

PSALM 83 - Prayer to Frustrate Conspiracy Against Israel!

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Psalm 83 – Psalm eighty-three is another psalm ascribed to Asaph. It is during a period of time when a group of nations had conspired together to invade the land. So, the prayer from the psalmist is for God not to just sit back and do nothing. It could have been at the time of 2 Chron 20, when nations came against Israel at the time of King Jehoshaphat. (2Ch 20:14-15) *Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly. [15] And he said, "Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the LORD to you: 'Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's.*

THE BATTLE BELONGS TO THE LORD *Maranatha – (3:24)*

*In heavenly armor we'll enter the land
The battle belongs to the Lord
No weapon that's fashioned against us shall stand
The battle belongs to the Lord*

*Refrain: We sing glory and honor
Power and strength to the Lord.
We sing glory and honor
Power and strength to the Lord*

*When the power of darkness comes in like a flood
The battle belongs to the Lord
He's raised up a standard, the power of His blood
The battle belongs to the Lord (Refrain)
To the Lord!*

*When your enemy presses in hard do not fear
The battle belongs to the Lord
Take courage my friend, your redemption is near
The battle belongs to the Lord (Refrain 2X)*

PSALM 83 – A Song. A Psalm of Asaph

Psa 83:1. Do not keep silent, O God! Do not hold Your peace, And do not be still, O God!

Psa 83:2 For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; And those who hate You have lifted up their head.

Psa 83:3 They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, And consulted together against Your sheltered ones.

Psa 83:4 They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, That the name of Israel may be remembered no more."

- The nation is facing a peril. There are ten or more nations that have confederated together. They've conspired to destroy Israel, to wipe out the nation. "They have said, Come, and let us cut them off." Let's cut off the nation of Israel forever.

Psa 83:5 For they have consulted together with one consent; They form a confederacy against You:

- The Lord said, "Whosoever comes against Israel is coming against the apple of God's eye". To oppose Israel is paramount to opposing God, the people of God. God identifies with His people. So the psalmist said, they have "confederated against You." So, he speaks of the nations that have joined the confederacy.

Psa 83:6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab and the Hagrites;

- It is thought the Hagrites, in the area of Idumea, were descendants of Hagar other than through Ishmael.

Psa 83:7 Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;

- The perennial enemies of the children of Israel.
- The inhabitants of Tyre were usually friendly. It was the area of Lebanon, and they were usually friendly with Israel. In fact, Hiram the king of Tyre was a great admirer of David. Hiram the king of Tyre provided the cedars for the building of the temple of Solomon. He was a great admirer of David; there was a real league between them. At this point of history Tyre has joined with this confederacy of Israel.

Psa 83:8 Assyria also has joined with them; They have helped the children of Lot. Selah

Psa 83:9 Deal with them as with Midian, As with Sisera, As with Jabin at the Brook Kishon,

- So the prayer. The time of Gideon when the Midianites had invaded the land and God used Gideon and the three hundred to wipe out the Midianite army.
- Sisera was hired by the king of Hazor to fight against Israel in the time of the judges. This is where the story of Deborah, the fifth chapter of the book of judges. Sisera came with his nine hundred chariots, Barak was encouraged by Deborah to go out and meet him with ten thousand of those from Ephraim. Barak, that brave man said to Deborah, "I won't go unless you go with me" so Deborah said, "Alright but the victory will go to a woman, not to a man". The chariots of Sisera got bogged in the marshes of the Valley of Megiddo and Barak and his men wiped out the armies of Sisera. He fled and of course was done in by Jael.

Psa 83:10 Who perished at En Dor, Who became as refuse on the earth.

- Endor is right there near the base of Mount Tabor.
- *They became as refuse [fertilizer] for the earth. Their carcasses.*

Psa 83:11 Make their nobles like Oreb and like Zeeb, Yes, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna,

- Now Oreb, Zeeb, Zebah and Zalmunna were the leaders of the Midianites. They were slain by the men of Ephraim and by Gideon himself. He's speaking about two of God's victories of their enemies, one the Midianites and the other these people under Sisera.

Psa 83:12 Who said, "Let us take for ourselves The pastures of God for a possession."

Psa 83:13 O my God, make them like the whirling dust, Like the chaff before the wind!

- *As the chaff before the wind.* It's a whirlwind, talking about one of these desert whirlwinds. They call them the sun devils created by the heat and the pressure and you get these whirlwinds that rise up out in the desert.
- If you've ever been in one of those whirlwinds when they come by they pick up all kinds of trash and everything else and they take them up in the air. It's a miserable mess to be in because the dust is blowing and all kinds of debris. When they'd come by the house they would dump the trashcans and they were a mess. So let them be carried away like the stubble in a whirlwind.

Psa 83:14 As the fire burns the woods, And as the flame sets the mountains on fire,

- A wildfire in the mountain, like a forest fire.

Psa 83:15 So pursue them with Your tempest, And frighten them with Your storm.

Psa 83:16 Fill their faces with shame, That they may seek Your name, O LORD.

- Lord just wipe them out until they recognize that you are God.

Psa 83:17 Let them be confounded and dismayed forever; Yes, let them be put to shame and perish,

Psa 83:18 That they may know that You, whose name alone is the LORD, Are the Most High over all the earth.

- The name of God, our God JEHOVAH, let them know that He is the most high over all the earth. (*Jer 31:33-34*) *But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,*

says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. [34] No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' **for they all shall know Me**, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more." (**Joh_17:3**) And this is eternal life, **that they may know You**, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

- Shall know that I am the LORD – over 60 times in Ezekiel!

(2Ch 20:20-23) So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper." [21] And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed **those who should sing to the LORD**, and **who should praise the beauty of holiness**, as they went out before the army and were saying: "**Praise the LORD, For His mercy endures forever.**" [22] Now **when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes** against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. [23] For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy them. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one another.

WE PRAISE YOU Matt Redman (4:47)

*Let praise be a weapon that silences the enemy Let praise be a weapon that conquers all anxiety
Let it rise, let praise arise We sing Your name in the dark and it changes everything
We sing with all we are and we claim Your victory Let it rise, let praise arise
[Chorus]*

*We'll see You break down every wall We'll watch the giants fall
Fear cannot survive when we praise You The God of breakthrough's on our side
Forever lift Him high With all creation cry, 'God, we praise You' Oh, we praise You Oh*

*Let faith be the song that overcomes the raging sea Let faith be the song that calms the storm inside of me
Let it rise, let faith arise Let it rise, come on
We'll see You break down every wall We'll watch the giants fall
Fear cannot survive when we praise You The God of breakthrough's on our side
Forever lift Him high With all creation cry, 'God, we praise You'
You say Oh, we praise You Oh, we praise You
Oh, (Lord), we praise You Oh, we praise You (We praise You)*

*This is what living looks like This is what freedom feels like This is what heaven sounds like
We praise You, we praise You
This is what living looks like This is what freedom feels like This is what heaven sounds like
We praise You, we praise You Come on
This is what living looks like This is what freedom feels like This is what heaven sounds like
We praise You, we praise You This is what living looks like
This is what freedom feels like This is what heaven sounds like We praise You, we praise
[Chorus]*

*We'll see You break down every wall We'll watch the giants fall
Fear cannot survive when we praise You The God of breakthrough's on our side
Forever lift Him high With all creation cry, 'God, we praise You'
Oh, we praise You (The people of God will praise)
Oh, we praise You Oh, we praise You Oh, give Him all your praise!*

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