

# Psalm 83

Devastation of approximately 900 million people

**“Come,” they say, “let us destroy them as a people,  
so that Israel’s name is remembered no more.”**

The Psalmist pleaded with the God of Israel over three thousand years ago to protect the kingdom of Israel from devastation. The enemies of God plot to completely destroy His people. Psalm 83 is a future event, during a time like no other ever to have occurred on earth, nor ever will happen again.



Many questions arise from the reading of Psalm 83 that must be discussed in order to fully understand the magnitude of the content. These pressing questions that will be discussed are:

- Who are these enemies of God—mortal, spiritual?
- Why are these enemies of God angry with Him?
- Who are the people of Israel?
- Why do God’s enemies hate the people of Israel?
- When is this event to occur?
- Will the God of Israel protect His people?
- How can mankind be saved?

## Who are these enemies of God—mortal, spiritual?

“See how **your** enemies are astir, how **your** foes rear their heads. With cunning they conspire against your people; they plot against those you cherish” (Psalm 83:2-3).

God’s enemies are not mortal; they are spiritual—rebel, fallen sons of God. Satan is the leader, the great deceiver who has swayed one-third of the angels to ally with him and he deceives mankind with a cunning daily ritual of falsehood. Spiritual warfare is often hidden and cloaked with lies and deceit, misinformation and disinformation.



Mankind is easily tricked. Many scholars, researchers, scientists, and those given the descriptor of being an “expert” promote misinformation and disinformation. Mainstream media obey their orders to control the narrative, spread fear and hatred. Despite the apparent fall of creation on earth, God the Great Creator is not concerned. He has a salvation plan for all mankind. The people of the nations will remain a fallen people until God’s people repent, return to Him, obey Him and live righteously. When the testimony of the gospel goes out to all the people in the world, then the end will come.

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed in the whole earth, **for a testimony to all the nations**; and then the end will come” (Matthew 24:14).

Jesus Christ cannot return, until the legal witness is proclaimed to all the world and they understand who they are serving. They must choose between Satan’s rule or Almighty God. God’s people must do their job. God Almighty wants to save everyone; His only enemies are spiritual beings—rebel sons of God and angels. Yet, the Psalmist wrote, “With one mind they plot together; they form an alliance **against you**—the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, of Moab and the descendants of Hagar [the Arabs], Gebal, Ammon and Amalek, Philistia, with the people of Tyre. Even Assyria has joined them to lend strength to the descendants of Lot” (Psalm 83:5-8).

The Psalmist lists peoples on earth plotting against Almighty God to devastate His people. This type of event is recorded in Revelation 16:13, “Then I saw **three evil spirits** that looked like

frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs, and **they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.**” God’s enemies are evil spirits of rebel spiritual beings who possess and influence mortals on earth to rise up against their Creator.



The spiritual rebels against God believed at one time that they could overthrow Him and take His kingdom. At this point in time, they are panicking and doing all they can to totally destroy God’s people, then all of mankind.

“In fact, **unless that time of calamity is shortened, not a single person will survive.** But it will be shortened for the sake of God’s chosen

ones” (Matthew 24:22).

God and mankind share the same enemies. These rebels will be destroyed by God. Psalm 82 details their destruction, “I said, **‘You are “gods”; you are all sons of the Most High.’ But you will die like mere men; you will fall like every other ruler.**”

The Psalmist urged Almighty God to take back rulership over the nations; He is, after all, their Creator and owner of everything created. “Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations are your inheritance [rulership]” (Psalm 82:6-8).

### **Why are these enemies of God so angry with Him?**

The spiritual rebels are raging against Almighty God because they have fallen deep into a dark power grab; they are losing and feeling intense anger and have entered a blaming-state of decay. They have lost battles in heaven. They are losing their rulership over the nations on earth. They are panicking. The last great battle, which will spillover onto earth, is their last major attempt to gain control over Almighty God and Jesus Christ.

