

The Soon-Coming Israeli-Russian-Muslim Wars

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Based on the feedback I received, the Daniel 7 series was successful in opening some eyes to the exigencies of the moment, specifically that three super powers – the United States, Russia, and China, with their respective allies – are the proper identities of the first three western, northern, and eastern beasts of Daniel 7 that currently are striving for supremacy on the world stage. These nations will soon go to war in some way, shape, form, or fashion to fall and allow the antichrist, the fourth Beast from the South, to arise and pursue Israel as the ultimate prize. The classical, ancient nations view of Daniel 7 needs to be jettisoned into the dust bin of history, for it provides little value as a rehash of Daniel 2's statue vision for us living in these last days.

As for the wars, I don't know yet how they will affect the first western beast, the United States-United Kingdom (US-UK) alliance – the Anglo-American alliance, i.e., the lion with eagle's wings – or the third eastern beast, the China-led Asian leopard-with-four-heads-and-four-wings alliance. Among the Christians who hold to my view that the US will be severely judged in the near future, the hypothesized ways the US will fall are myriad: complete financial collapse, massive natural disasters, civil war, terrorist attacks on major infrastructure, electromagnetic pulse (EMP) strikes that ruin our power grid and electronic devices, Chinese and/or Russian nuclear bomb strikes and invasion, or all of the above. I don't know how it will occur, but it will occur – our wings will be plucked bare or completely removed from association with the British lion.

The Asian alliance's fall is also a mystery to me. I do not know how they will fall, but they may fall victim to the antichrist through war. Perhaps the antichrist rallies the world against the Asians and thus sets himself up as the hero for the moment. Unfortunately, Scripture records that he will believe his own press and, combined with the delusions of grandeur and godhood that his dad, Satan, will bury into his skull, he will exalt himself against Jesus, resulting in his utter ruin.

But those wars are not today's topic. We must address the wars of the second, northern beast, the Russian bear with its three Islamic rib allies, Iran, Syria, and Turkey, and the Muslim nations surrounding Israel. The Bible provides clarity to us regarding the wars of these nations through two passages of Scripture: Psalm 83 and Ezekiel 38-39. I discussed these two passages in great detail in [Is the United States Mentioned in Bible Prophecy: With a Treatise on the Ezekiel 38 and Psalm 83 Wars](#) and demonstrated through multiple lines of evidence that these wars are pre-Tribulation wars and that the Gog and Magog of Ezekiel 38-39 are **absolutely Russia, not Turkey**, in opposition to the proponents of the Revised Islamic Caliphate/Muslim antichrist theory. The fall of the pro-Israel, Anglo-American alliance will allow the Russians and the Muslim nations surrounding Israel to move unopposed on Israel through two back-to-back wars. Let's analyze the two wars in the order I believe they will occur by examining the two passages. Since Psalm 83 is small, I will present it in its entirety but only select passages out of the Ezekiel 38-39 passage because of its length. I identify nations in [] and may be off a bit on their identities, but not by much.

¹ Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. ²For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. ³They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. ⁴They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. ⁵For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: ⁶The tabernacles of Edom [Jordan], and the Ishmaelites [Arabs in general]; of Moab [Jordan], and the Hagarenes [Egypt, but also Ishmaelites (Arabs) in general, and used by some Muslim groups to describe Muslims]; ⁷Gebal [Lebanon], and Ammon [Jordan], and Amalek [Arab Muslims in Israel and probably Egypt and Jordan]; the Philistines [Gaza Strip] with the inhabitants of Tyre [Lebanon]; ⁸Assur [Syria and perhaps Iraq] also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot [Moab and Ammon, i.e., Jordan]. Selah. ⁹Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison: ¹⁰Which perished at Endor: they became as dung for the earth. [Judges 4, a battle led by Barak] ¹¹Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna: ¹²Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession. [Judges 7, a battle led by Gideon] ¹³O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind. ¹⁴As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire; ¹⁵So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm. ¹⁶Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD. ¹⁷Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish: ¹⁸That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.

Psalm 83

¹ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ²Son of man, set thy face against Gog [a Russian leader], the land of Magog [Russia], the chief prince [translated as Rosh in other versions] of Meshech [highly speculative, but some believe this is Moscow] and Tubal [again, highly speculative, but some believe this is Tobolsk], and prophesy against him, ³And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: ⁴And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: ⁵Persia [Iran], Ethiopia [Sudan, i.e., ancient Ethiopia], and Libya [Libya] with them; all of them with shield and helmet: ⁶Gomer, [debatable, but southern Russia, Turkey, and Armenia] and all his bands; the house of Togarmah [Turkey] of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee.

Ezekiel 38:1-6

The Psalm 83 and Ezekiel 38-39 wars are linked through Syria, one of the three ribs in the bear's mouth. The Psalm 83 war is different from the wars Israel has fought after 1948. Israel has fought many wars and border skirmishes since 1948, but none of them of

the magnitude described in Psalm 83. Of the many conflicts Israel has had, only four of them qualify as wars, in my opinion, and they did not follow the exact same list of nations as those of Psalm 83.

The Israeli War of Independence (1947 – 1949) started as fights between Jewish and Arab militias that then turned into a regular war after the establishment of Israel and the intervention of several Arab armies, specifically Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria. An armistice was signed that established borders between Israel and its neighbors. The Six-Day War in June 1967 was fought between Israel and Egypt, Jordan, and Syria. Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Algeria, and others also provided troops and weapons to the Arab forces. Israel's territory expanded significantly to the West Bank (including East Jerusalem) from Jordan, the Golan Heights from Syria, and Sinai and Gaza from Egypt. The War of Attrition from 1967 to 1970 was a small war fought between the Israelis and Egypt, the Russians (USSR), Jordan, Syria, and the Palestine Liberation Organization. After the war, the borders remained the same as when the war started. The Yom Kippur War in October 1973 was fought by Israel against a coalition of Arab states led by Egypt and Syria as a way of recapturing part of the territories which they lost to the Israelis back in the Six-Day War. The war began with a surprise, joint attack by Egypt and Syria on the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur; Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, and Cuba supported Egypt and Syria with soldiers and armaments to varying degrees. The Israelis defeated them, with no significant territorial changes.

