

**Does the Current Israel
Conflict (Psalm 83)
Make Possible
the Ezekiel 38-39 War
and then the Tribulation?**

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A satellite-style map of the Middle East with several ancient tribal territories outlined in white and labeled. The labels include: Gebal (purple), Tyre (purple), Assyria (green), Hagrites (purple), Ammon (purple), Moab (red), Philistia (green), Amalek (green), Edom (red), Ishmaelites (yellow), and Edom (red).

Review:

Psalm 83 describes ten people groups that unify together against Israel. This is unprecedented and has never occurred in the past.

Is it occurring now?

Iran is the unifying strategy. Iran is training, providing weapons, instigating, and financing at least four of these groups and likely all ten. Iran wants to use them all and each group wants Iran's support.



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What about Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia?

Psalm 83:1-8 (NET) A song, a psalm of Asaph.

[A yet to be answered prayer – prophetic]

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)

Does Psalm 83 **UNIQUELY** describe the current Israel situation? **YES**

Psalm 83 describes ten people groups that surround Israel who do not trust each other. They devise an alliance and unified strategy to wipe Israel out without war.

The strategy is to use terrorist attacks, guerilla attacks, missile and drone attacks to cause great harm without giving Israel a target to attack. No country declares war on Israel. The only way Israel can react is with very expensive defenses or by attacking civilians. These can devastate the economy of Israel and cause huge repercussions of hatred from all the countries of the world.

The alliance comes from the fact that all these groups receive training, weapons, funding, and ideology from Iran.

Does Psalm 83 EXACTLY match the current Israel situation? YES
However, there is one caveat. It is hard to trace each of these ten people groups from their historical names into their modern locations and names. Jordan likely incorporates many Edomites, Moabites, and Ammonites. The West Bank likely includes the same peoples.

The countries of Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt are populated by some of the named people groups as well as by other people groups. None of these COUNTRIES are in the alliance against Israel. Iran would love to have these countries join them, but these countries realize the price all their citizens would pay if they joined. Instantly, their country would become a target for Israel. Many Gaza residents did not agree with the Hamas attack on Israel, but because Hamas was the official leader, the whole country of Gaza paid the price.

Do other Biblical Scholars agree? YES (but there are other hypotheses)

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Historians and Bible scholars recognize that these nations have never formed an alliance, and that is why this is a prophecy—yet to be fulfilled. Amazingly ALL the nationalities listed above, in the Psalm 83 alliance, are the EXACT neighboring enemies of Israel who are at present, warning Israel of their intentions to destroy her and of whose preparations to come against Israel are dominating the headlines. This alliance is forming today!

<https://www.christianpost.com/voices/bible-prophecy-psalm-83-foretells-of-a-future-10-member-alliance-with-arab-territories.htm>

This article is six years old, and they were suggesting that ISIS might be the unifying group. Instead it is Iran.

What is LIKELY to happen in the coming months and years?

1. Gaza will cease to exist as a country.

Israel's Millennial borders include all of Gaza.

2. The West Bank will cease to exist as a 'country'.

Israel's Millennial borders include all of the West Bank.

3. Lebanon will cease to exist as a country.

Israel's Millennial borders include all of Lebanon.

4. Syria may cease to exist as a country.

Israel's Millennial borders include a significant part of Syria.

5. Egypt, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia remain countries. People groups inside these countries may attack Israel, but the governments of these countries will oppose these attacks.

Psalm 83:9-18 (NET)

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.

When God answers this prayer, armies and leaders will be wiped out.

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

By Daniel N. Hoffman, The Washington Times - - Thursday, February 22, 2024

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.

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.

Curbing Iran aggression is key to peace in the Middle East

Opinion Story by BY RUTH WASSERMAN LANDE • February 24, 2024

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.

Iran's Strategy:

Recruit proxy soldiers (militias) from all nations surrounding Israel.

Arm, train, indoctrinate them and send them home.

Result: Iran has plausible deniability from all attacks on Israel

Do not give Israel a target to attack. (no nation or army attacks)

Use terrorist attacks, portable missiles, etc. and then hide.

