



Psalm 83:

Did it occur in David/Solomon's time?

Was it fulfilled in 2 Chronicles 20?

(Moab and Ammon against Jehoshaphat)

Was it fulfilled in 1948, 1967, 1973?

Is it happening now?

Is it yet future?

Some think it is a prelude to Ezekiel 38-39.

Psalm 83 (NET) A song, a psalm of Asaph. God, do not be silent. Do not ignore us. Do not be inactive, O God. For look, your enemies are making a commotion; those who hate you are hostile. They carefully plot against your people, and make plans to harm the ones you

cherish. They say, "Come on, let's annihilate them so they are no longer a nation. Then the name of Israel will be remembered no more." Yes, they devise a unified strategy; they form an alliance against you. It includes the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, Moab and the Hagrites, Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek, Philistia and the inhabitants of Tyre. Even Assyria has allied with them, lending its strength to the descendants of Lot. (Selah) Do to them as you did to Midian—as you did to Sisera and Jabin at the Kishon River. They were destroyed at Endor; their corpses were like manure on the ground. Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb, and all their rulers like Zebah and Zalmunna, who said, "Let's take over the pastures of God." O my God, make them like dead thistles, like dead weeds blown away by the wind. Like the fire that burns down the forest, or the flames that consume the mountainsides, chase them with your gale winds, and terrify them with your windstorm. Cover their faces with shame, so they might seek you, O Lord. May they be humiliated and continually terrified. May they die in shame. Then they will know that you alone are the Lord, the Most High over all the earth.

Could Psalm 83 Be Prophetic? Psalms are primarily lament, prayer, and praise.

Luke 24:44 (NET) Then he (Jesus) said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled."

Was Asaph a prophet?

2Chr. 29:30 King Hezekiah and the officials told the Levites to praise the Lord, using the psalms of David and Asaph the prophet. So they joyfully offered praise and bowed down and worshiped.

Psalm 83 is a prayer. Could it be a prophetic prayer?

Asaph prays for utter destruction of the surrounding peoples that hate Israel which have planned a unified commotion against Israel. Has Psalm 83 already been fulfilled? (King David's time?, 2 Chronicles 20?, 1948?, 1967?, 1973?)

Do to them as you did to Midian , , Zebah and Zalmunna

Judges 7:15-22 (NET) When Gideon heard the report of the dream and its interpretation, he praised God. Then he went back to the Israelite camp and said, "Get up, for the Lord is handing the Midianite army over to you!" He divided the 300 men into three units. He gave them all trumpets and empty jars with torches inside them. He said to them, "Watch me and do as I do. Watch closely! I am going to the edge of the camp. Do as I do! When I and all who are with me blow our trumpets, you also blow your trumpets all around the camp. Then say, 'For the Lord and for Gideon!'" Gideon took 100 men to the edge of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just after they had changed the guards. They blew their trumpets and broke the jars they were carrying. All three units blew their trumpets and broke their jars. They held the torches in their left hand and the trumpets in their right. Then they yelled, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!" They stood in order all around the camp. The whole Midianite army ran away; they shouted as they scrambled away. When the 300 men blew their trumpets, the Lord caused the Midianites to attack one another with their swords throughout the camp. The army fled to Beth Shittah on the way to Zererah. They went to the border of Abel Meholah near Tabbath.

Judges 8:10-12, 21b (NET) Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor with their armies. There were about 15,000 survivors from the army of the eastern peoples; 120,000 sword-wielding soldiers had been killed. Gideon went up the road of the nomads east of Nobah and Jogbehah and ambushed the surprised army. When Zebah and Zalmunna ran away, Gideon chased them and captured the two Midianite kings, Zebah and Zalmunna. He had surprised their entire army. . . So Gideon killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and he took the crescent-shaped ornaments that were on the necks of their camels.

Do to them as you did to Sisera and Jabin at the Kishon River.

Judges 4:12-21 (NET) When Sisera (General for King Jabin) heard that Barak son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor, he ordered all his chariotry—900 chariots with iron-rimmed wheels—and all the troops he had with him to go from Harosheth Haggoyim to the Kishon River. Deborah said to Barak, "Spring into action, for this is the day the Lord is handing Sisera over to you! Has the Lord not taken the lead?" So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with 10,000 men following him. The Lord routed Sisera, all his chariotry, and all his army with the edge of the sword. Sisera jumped out of his chariot and ran away on foot. Now Barak chased the chariots and the army all the way to Harosheth Haggoyim. Sisera's whole army died by the edge of the sword; not even one survived! Now Sisera ran away on foot to the tent of Jael, wife of Heber the Kenite, for King Jabin of Hazor and the family of Heber the Kenite had made a peace treaty. Jael came out to welcome Sisera. She said to him, "Stop and rest, my lord. Stop and rest with me. Don't be afraid." So Sisera stopped to rest in her tent, and she put a blanket over him. He said to her, "Give me a little water to drink, because I'm thirsty." She opened a goatskin container of milk and gave him some milk to drink. Then she covered him up again. He said to her, "Stand watch at the entrance to the tent. If anyone comes along and asks you, 'Is there a man here?' say, 'No.'" Then Jael wife of Heber took a tent peg in one hand and a hammer in the other. She crept up on him, drove the tent peg through his temple into the ground while he was asleep from exhaustion, and he died.

