

Handout October 13, 2023

Prophecy Fulfilled
Numbers 33:55

Welcome back and here we go. Tonight is a continuation from our Bible Study on Tuesday concerning the current state of affairs in Israel. While the events may be horrifying and terrifying, we don't need to be afraid.

1) God has not given us a _____ of _____. **II Timothy 1:7**

I personally believe we are witnessing prophecy being fulfilled right now. How exciting is that? I think others felt the same way.....

- When Israel became a nation.
 - When Israel captured Jerusalem.
-a couple other prophecy fulfillments.

Numbers 33:50-55

This sentiment is repeated over and over in Deuteronomy, Numbers, Joshua, and Judges.

2) Palestinians and Israel have _____ been at _____.

Think of Samson, Goliath, the death of Saul and his sons, all at the hands of the Philistines. Finally, they were defeated by Hezekiah.

II Kings 18:8 *'He subdued the Philistines, as far as Gaza and its territory, from watchtower to fortified city.'*

So, who are the Palestinians? It is not believed that they are the same peoples as the Philistines and yet later day prophecy points out the same cities as marked for destruction. Many believe they descend from Edom/Esau.

As I said on Tuesday, we are witnessing prophecy fulfillment today!

Ezekiel 25:15-17 *'Thus says the Lord God : "Because the Philistines dealt vengefully and took vengeance with a spiteful heart, to destroy because of the old hatred," therefore thus says the Lord God : "I will stretch out My hand against the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethites and destroy the remnant of the seacoast. I will execute great vengeance on them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I lay My vengeance upon them."'*

Israel has vowed to destroy Hamas completely.

Isaiah 11:12-14 *'He will set up a banner for the nations, And will assemble the outcasts of Israel, And gather together the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth. Also the envy of Ephraim shall depart, And the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not envy Judah, And Judah shall not harass Ephraim. But they shall fly down upon the shoulder of the Philistines toward the west; Together they shall plunder the people of the East; They shall lay their hand on Edom and Moab; And the people of Ammon shall obey them.'*

It is believed this also chronicles the *Psalms 83* war and the destruction of Gaza.

Zephaniah 2:4-7 'For Gaza shall be forsaken, And Ashkelon desolate; They shall drive out Ashdod at noonday, And Ekron shall be uprooted. Woe to the inhabitants of the seacoast, The nation of the Cherethites! The word of the Lord is against you, O Canaan, land of the Philistines: "I will destroy you; So there shall be no inhabitant." The seacoast shall be pastures, With shelters for shepherds and folds for flocks. The coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; They shall feed their flocks there; In the houses of Ashkelon they shall lie down at evening. For the Lord their God will intervene for them, And return their captives.'

Again, this is believed to be taking place... right now.

Psalms 83

I've included a map for reference.

3) Israel will _____ this war!

If we are to believe prophecy, we must believe it all.

This war will continue to develop and no one knows how long it will last. I believe there will be a Peace Agreement at the end of the war, as spoken of in ***Daniel 9:27***.

'Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.'

None the less, my message to you is ***DO NOT BE AFRAID***.

Matthew 28:18-20 'And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.'

John 16:13 'However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.'

4) Jesus is _____ with us.

All of this is foretold. Jesus said when you see these signs you know the time is near.

How exciting to be alive today. I want you to leave here encouraged.

I want you to be able to encourage others, especially as things seemingly get worse.

Revelations 22:12-21 "...Even so, come, Lord Jesus!..."

Let's pray.

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A Surprise in Psalm 83?

The Magog Invasion: An Alternative View

by Chuck Missler

For many years we have been following the conventional view of Ezekiel 38 and 39, the ill-fated invasion attempt of Magog and its allies, notably Iran. With the growing tensions between Iran—as an ostensible nuclear power—and Israel, these passages are the subject of much current discussion and debate.

However, the conventional view still leaves a number of puzzling inconsistencies and contradictions. Ezekiel 38 indicates that Israel is dwelling safely and “without walls.” Yet, when we visit there we are confronted with a 430-mile-long wall 25 feet high. And being shelled continually with hundreds of missiles from both the Hamas and Hezbollah is hardly dwelling “safely.”

It is also significant to notice that the motivation of the invasion attempt by Magog and its allies is to take spoil: gold, silver, cattle and goods.¹ The Ezekiel account also includes participants from distant lands.

This leaves us with a puzzling anomaly: the players listed in Ezekiel seem to *exclude* any of the *bordering* nations: Where are the Palestinians? The Lebanese? The Syrians? The Iraqis? The Jordanians? The Egyptians? The Saudi Arabians? (Sheba and Dedan only appear as spectators rather than as participants!)