If Israel does retaliate make sure that they kill civilians.

Result: All nations hate Israel

Make Israel's defense impossibly expensive.

Fire \$500 missiles and drones that can cause millions in damage.

Let Israel shoot down many with \$50,000 missiles.

Make Israel unsecure for tourists to reduce their income.

Result: Israel is financially unstable.

Develop Nuclear bombs and hypersonic missiles.

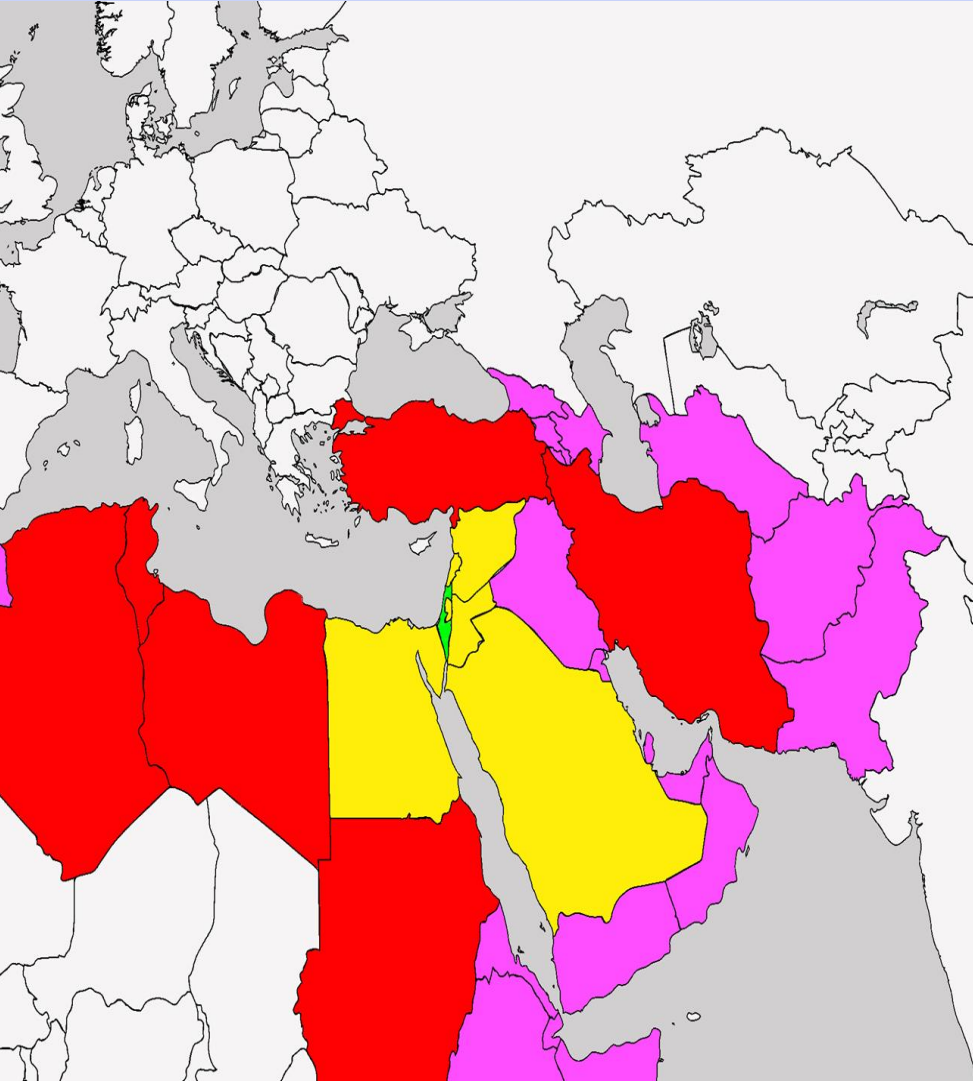
Do not quite finish them or use them (until Israel is helpless).

Result: Iran is safe from attack, but can destroy Israel.



Could Psalm 83
help us understand
Ezekiel 38-39?

Can we fit these
pieces together?