Did God answer Asaph's prayer of Psalm 83 in the past?

If so, what would have happened to the armies and leaders of those who conspire against Israel?
If this is prophetic of the current Israeli war, what would we expect to happen?

All surrounding armies and leaders would die or repent.

Gideon took the crescent ornaments on the camels' necks. What do crescents represent today?

Could Psalm 83 be talking about Israel today?

Do these people groups unite and attack Israel together in this Psalm?

Did Hamas declare war on Israel, or did they make a commotion?

Is there a unified strategy and alliance?

This is the Iran Proxy War.

Iran has nothing to fear, everything to gain from low-level proxy war

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Last week, Iran marked the 45th anniversary of the end of its 1979 Islamic Revolution with a massive military parade, while crowds burned U.S. and Israeli flags and shouted . . . slogans such as “Death to America” and “Death to Israel.” Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei would love to destroy Israel and eliminate U.S. influence in the Middle East — but only if he can also avoid any risk to his brittle and corrupt regime. . .

Iran has never altered its strategy of avoiding a direct war with the U.S. (which it would lose), while creating strategic depth by funding and arming its proxy terrorist allies in the Gaza Strip, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria and Yemen [and west bank???].

CIA Director William Burns recently warned that the latest Israel-Hamas war in Gaza has only emboldened the Iranian regime, which is “ready to fight to its last regional proxy while expanding its nuclear program and enabling Russian aggression.” Iran is also moving ever closer to obtaining its own nuclear bomb, with a large stockpile of enriched uranium and an extensive ballistic missile program.

Amid the war in Gaza, Iran has used its proxies to raise the cost of international trade and to pressure its Sunni adversaries in the Persian Gulf, whose populations are pro-Palestinian but whose governments covet good relations with Washington.

Iran is also winning the information war, propagating the false narrative that it is supporting the Palestinians, while Iran's military and financial support for Hamas is the primary cause of the misery being endured by the civilians trapped in the Gaza fighting. .

There is no appeasing a state sponsor of terrorism. Instead, the U.S. should aggressively target Iran's economy, internal instability and regional allies in three ways.

We should do more to inform ordinary Iranians about their corrupt regime, which spends its limited resources on terrorism abroad rather than on improving the lives of its people at home. And we should remind the world more vociferously about Iran's human rights violations.

The Biden administration has repeatedly emphasized its aversion to a “wider war” in the Middle East, even as the war in Gaza rages. And therein lies the conundrum: Having deterred the administration from bringing the full weight of its military, diplomatic and economic pressure to bear in the crisis, Iran has nothing to fear and everything to gain from its low-level proxy war against the U.S. and Israel as well as our other allies.

If we do not change course, our national security, including any hope for post-conflict reconstruction in Gaza, will suffer the gravest of consequences.

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Tehran has created a magnificent set of proxies through which it works to implement its dark vision. These include “inferior” soldiers in the form of Palestinians in Gaza, Judea and Samaria, and Lebanon- Sunni Arabs.

The Palestinians and/or their national aspirations are of little interest to the Mullahs. The reason for training and financing the Islamic Jihad, Hamas, and similar extremist movements is the promotion of regional chaos, which simplifies taking over as much territory, influence, and resources as possible by Iran. . .

Iran also created a different “line” of proxies, namely the Hezbollah in Lebanon, the Houthis in Yemen, and the Shi'ite militias in Iraq and Syria. These Shi'ite proxies are seen as considerably more worthy in Iran's perception, given their loyalty to the Islamic Revolution and its ideology.

The unified strategy and alliance spoken of in Psalm 83 could be that Iran recruits, trains, arms, indoctrinates, and finances soldiers in every region around Israel (except Jordan and Sinai?)

None of the proxy soldiers are joining forces to go to war against Israel. Instead they are all waging guerrilla attacks that cause damage and then retreat inside their borders where Israel cannot attack. Missiles are a great tool. The Hamas missiles cost \$300 to \$700 each. Even if the incoming missiles are shot down it costs Israel about \$40,000 per iron dome missile. Hezbollah likely has 150,000 missiles to fire at Israel.

<https://www.bing.com/search?q=Israel+iron+dome+cost+shoot+down+a+missile&FORM=IE8SRC>

Iran has developed a hypersonic missile, the Fattah. “Iran says the projectile has a range of 1,400km (870 miles) and can move at a massive speed of up to Mach 15 (5.1 km or 3.2 miles per second) before hitting its target.”

<https://www.aljazeera.com/features/2023/6/7/iran-has-a-hypersonic-missile-what-does-that-mean> It would traverse Bozeman to Billings in 45 seconds.

“An Iran watchdog group says the country has enough weapons-grade uranium to build a nuclear weapon in just one week.” <https://www.foxnews.com/world/iran-capable-building-nuclear-bomb-one-week-report-finds-middle-east-tensions-flare>

Roleplay: If we were Muslim, Iranian leaders what would be our plan. They hate Israel and the US. They have access to a few nuclear bombs and hypersonic missiles. They are afraid of retaliation that could wipe them out.

Pray Psalm 83 and for the peace of Jerusalem. Pray for God's kingdom to come.

Next week. Connect Psalm 83 with Ezekiel 38-39. These very likely could have a significant affect on our lives.