It is extremely provocative to contrast the attackers of Ezekiel 38 with the participants described in Psalm 83, which details immediate *neighboring* combatants. Furthermore, they also have a distinctively different agenda than the parties in the Ezekiel account:



Psalm 83

*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. 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.** For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee:*

Psalm 83:1-5

This appears to be a significant difference from the motivation of Magog and his allies, which is to take spoil. These combatants are the immediate neighbors, which continue to harass and torment Israel today and are unabashedly committed to *wiping Israel off the map!*

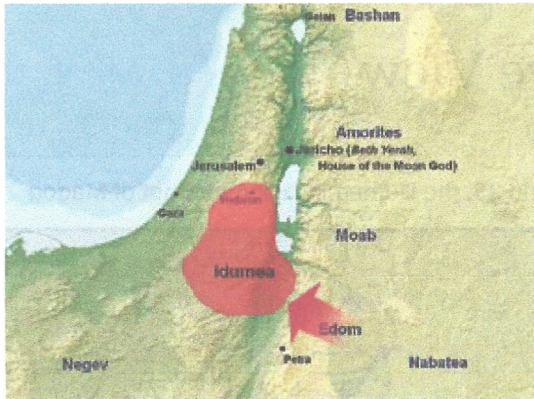
Furthermore, the specific players highlighted here are nearby, and not the ones included in the Ezekiel account:

*The tabernacles of **Edom**, and the **Ishmaelites**; of **Moab**, and the **Hagarenes**; **Gebal**, and Ammon, and Amalek; the **Philistines** with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assur also is joined with them: they have **holpen** the children of **Lot**. Selah.*

Psalm 83:6-8

Many may be surprised that the identity of the “Tents of Edom” includes the “Palestinians” of today. This is a topic which will be treated in a separate follow-up article, tracing the origin of the hb’yae ~l’A[olam *ebah*—the “Everlasting Hatred”—from the womb of Esau and Jacob, and Esau’s contempt of the covenant birthright, to Esau’s spiteful intermarriage with the Ishmaelites, continuing the “everlasting hatred” to this very day.² As the Babylonians took Judah into captivity, the Edomites (“Idumeans” in

Greek), under pressure from the Nabateans in the east, moved west and established their own "Idumea" encompassing Hebron and environs.



The other members of the Confederation can be easily identified with any good concordance or Bible Handbook.

Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison: 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: Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession.

Psalm 83:9-12

In pleading for the destruction of their current enemies, the Psalmist appeals to the God of Israel to do just as He did in their historical victories of the past.

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. Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD. Let them be con-founded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish:

Psalm 83:13-17

*The Judgment against Edom is mentioned in more Old Testament books than it is against any other foreign nation:*³ (Again, the origin, identity, and destiny of "Edom" will be subject of subsequent articles.)

All the members of the Confederacy detailed in Psalm 83 are *Muslims*. Each of them is the subject of specific judgments which are detailed in Ezekiel 25 through 32. However, the principal issue of the entire episode is to make a specific point:

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

Psalm 83:18

His name alone is **Jehovah**, not Allah, the moon-god. And the Abrahamic Covenant has not been repealed! If this view is correct, it suggests a very dramatic *prelude* to the events of Ezekiel 38.

Order of Events?

1. Israel is regathered in the Land (Ezek 37:12; Isa 11:11,12; Deut 30:3-5).
2. Ancient cities are rebuilt and inhabited (Ezek 36:1-5, 8-10).
3. They meet Muslim/"Arab" resistance (Jer 49:16; Zeph 2:8; Ezek 25:12; 32:5; 36:2; Obad 1:10).
4. Israel establishes an army for defense—see also #10 (Ezek 36:6,7; 38:8).
5. Adjacent Muslim nations Confederate (Ps 83:1-8).
6. The Confederacy is committed to the destruction of Israel (Ps 83:1-5, 12).
7. War starts between the Confederacy and Israel (Jer 49:2, 8, 19).
8. Title regained: "My people Israel" (Hos 1:8-10; Rom 9:25,26; Ezek 36:8-12).
9. Israel decisively defeats the Confederacy (Obad 1:9, 18; Ezek 25:13,14; Jer 49:10,20,21, 23-26; Isa 11:12-14;17:1; 19:16,17).
10. Israel has become "an exceedingly great army" (Ezek 37:10; Jer 49:21).
11. Israel takes prisoners of war (Jer 48:46,47; 49:3,6,11; Zeph 2:10,11).

12. The Region is reshaped (Isa 17:1; Jer 49:2, 10; Zeph 2:4).
13. Israel expands its borders (Obad 1:19; Jer 49:2; Isa 19:18,19).
14. Israel "dwells securely" in the Land (Ezek 38:10-12).

This, then, would seem to set the stage for the subsequent events of Ezekiel 38 and 39. If this view is correct, there may be a huge surprise ready to unfold that will totally restructure the Middle East!

"The only certain barrier to truth is the presumption you already have it." Our challenge is to keep an open mind and study diligently, continually reexamining the numerous presuppositions that tend to blind us all. We are, indeed, entering one of the most exciting times in the history of the Planet Earth! May the Holy Spirit be your personal guide as you continue your "treasure hunt" of searching the Holy Scriptures to prove that these things are so!

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Notes:

1. Ezek 38:12,13.
2. Ezek 25:15; 35:5.
3. Cf. Isa 11:14; 34:5-17; 63:1-6; Jer 9:25-26; 25:17-26; 49:7-22; Lam 4:21-22; Ezek 25:12-14; 35; Joel 3:19; Amos 1:11-12; 9:11-12; Obad; Mal 1:4.

Name in Psalm 83	Modern Equivalent
The tents of Edom	Southern Jordan
The Ishmaelites	Saudi Arabia and portions of Jordan
Moab	Central Jordan
The Hagarites;	North-East Jordan
Geba	Lebanon
Ammon	North-West Jordan
Amalek	Southern Israel
Philistia	Gaza
The inhabitants of Tyre	Lebanon
Assyria	Turkey (South-Eastern), Syria (North-Western), Iraq (North-Eastern)
The children of Lot (Ammon, Edom)	Jordan