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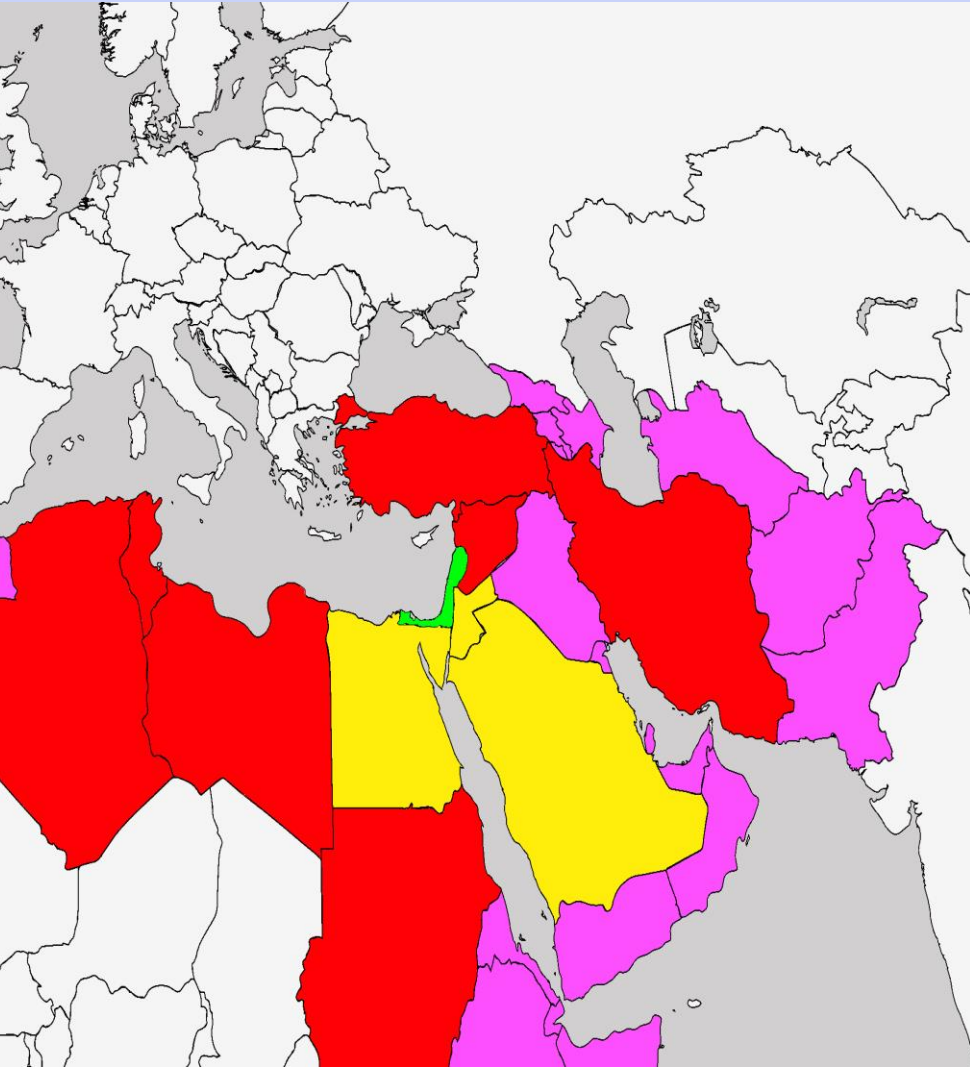
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3. This could produce secure peace in Israel.
4. Psalm 83 weapons are modern, and could include nuclear weapons.

Could this war trigger a technology reversal???

Is it possible to lose modern technology?

There has never been a nuclear war on Earth. (2 bombs ended a war)

The two bombs together were equivalent to 72 million pounds of TNT (15kt & 21 kt). Since then, bombs have been made that are more than 1000 times as powerful as those two bombs together.

What could happen if

Nuclear war, or

Super-high voltage spike of electricity was injected into our grid, or

A major solar flare hit the Earth, or . . . ?

The electrical grid could go down for months.

Lights, water, heat, communication, gasoline, food, repairs, fires . . .