Unseen to mankind on earth was the fall of God’s law courts in heaven located in Lebanon. More often than not, places in heaven have the same name as places on earth. This duplicity provides a glimpse into life in heaven, where kings and princes rule over vast dominions that have the same name as locations on earth. This is visible when Gabriel, the angel was seized by the prince of Persia. This event took place in heaven where the power and strength of an archangel, Michael in this case, was required to rescue him from the rebel heavenly ruler of Persia.

Lebanon on earth has a long history of growing the finest tall cedar trees. Their flag is a perpetual reminder of this wonder. Cedar trees image the tall, grand leaders who filled God’s law courts in heaven prior to their great fall. Today, God Almighty is at war against these heavenly rebels.

“See, the Lord, the LORD Almighty, will lop off the boughs with great power. **The lofty trees [leaders] will be felled; the tall ones will be brought low [humbled].** He will cut down the forest thickets [all of the rebels gathered together fighting against Him] with an ax; **LEBANON WILL FALL BEFORE THE MIGHTY ONE**” (Isaiah 10:33-34).



At the time of Babel, God gave many of these once-great leaders rulership over the nations as an inheritance. God Almighty gave Himself an inheritance; He gave Himself kingship over the descendants of Jacob (Deuteronomy 32:8-9). Ten of these leaders did not yet get their promised inheritance, that is, rulership over a nation on earth. God foreknew their rebellion and saved them for the last days, during Jacob’s trouble.

Both the book of Daniel and Revelation mention a beastly coalition with ten kings. “The ten horns you saw are **ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast**” (Revelation 17:12).

These are not mortal kings. Only one mortal king has been promised kingship and that is, King David. Kingship can only come from Almighty God. The ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, indeed will get their reign, but only for a very short time. These ten kings represent the ten toes of the statue recorded in Daniel still standing upright in Daniel’s vision. The physical kings on earth imaged in the statue have died and their kingdoms today are piles of sand. The statue remains upright because the spiritual leaders reign still from heaven. It will take a spiritual leader to take them down. “A rock was cut out, **but not by human hands.** It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them” (Daniel 2:34).



Jesus Christ is that rock cut out “but not by human hands.” It will take powerful spiritual beings to overpower and subdue other powerful spiritual beings.

We are involved in a spiritual war, unseen on multiple levels at this time, never-the-less, as real as day. The Apostle Paul warned God’s people two thousand years ago to arm themselves in

preparation of a spiritual war. He said that our struggle is not against people on earth, so put on the full armour of God. **“Stand firm** then, with the **belt of truth** buckled around your waist, with the **breastplate of righteousness** in place, and with **your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace**. In addition to all this, take up the **shield of faith** with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take **the helmet of salvation** and the sword of the Spirit, which is the **word of God**. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions for all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints” (Ephesians 6:14-18).

The battle believers fight is the constant feed of lies drawing people away from God’s truth. Heavenly rebels will become completely wicked during their reign on earth. Believers are urged to remain righteous and ready at all times to keep peace during times where hatred for one another will be a raging fury. Waves of hatred are already pounding the targeted. **“You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved”** (Matthew 10:22).

The ten kings will be challenged for their rulership. The “little horn” will rise up from out of the heavenly kingdom of Greece. “The shaggy goat is the king of Greece, and the large horn between his eyes is the first king. The four horns that replaced the one that was broken off represent four kingdoms that will emerge from his nation but will not have the same power. In **the latter part of their reign, when rebels have become completely wicked, a stern-faced king, a master of intrigue, will arise” (Daniel 8:21-23)**. Alexander the Great was the physical leader imaged as the first king. He died suddenly and his kingdom was divided and ruled by four leaders.

A kingdom called Greece exists in heaven. The angel Gabriel disclosed that in his conversation with Daniel. The “little horn” that gains leadership over the fourth beast will grow out of one of the four horns of the kingdom of Greece. “The goat became very great, but at the height of his power his large horn was broken off, and in its place four prominent horns grew up toward the four winds of heaven. **Out of one of them came another horn**, which started small but grew in power to the south and to the east and toward the Beautiful Land” (Daniel 8:8-9).