Note that Psalm 83:16-18 is a prayer that the invading nations would be shamed to the point of seeking the Lord. The passage suggests the nations bordering Israel will be forever defeated and perish to some degree; Genesis 15:18-21 and Ezekiel 48 describe their territories being allotted to the Israelis during the millennial reign of Christ. The confounding, perishing, and shaming to the point of seeking the Lord did not happen with those nations in those prior wars with Israel, but Psalm 83 is an end-times war that will result in the Arabs recognizing that Jesus is Lord, and they will reconcile with their brother, Isaac. You see, any Arab worth his or her salt will tell you that they are descendants of Ishmael and that Ishmael was the first-born of Abraham who received God's blessings, not Isaac. This is what Mohammed taught and the Muslims believe. The blood feud between the Jews and Arabs is the biggest family feud that the world has ever seen and makes the Hatfield-McCoy feud from my native state of West Virginia look like a picnic in the park. But the Lord is gracious and merciful beyond comprehension, for observe what He will do with these nations during His reign in Jerusalem after His return:

²³ In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians. ²⁴ In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land: ²⁵ Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.

Isaiah 19:23-25

In Psalm 83, Assur (KJV), or Assyria as it is translated in most other versions, relates to the territory of Ashur, second son of Shem, who founded Nineveh and other cities in modern Iraq. His territory covered Shinar, or ancient Mesopotamia, which is now shared by Iraq and Syria; Syria controls much of the upper Euphrates alluvial valley over to the Tigris. I believe Assyria is a reference to Syria and possibly Iraq, but I'm less convinced it's Iraq because (1) all the other nations mentioned in Psalm 83 directly abut or are within Israeli territory, (2) Jordan and Syria share a larger border than Jordan has with Iraq, and (3) Syria's military assets are closer to Israel than those of Iraq. I believe this war will result in Damascus being destroyed, i.e., it "is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap." (Isaiah 17:1)

I stated that Syria is the link between Psalm 83 and Ezekiel 38-39. How is this so? The destruction of Damascus will cause Syria's allies, Russia (Magog), Iran (Persia), and Turkey (Togarmah) to declare war on Israel, leading to their destruction described in Ezekiel 38-39. Russia has significant military and political assets in Syria and Damascus, so they will be very angry and will take the counterattack by Israel on Syria as an attack on them. Notice in Ezekiel 38-39 that Assyria (Syria) is not mentioned. That is because of its destruction described in Psalm 83 and Isaiah 17. Libya and Sudan (ancient Ethiopia) are Arab Muslim nations bordering Egypt (modern Ethiopia is predominantly non-Arab Christian and does not border Egypt) that will join the Russians in the Ezekiel 38-39 war, but notice that Egypt is not mentioned in Ezekiel 38-39. We'll discuss Egypt more in paragraphs below.

In contrast to Psalm 83, which describes ancient Israelite armies defeating Israel's enemies, Ezekiel 38-39 indicate direct intervention by God on behalf of Israel through supernatural disasters that have the appearance of natural disasters. The language of Ezekiel 38-39 alludes to the invading armies being destroyed by a massive earthquake, disease, confusion among the invading armies such that they fight each other, and good, old-fashioned fire and brimstone raining down from heaven. Other Bible versions translate Ezekiel 39:2 differently from the King James Version (KJV), but I'll stick with the KJV that says only one-sixth of Russia's armies will remain. It makes sense, since they will need some remainder to invade Israel again to attack the antichrist leading up to the final Battle of Armageddon. (Daniel 11:44, Revelation 16:13-16, 19:17-21)

As for Egypt (Hagarenes, as in Hagar, an Egyptian and mother of Ishmael), it will have been defeated by the Israeli army in the Psalm 83 war, and this defeat will likely infuriate the Libyans and Sudanese because the counterattack of the Israelis on Egypt will be the defeat of a neighboring, Arab Muslim nation. The Libyans and Sudanese probably will be more than happy to support the Russians in their attack on Israel, and they foolishly will believe the defeat of Israel will be assured with the overwhelming forces led by the Russians. That is always the way it is with those who hate Israel – they ignore the eternal truth that the God "who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep." (Psalm 121:4) Adding insult to injury, Egypt, Libya, and Sudan (ancient Ethiopia) will later be defeated again by the antichrist and will serve as some of his territory (the king of the south) in Daniel 11:42-43.

I admit that it's just a theory, but it makes sense and is consistent with how nations act and react. It certainly is supported by the modern maneuverings of these nations. I anticipate that the domino effect of the US failing and the invasion of Israel is not too many years out, less than a decade, perhaps half that. The corona virus debacle combined with the hit on our economy and our increasing internal strife will hasten our demise. Perhaps China, which is becoming marginalized globally as a pariah and targeted by the US and other nations for sanctions, will become desperate and feel it has nothing to lose by attacking US; China recently has been tossing out in the press threats of war with US. The Japanese set the precedent of war when they felt desperate after the US embargoed oil to Japan, thus leading to the attack on Pearl Harbor. Irrespective of how it happens, the fall of the Anglo-American alliance will provide a path forward for the Russians and the Islamic hordes to set their sights on Israel, to their own destruction. Sheer speculation, I know, but I invite other Christians to chime in so that the Body of Christ can collectively fine tune the details.