

Psalm 83

Main Idea – It is unlikely that democracy (Israel and the US) and Islam (specifically, Sharia Law) will ever peacefully coexist.

What is the Muslim Brotherhood?

The United States was founded upon Judeo-Christian principles despite much of current revisionist history. Our founding fathers were men of faith. Meanwhile, Islamic nations (especially those governed by the Muslim Brotherhood) support Islam and Sharia Law, which opposes Christianity with great venom.

- Hamas is an offshoot of the Muslim Brotherhood.
- Hamas governs the Gaza strip.
- The Muslim Brotherhood seeks to bring about a perfect Islamic state governed by Sharia Law.
- Islamic Fundamentalist organizations like Hamas and Hezbollah are bent on the total destruction of Israel.

Q1: What is "Jihad" or "Holy War"? Exiled from Mecca, Muhammad assembled his own army. He then gained power over Mecca (630AD.). What began as a holy war on the holy city of Mecca has become a holy war against any nation of affluence or non-Islamic beliefs.

Q2: Why are Muslims fighting Jews? Fundamental Islam believes that Israel has no right to even exist as a nation. Further, when the UN recognized Israel as a sovereign state in 1948, most Muslim nations saw this as Israel "occupying" Palestine. That's why some of the protest signs we have seen say something like, "75 years of Occupation and Injustice."

Q3: Why are Americans considered "infidels" by Islamic fundamentalists? For two reasons primarily: American affluence or exceptionalism, and America's Christian heritage. Both are condemned in the Quran and therefore by many in most Arab nations.

Q4: Do Christians and Muslims worship the same God? No. That every monotheistic religion finds roots in Abraham (Genesis 12 and 15) is the only connection. Because Christianity teaches God as "trinity" and Jesus as deity, it is impossible to claim that Christianity and Islam worship the same God.

Q5: Is democracy possible in Islamic countries? In America and Israel, God grants inalienable rights to every individual in society, of which "life" is foremost. Inalienable rights and basic Western human rights are foreign and even blasphemous concepts to Islam. That is why fundamentalists have such little regard for human life.

Family Night Big idea – Read Psalm 83:1-18

Israel is at the center of God's eternal plan for humankind. Your children should understand that God is using His chosen people to carry out His plan. They are special and we should pray for them and support them.

- **Elementary School** – Ask, "What does Asaph want God to do for His people? Why does God want us to love each other? What kind of people do you love?"
- **Middle/ High School** – Ask, "Where does hate originate? What does Asaph want God to do to Israel's enemies? What does v.16 say and why is it so important in this chapter?"

Prayer "Father, bring peace to our world and protect Your people, Israel. Amen."

Velocity (Middle and High School Students)

Velocity: Meet Wednesday, October 18th.

Gravity: Meet today in the Community Room.

Today's Songs

House of the Lord.....Phil Wickham
10,000 Reasons.....Matt Redmon
Even so Come.....Passion

Kenya Christmas

On November 5th we will give information on ways to help the children at Mission Thome this year. We will also provide information on how to communicate with your sponsored student through the mail.

Boo Bash

Families are invited to a Boo Bash on Wednesday, October 25th from 5:30 to 7:30. Costume contest registration begins at 5:30. You must be registered to enter the contest. Check out categories on the flyer in the lobby. Costume Contest begins at 6:00. Trunk or Treat follows the contest. We need people to sign up in the lobby to bring candy or prizes to hand out of their trunks. Then we will open the pancake house and other activities like Rock Climbing Wall and Nerf Wars. Come and join us for an evening of Boo Bashing!

Baptism

Next Baptism Sunday is October 29th.