The heavenly rulers over the dominion in Greece in heaven remain in power. Though the physical kingdom of Greece is a mere shadow of what it was many years ago, the four rulers/horns continue to rule in heaven over four separate dominions. From one of the dominions within the Greek dominion in heaven, a future ruler will rise; he is the “little horn” recorded in Daniel. The angel Gabriel alerted Daniel of battles being fought in heaven. “Soon I will return to fight against the **prince of Persia**, and when I go, the **prince of Greece** will come” (Daniel 10:20).

The “little horn” is different from the ten rulers given a time of reign by Almighty God. He is a contemptible person “who has **not been given honour of royalty [not awarded kinship by God Almighty; he will receive Satan’s throne, great power and authority]**” (Daniel 11:21). Three of the ten kings will fall to the “little horn” and the remaining seven will submit to the “little horn.”

The “little horn” in Daniel will try to gain control of the remaining state of God’s law courts in heaven. With Satan as his key military strategist, his task is to change God’s laws and His set times for events. Attempting to bend God’s law, the “little horn” will try to pardon himself, Satan and the beastly coalition. “The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom. After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings. He will speak against the Most High and **oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws**” (Daniel 7:24-25).



This vile character will be allowed by God to do as he pleases for a time. Almighty God obeys His own laws; He is not above His own law. God is building a legal case against every rebel in this vile coalition who believe they are above His law and are able to change it to suit themselves. “He will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will say unheard-of things against the God of gods. **He will be successful until the time of wrath is completed**, for what has been determined must take place” (Daniel 11:36).

### **The angelic rebels are furious when they are thrown out of heaven**

Fallen into another level of decay and failure, these rebels set out to destroy God’s people, whether they are obeying God or not. They disdain all of God’s people and mankind in general. The angels in heaven shout, “Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you!” (Revelation 12:12b)

When Satan and his beastly coalition are thrown down to earth, life for mortals will be like no other time in their history.

**This conflict will be an open spiritual battle between Satan, his beastly coalition and the nations with allied with them against Almighty God, Jesus Christ, God’s people and those people from the nations who stand with them.**

The objective of Satan and the beastly coalition of rebels will be all about bringing all of mankind into an unredeemable state, where the people refuse obedience to Almighty God in favour of serving Satan for all eternity. It is irregular warfare. It will not involve nuclear warfare; it will involve spiritual destruction of God’s creation on earth. Jesus said that wars and rumours of wars will echo throughout time, but that will not be a sign of the end.

“You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come” (Matthew 24:6). Wars between nations on earth will not bring its destruction.

## Why do God's enemies hate the people of Israel?

Before this question can be addressed, the answer to who the people of Israel are today, is essential. Ancient Israel was comprised of 12 tribes. Into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, they have become 12 nations with a collective population of around 900 million people.

God's people were, during the reign of Solomon, one kingdom but after he died, the kingdom divided into two houses: Judah and Israel.

Faithless people within God's covenant people propagated their disbelief in God's promises. "Have you not noticed that these people are saying [Almighty God said], '**The LORD has rejected the two kingdoms he chose?**' So, they despise my people and **no longer regard them as a people**" (Jeremiah 33:24). The New International Version translates "the two kingdoms" specifically as Judah and Israel. God has vowed, "**I will be the God of all the clans of Israel**, and they will be my people" (Jeremiah 31:1) and "**I will bring Judah and Israel back from captivity and will rebuild them as they were before**" (Jeremiah 33:7). Israel is a kingdom of two houses: Judah and Israel comprised of a total of 12 tribes, who are today, 12 nations plus one, 13.