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<http://www.prophecydepotministries.net/2024/looking-back-2023-ahead-2024-in-the-mideast-part-2/>

Bill Salus, January 25, 2024 (quote with some reformatting)

“Those who live by the crystal ball learn to eat a lot of broken glass.” . . . It’s important to note that discerning and disseminating the details of Bible prophecy can involve some speculation and conjecture. For this reason the operable words . . . are, **COULD HAPPEN**.

I have sequenced them in the order I believe they could occur.

Isaiah 17, the destruction of Damascus.

Jeremiah 49:34-39, the disaster in Iran in the territory of ancient Elam.

Psalm 83, the final Arab – Israel war

Zechariah 12:2 Siege of Jerusalem by the Arab confederacy

Zechariah 12:4-6 [Israel] will defeat these Arabs soundly

Then after all of the above the stage should be set for the granddaddy prophecy of Ezekiel 38 and 39.

Plausible Timeline (fits prophecy and current events)

Psalm 83 (1-7 years???)

Neighbor Arab peoples attack (Iran proxy militias). Israel is debilitated.

Possibly Nuclear (Iran – 1 week nuclear bomb, 400 second missile)

Countries and cities are destroyed (Damascus, Amman)

Israel wins and annexes land (Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, West Bank, Egypt?)

Modern weapons no longer effective after this???

Unprecedented peace in Israel

3-15 years pass (horses multiply)

Ezekiel 38-39 (time of peace)

Muslim countries (not neighbors) attack for plunder

God destroys His enemies. They know He is God.

Antichrist makes a peace treaty

Rapture (anytime)

7-year Tribulation

Millennium . . . 1000 years

You Are Here



Unblemished Red Heifers Key To Understanding Mideast Conflict

<https://religionunplugged.com/news/2023/11/8/israel-hamas-war-unblemished-red-heifers-key-to-understanding-conflict-in-the-middle-east>

(ANALYSIS) The main danger in many conspiracy theories lies not in their truth or falsity, but that people believe them to be true and act on that belief. We ignore this at our peril.

One theory, held widely in the Middle East, is that Israel is planning to destroy the site of Al-Aqsa complex in Jerusalem, which includes the Muslim holy sites of the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. Some add that this is part of a project by Israel to clear these buildings from the Temple Mount in order to build the Third Temple. A key part of this scheme is believed to be efforts to breed a flawless red heifer.

Why a red heifer? In the Bible, Numbers 19: 1-2 recounts: “The Lord said to Moses and Aaron: ‘This is a requirement of the law that the Lord has commanded. Tell the Israelites to bring you a red heifer without defect or blemish and that has never been under a yoke ...’”

There is a parallel recounting in the second chapter of the Quran. Those who hold these views believe that the sacrifice of such a heifer is essential to the ritual purification that is a necessary precondition for building the temple.

There are Christian groups who hold to this view and active Jewish groups in Israel such as the Temple Institute. The institute has been training men to be priests and in September 2023 announced the birth of a suitable heifer that it said would undergo “extensive examination” to determine if it's free from any blemish.

The previous September, it had announced that it had imported five suitable heifers from a Christian rancher in Texas who shared their views. . .

This focus on Al-Aqsa has extended to red heifers. Upon the arrival of the five heifers from Texas, Hezbollah and Hamas issued warnings that this meant that the expected assault on Al-Aqsa would soon occur. Following the Temple Institute's September 2023 announcement of the birth of its candidate heifer, the Islamist-oriented Middle East Monitor carried the headline, “Israel’s red cow will blow up the region.”

Hamas Spokesman Abu Ubaydah Reveals: We Attacked after the Jews Imported Red Heifers

<https://www.jewishpress.com/news/israel/temple-mount-har-habayit/hamas-spokesman-abu-ubaydah-reveals-we-attacked-after-the-jews-imported-red-heifers/2024/01/26/>

Following an absence of more than 52 days, which he likely spent hiding in a tunnel, the spokesman for the Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades, the military wing of Hamas, Abu Ubaydah made a comeback on the 100th day of the war, not in person – he’s no fool – but in the style of the late Oссama Bin Laden, through a recorded video message. Among other things, he underscored the real cause for the October 7 atrocities, the growing conviction on the part of the Hamas leadership that the Jews were on a path of religious reawakening that would lead to the demolition of the Al-Aqsa Mosque on the Temple Mount.

