

Psalm 83

The Plea for Judgment upon the Multi-National Conspiracy against God and His People, Israel

(A Song, a Psalm of Asaph.)

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A1 THE MULTI-NATIONAL CONSPIRACY AGAINST ISRAEL 83:1-8

B1 An Opening Plea for Elohim to Act 83:1

- C1 {1} O God, do not remain quiet;
- C2 Do not be silent
- C3 and, O God, do not be still.

B2 The Conspiracy of Elohim's Enemies Against His People 83:2-5

- C1 Their Uproarious Self-Exaltation 83:2
 - D1 {2} For behold, Your enemies make an uproar,
D2 And those who hate You have exalted themselves.
- C2 Their Shrewd Conspiracy 83:3-5
 - D1 Their plans against Elohim's people 83:3
 - E1 {3} They make shrewd plans against Your people,
E2 And conspire together against Your treasured ones.
 - D2 Their objective: To destroy Israel as a nation 83:4
 - E1 Destruction: {4} They have said, "Come, and let us wipe
them out as a nation,
E2 Amnesia: That the name of Israel be remembered no
more."
 - D3 Their unified cooperation 83:5
 - E1 Their unity: {5} For they have conspired together with one
mind;
E2 Their blasphemous treaty: Against You they make a
covenant:

B3 The Identity of Elohim's Enemies against His People 83:6-8

- C1 {6} The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites,
- C2 Moab and the Hagrites; 83:6
- C3 {7} Gebal and Ammon and Amalek,
- C4 Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; 83:7
- C5 {8} Assyria also has joined with them;
- C6 They have become a help to the children of Lot. Selah. 83:8

A2 THE PLEA FOR JUDGMENT AGAINST ISRAEL'S ENEMIES 83:9-18

B1 In Accordance with the Defeat of Past Foes 83:9-12

- C1 As the Victory of Gideon over Midian: {9} Deal with them as with Midian, 83:9a
- C2 As the Victory of Deborah and Barak over Jabin, King of Canaan 83:9b-10
 - D1 As with Sisera *and* Jabin at the torrent of Kishon, 83:9b
 - D2 {10} Who were destroyed at En-dor,
 - D3 Who became as dung for the ground. 83:10
- C3 Like the Defeated Leaders of Midian 38:11-12
 - D1 Like the Midianite generals: {11} Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb 38:11a
 - D2 Like the Midianite kings 38:11b-12
 - E1 The identity of the kings: And all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna, 38:11b
 - E2 The blasphemous greed of the kings 38:12
 - F1 {12} Who said, "Let us possess for ourselves
 - F2 The pastures of God."

B2 In Comparison to Elements of Nature 83:13-15

C1 Blow Them Away 83:13

D1 Like whirling dust: {13} O my God, make them like the whirling dust,

D2 Like chaff: Like chaff before the wind.

C2 Seek and Devour Them 83:14-15

D1 As a fire burns 83:14

E1 In the forest: {14} Like fire that burns the forest

E2 On the mountains: And like a flame that sets the mountains on fire,

D2 As a terrible storm pursues 83:15

E1 {15} So pursue them with Your tempest

E2 And terrify them with Your storm.

B3 With Humiliation So They Come to Know Yahweh 83:16-18

C1 Humiliation for Redemption: Dishonor Them So They Seek Your Name 83:16

D1 The mechanism - shame: {16} Fill their faces with dishonor,

D2 The result - seeking Yahweh's Name: That they may seek Your name, O LORD.

C2 Humiliation for Retribution: Humiliate Them So They Acknowledge Your Supremacy (in the Afterlife) 83:17-18

D1 Eternal, terminal destruction 83:17

E1 Eternal shame: {17} Let them be ashamed and dismayed forever,

E2 Terminal humiliation: And let them be humiliated and perish,

D2 Ultimate acknowledgment 83:18

E1 Knowledge of Yahweh: {18} That they may know that You alone, whose name is the LORD,

E2 Supremacy of the Most High: Are the Most High over all the earth.

Expanded Analysis of Psalm 83

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