The Jews are the people from the house of Judah. The people of the remaining ten tribes are from the house of Israel. Most of the descendants of ancient Israel into the 21<sup>st</sup> century have forgotten their original roots. They identify as Caucasians who lived for a long time in the region of the Caucasus mountains. It will come as a shocking surprise that Psalm 83 may be addressing the **21<sup>st</sup> century house of Israel**—the ten tribes—the West and western Europe.

The Jews adopted the name Israel sometime after the ten tribes were divorced from the covenant family. At the time that the Psalmist wrote Psalm 83, the kingdom of Israel was a united kingdom. King David ruled over the house of Judah for seven years and an additional 33 years over both the house of Judah and Israel; they became a united kingdom again under his reign. Psalm 83 is addressing the whole kingdom of Israel—all twelve tribes—the Jews, the West and western Europe.

The spirit world knows exactly who the nations are today and where they live. It will become known because God will allow them to fall into trouble and great distress.

God gave Himself Kingship over the descendants of Jacob at the time of Babel (Deuteronomy 32:9). His plan was to establish them as a model nation. He set them apart from the other nations. They were to be a light to the world, living examples of God's law and His way. They were to be a royal priesthood ruling over a holy kingdom. Striving for superpower status, flaunting military might, acquiring an abundance of economic wealth and influence is not part of God's plan for His people during this evil age. Of the twelve tribes of ancient Israel, ten tribes craved the ways of the nations around them. God let them go and withdrew His blessings. They lost their family name, Israel, and became part of the very large multitude of Gentiles. They achieved military prowess at times, while living in depravity. They were the prodigal son who returned eventually to their father. Jesus Christ brought them back into the covenant family and they received the new family name of being a Christian. To this present day, many of the

people from the ten tribes live in religious confusion. Jacob's trouble will bring clarity when a great religious revival is ignited and the two witnesses preach to the whole world.

The enemies of God will hate His people because they do not want Him to succeed in molding a humble people, obeying His law and living His theology of love, grace, compassion and patience. They do not want any success coming out of creation on earth.

### **When will this event occur?**

“Come,” they say, **“let us destroy them as a people,  
so that Israel’s name is remembered no more.”**

This extreme hatred is towards ALL twelve nations of Israel and it will take place during Jacob's trouble—the Great Tribulation. The silencing of the name, Israel takes on a two-fold meaning.

- Firstly, the devastation of the physical people of the kingdom of Israel into the 21<sup>st</sup> century
- Secondly, the overcomers who are referred to by God as Israel.

The overcomers in days just prior to the return to the Promised Land are like Jacob. On his way back to the Holy Land, he saw his brother with 300 warriors camped just ahead of him. Jacob was terrified. He needed protection and saving. The angel of the Lord appeared and Jacob knew that this angel could save him and his family. Jacob took hold of the angel and begged for his life; he would not let the angel go; he wrestled with him preventing his departure. His persistence mirrored a spiritual event that will occur in the future when the people of God beg Jesus Christ for saving. The angel of the Lord will appear again.

Satan and the beastly coalition will have effectively riled up a tsunami of relentless hatred towards every man, woman and child that is a descendant of the house of Jacob. During this time, the Jews will have accepted a different Saviour, so, they many not be part of the targeting initially. The Christians will be the flag-ship target. Jesus warned them. **“You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved”** (Matthew 10:22).

### **The Assyrian**

It was the Assyrians in ancient times, who invaded the northern house of Israel and took them into captivity. It is by no surprise that Almighty God titles the war-like leader, who attacks the 21<sup>st</sup> century northern house of Israel [ten nations], is from the same people—the Assyrian.

**“Woe to the Assyrian, the rod of my anger, in whose hand is the club of my wrath!”** (Isaiah 10:5). God is using this tyrannical leader to punish His covenant people in the ten nations at that time.

“I send you against a godless nation. I dispatch him against a people who anger me, to seize loot and snatch plunder, and to trample them down like mud in the streets” (Isaiah 10:6).