Quran Surah (chapter) 2 Al-Baqarah (the cow) Ayahs (verses) 67-71

67. And recall when Moses said to his people, “Allah commands you to sacrifice a heifer.” They said, “Do you make a mockery of us?” He said, “Allah forbid that I should be so ignorant.”

68. They said, “Call upon your Lord to show us which one.” He said, “He says she is a heifer, neither too old, nor too young, but in between. So do what you are commanded.”

69. They said, “Call upon your Lord to show us what her color is.” He said, “He says she is a yellow heifer, bright in color, pleasing to the beholders.”

70. They said, “Call upon your Lord to show us which one; the heifers look alike to us; and Allah willing, we will be guided.”

71. He said, “He says she is a heifer, neither yoked to plow the earth, nor to irrigate the field; sound without blemish.” They said, “Now you have brought the truth.” So they slew her; though they almost did not.

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67. And remember when Moses said to his people, “Allah commands you to sacrifice a cow.” They replied, “Are you mocking us?” Moses responded, “I seek refuge in Allah from acting foolishly!”

68. They said, “Call upon your Lord to clarify for us what type of cow it should be!” He replied, “Allah says, ‘The cow should neither be old nor young but in between. So do as you are commanded!’”

69. They said, “Call upon your Lord to specify for us its colour.” He replied, “Allah says, ‘It should be a bright yellow cow—pleasant to see.’”

70. Again they said, “Call upon your Lord so that He may make clear to us which cow, for all cows look the same to us. Then, Allah willing, we will be guided to the right one.”

71. He replied, “Allah says, ‘It should have been used neither to till the soil nor water the fields; wholesome and without blemish.’” They said, “Now you have come with the truth.” Yet they still slaughtered it hesitantly!

Footnote - 1

This sûrah is named after the cow in this story, which happened at the time of Moses (ﷺ). A rich man was killed by his nephew, his only heir, and the body was thrown at the door of an innocent man. After a long investigation, no one was identified as the killer. Moses (ﷺ) prayed for guidance and was told that the only way to find the killer was to sacrifice a cow and strike the victim with a piece of it. When this was done, the victim spoke miraculously and said who the killer was.

Numbers 19: 1-8, 17-20 (NET)

The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron: “This is the ordinance of the law that the Lord has commanded: ‘Instruct the Israelites to bring you a red heifer without blemish, which has no defect and has never carried a yoke. You must give it to Eleazar the priest so that he can take it outside the camp, and it must be slaughtered before him. Eleazar the priest is to take some of its blood with his finger, and sprinkle some of the blood seven times in the direction of the front of the tent of meeting. Then the heifer must be burned in his sight—its skin, its flesh, its blood, and its offal is to be burned. And the priest must take cedar wood, hyssop, and scarlet wool and throw them into the midst of the fire where the heifer is burning. Then the priest must wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and afterward he may come into the camp, but the priest will be ceremonially unclean until evening. The one who burns it must wash his clothes in water and bathe himself in water. He will be ceremonially unclean until evening.

“For a ceremonially unclean person you must take some of the ashes of the heifer burnt for purification from sin and pour fresh running water over them in a vessel. Then a ceremonially clean person must take hyssop, dip it in the water, and sprinkle it on the tent, on all its furnishings, and on the people who were there, or on the one who touched a bone, or one who was killed, or one who died, or a grave. And the clean person must sprinkle the unclean on the third day and on the seventh day; and on the seventh day he must purify him, and then he must wash his clothes, and bathe in water, and he will be clean in the evening. But the man who is unclean and does not purify himself, that person must be cut off from among the community, because he has polluted the sanctuary of the Lord; the water of purification was not sprinkled on him, so he is unclean.

Will the Jews build the third temple?

Will this be the cause of Psalm 83 conflict or will it be built after?

We live in interesting times.