

## *Psalm 83*

### *The Return of “My People Israel”*

*The two focal points of God’s purposes are His own name and the nations of the world, and these two are related. He wants His name to be great, so that the nations may regard Him not as an ineffective tribal god, but as the Lord of the whole earth. And Israel is to be the channel through which this vindication is going to be achieved...In the case of the exiles, however, God is now going to vindicate His glory, not through their sufferings, but through their restoration...The actions of God were not intended to benefit His people, but to set forth His glory in the world. Israel’s reaction will be that she will be shamed by God’s goodness into a state of repentance and self-loathing, and will therefore acknowledge God in a way that she had failed to do before. – John Taylor*

- I. This is a proxy war being waged by Satan since the beginning of time. The destruction of Israel is his method for preventing the return of Christ and the surrounding nations are his pawns. If the enemies succeed, there would be no Jewish remnant left to fulfill the mandate of the second coming of Christ. This would break God’s covenant, which of course cannot happen. God’s word cannot fail.

Psalm 83:1-8

Ezekiel 28; 35-38

Hosea 1:8-9

Matthew 23:31-36; 24:2

Romans 11:25-26

Genesis 12:3; 15:18-21; 22:17-18; 35:11-12

Jeremiah 12:14-17; 16:14-15

Psalm 2:4; 82:6-7

**Yashab betach** (יָשַׁב בְּטָאֵץ) = dwelling securely through military means, not political

- II. This war emphasizes the weakness of God's chosen victors. Without God's support, they could not be successful. This also emphasizes the futility of Satan's pawns. Even with Satan's support, they have no hope of standing against God. This is not a small regional conflict. This is a major war with global implications. This war is devastating and will totally reshape the Middle East politically, economically, and militarily. Israel will become a regional, if not global, superpower nation as a result, fulfilling God's promise to glorify His name through Israel.

Psalm 83:9-12  
Jeremiah 31:35-37; 49:1-27  
Isaiah 11:11-14; 17:1  
Obadiah 1:1-21  
Ezekiel 25:12-14  
Judges 4-8

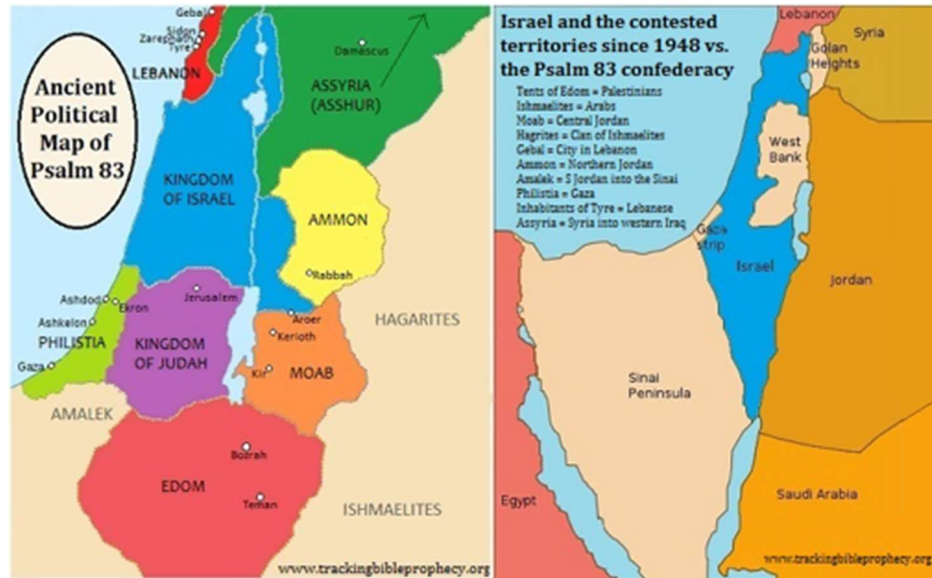
**Tiphletseth** (טיפלתת) = a shuddering, horrific terror

- III. The Psalm 83 war fulfills God's plan to restore the Jews as "My people Israel." The purpose was to judge the animosity established in ancient times and perpetuated through the ages to the covenantal promises God gave to Abraham. The restoration of the Jews as "My people Israel" begins the process of national repentance that culminates with their salvation at the end of the Tribulation.

Psalm 83:13-18  
Isaiah 19:16-17; 34:9-10  
Zephaniah 2:1-16  
Hosea 1:10  
Jeremiah 48:46-47  
Psalm 87:4

The modern names for the Psalm 83 enemies are:

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| Tyre                                | Hezbollah, Lebanon        |
| Philistia                           | Hamas, Gaza               |
| Tents of Edom (Teman)               | Palestinian Refugees      |
| Hagrites                            | Egypt                     |
| Ishmaelites                         | Saudi Arabia              |
| Moab and Ammon, the children of Lot | Jordan                    |
| Assyria                             | Syria and Iraq            |
| Dedan                               | Northwestern Saudi Arabia |



Arab-Israeli War Adversaries (Biblical and Modern)



The "Greater Israel" that Results from the Arab-Israeli War