These people who are taken hostage by the Assyrian are the remaining people of the ten nations who are serving Satan and the beastly coalition. They have made for themselves idols and they are worshipping them. These idols will be made from gold and silver—precious metals to reflect the “precious” beings they worship. God is working to awaken these people to their grave sins, their treason, their weakness, their gullibility.

With such power in the hands of the Assyrian, he delights in his secret plan to annihilate them.

“But this is not what he intends, this is not what he has in mind; **his purpose is to destroy, to put an end to many nations**” (Isaiah 10:7).

The Assyrian sees his easy victory over these people. He does not want to only punish them, but totally destroy all of them comprised of many nations.

God responds, “I will punish the king of Assyria for the willful pride of his heart and the haughty look in his eyes. For he says: ‘By the strength of **my hand** I have done this, and by **my wisdom**, because **I have understanding**. I removed the boundaries of nations; I plundered their treasures; like a mighty one I subdued their kings. As one reaches into a nest, so **my hand** reached for the wealth of the nations; as men gather abandoned eggs, so I gathered all the countries; not one flapped a wing, or opened its mouth to chirp’” (Isaiah 10:12-14).

The Assyrian will believe that he achieved such great a victory by his own understanding, wisdom and strength. It was allowed by God to invade God’s people living in sin to awaken them. In their great distress, they will repent and return to their God.

Prior to God’s attack on the Assyrian and his military, He will appeal to His wayward people living in depravity. “**Return to the One against whom you have so blatantly rebelled, O children of Israel. For on that day, every one of you will reject the idols of silver and gold that your own hands have sinfully made**” (Isaiah 31:6-7).

This very large group of God’s people among the twelve nations of 21<sup>st</sup> century Israel will have believed the lies and deceit of Satan and his beastly coalition. In their weakness, they will create idols and worship them. This may seem absurd into the 21<sup>st</sup> century that the ancient practice of man-made idols is again implemented, but this large group will do it because they will be relying on the spiritual, ruling forces on earth for help. In great shame, they will repent. “In that day the remnant of Israel, the survivors of the house of Jacob, will **no longer rely on him who struck them down** but will **truly rely of the LORD, the Holy One of Israel**. A remnant will return, a remnant of Jacob will return to the Mighty God. Though your people, O Israel, be like the sand by the sea, only a remnant will return” (Isaiah 10:20-22).

This will be a time where two distinct spiritual ruling forces on earth will be evident for all of mankind to witness.

God will destroy the Assyrian. He “will send a wasting disease upon his sturdy warriors; under his pomp a fire will be kindled like a blazing flame. The Light of Israel [Jesus Christ] will become a fire, their Holy One [God Almighty] a flame; in a single day it will burn and consume his thorns and his briers [wicked leaders]. The splendor of his forests and fertile fields it will completely destroy, as when a sick man wastes away. And the remaining trees [leaders] of his forests will be so few that a child could write them down” (Isaiah 10:16-18).

“Assyria will fall by a sword **that is not of man; a sword, not of mortals, will devour them**” (Isaiah 31:8).

Many of God’s people may die during Jacob’s trouble because of their stubborn unbelief and unrelenting pride. God will save those who repent. “Yes,” the LORD says, “captives will be taken from warriors, and plunder retrieved from the fierce; I will contend with those who contend with you, and **your children [descendant of Jacob] I will save**. I will make your oppressors eat their own flesh; they will be drunk on their own blood, as with wine. **Then all mankind will know that I, the**



**LORD, am your Savior, your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob**” (Isaiah 49:25-26). No spiritual power in heaven or on earth will be able to stop Almighty God from what He plans to do. If there is doubt, as to who is the most powerful in all creation, the God of Israel will demonstrate what He can do without any effect by the opposition.

God will give all people on earth from all nations time to repent. The testimony of the gospel will go out to all the world, and then the end will come.

### **Will the God of Israel protect His people?**

God has never rejected His people, despite their rebellion against Him. He has a plan and through their disobedience, grace was revealed. God foreknew their rebellion before they were even created.

