It is purely an imprecatory Psalm and has no prophetic application
2. It was fulfilled with the invasion of 2 Chronicles 20
3. It will be fulfilled as part of the invasion of Ezekiel 38
4. It will be fulfilled as part of the battle of Armageddon





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