“**God did not reject His people, whom He foreknew..**” (Romans 11:2).

And, “This is what the LORD says: ‘Only if the heavens above could be measured and the foundations of the earth below searched out would I reject all of Israel’s descendants because of all they have done,’ declares the LORD” (Jeremiah 31:37).

Fortunately, the heavens cannot be measured and the foundations of the earth below cannot be searched out.

God's people will repent. Repentance of sin and submission to the rulership of the Supreme God will bring them comfort and peace. The ancient kingdom of Israel split into two houses a long time ago. They will be re-united and King David will be resurrected and rule over them (Ezekiel 37:24). No more will the two houses fight against each other or provoke one another.

**“Ephraim’s jealousy will vanish, and Judah’s enemies will be destroyed; Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah, nor Judah hostile toward Ephraim”** (Isaiah 11:13).

Both houses will recognize their sins. Neither one will be able to point the finger. Both will feel intense shame for their own wrongful actions. Both will repent and submit to Almighty God.

“Those who err in mind will know the truth, and those who criticize will accept instruction” (Isaiah 29:24).

God's people will enter into an everlasting covenant of peace with Him after Jacob's trouble is complete in that day. “...the LORD Almighty will be a glorious crown, a beautiful wreath for the remnant of his people. He will be a spirit of justice to him who sits in judgement, a source of strength to those who turn back the battle at the gate” (Isaiah 28:5-6).

“In days to come Jacob will take root, Israel will bud and blossom and fill all the world with fruit” (Isaiah 27:6). God will accomplish what He has set out to do.

### **How can mankind be saved?**

The Psalmist concluded Psalm 83 with, <sup>18</sup>**Let them know that you, whose name is the LORD—that you alone are the Most High over all the earth.**

Some people have sold their souls to Wickedness and there is no turning back. Destruction is their only rest. Before Almighty God goes to war against the nations because they have chosen to serve Satan and his beastly coalition, He will appeal to them to come close to Him, learn about His saving plan for them, their Saviour.

**“Come near, O nations, to listen; pay attention, O peoples. Let the earth hear, and all that fills it, the world and all that springs from it. The LORD is angry with all the nations and furious with all their armies. He will devote them to destruction; He will give them over to slaughter”** (Isaiah 34:2).

If the people in the nations refuse, then the Supreme God will destroy them, but He wishes that nobody die. He delights in their free choice to come under His loving rule and accept the redemptive sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

**“If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with your heart you believe and are justified, and with your mouth you confess and are saved” (Romans 10:9-10).**

God will pour out His Holy Spirit in the day (Joel 2:28) onto everyone. Conversion of the world will not be achieved by military strength but by the receiving of God’s Holy Spirit. “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the LORD Almighty (Zechariah 4:6). People will see the light, hear the gospel of the kingdom of God and they will respond to their special calling.

God’s people will teach peace and the importance of seeking truth and holding fast to God’s word. From out of the Great Tribulation, a great multitude of people that “no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, will stand before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They will be holding palm branches in their hands. And they will cry out in a loud voice: ‘Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb” (Revelation 7:9-10).

God will win the war because countless people from the nations will refuse to serve Satan. They will turn to the God of Israel and worship Him. They will put their physical life on the line to save their spiritual life. Satan will lose total control over them when they choose to serve Almighty God.

The Millennial reign of Jesus Christ over all the re-united kingdom of 21st century nations of Israel and people from the nations with them, will complete God’s work of establishing a model holy kingdom ruled by royal priests in the Holy Land. The nations will witness God’s love and peace and many will say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.’ The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem” (Isaiah 2:3). People on earth will love one another.

God Almighty wins because He is Supreme and there is none like Him!

Psalms 83 is a plea to the God of Israel to protect His people—all twelve tribes—the Jews, the West and western Europe from His enemies. God is building His legal case against the rebels in heaven and unrepentant mankind. They will all be destroyed and peace will reign.

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