

Israel and the Church in the Last Days



A. Ps 83 War & Israel's Territory

1. Could Ps 83 be a **Prophetic Psalm**, like Ps 22? Note, Asaph was a seer (2 Chr 29:30).
2. **The Motive of War:** Genocide of Jewish people and the state of Israel - to wipe Israel off the earth. 'Come and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more.' (Ps 83:4) This is tantamount to forming an alliance or confederacy against the Almighty God! 'For they have consulted together with one consent; They form a confederacy against You.' (Ps 83:5)
3. **The League of 10 Nations (83:6-8)** are the 'Inner Ring Nations' (C.f. Ezk 38:1-6 – mutually exclusive list)

1) Tents of Edom	Southern Jordanians & Palestinian Refugees? The Palestinian refugee crisis was created by the miscalculation of Arab nations in the 1948 & 1967 wars. Could this be the galvanizing issue for the Ps 83 war?
2) Ishmaelites	Parts of Saudi Arabia (c.f. Ezk 25:13)
3) Moab	Jordanians & Palestinians
4) Hagrites	Egyptians
5) Gebal	Northern Lebanese & Hezbollah
6) Ammon	Northern Jordanians & Palestinians
7) Amalek	Arabs in Sinai Area
8) Philistia	Gaza Strip & Hamas (Zeph 2:1-7)
9) Tyre	Southern Lebanon & Hezbollah
10) Assyria	Syrians & Northern Iraqis

4. **Outcome:** Total defeat of Israel's enemies in the same way as Barak's war with the Canaanites & Gideon's war with the Midianites in Judges 4-5 & 5-6. (Ps 83:10-11). Oreb & Zeeb were Midianite princes who were killed by Gideon's army. Zebah & Zalmunna are Midianite kings who were killed by Gideon's sword. The point of the story is that after this war Midianites NEVER oppressed Israel ever again! It was a mismatched battle of the century – 300 against 120,000 (C.f. Zech. 12)
5. **Purpose:** 'That they may know that You, whose name alone is the LORD (YHWH), are the Most High over all the earth' (Ps 83:18). God loves all of Abraham's children, Jews and Arabs. But He has given a 'clear notice' to the Arab nations to acknowledge YHWH's covenant to Israel since 1948 (70+ years = one generation) & 1967 (50+ years). 1948 & 1967 wars were clear object lessons. *Why is this important? 'It is an unfinished family issue.'* The source of tension between Israel and Arab nations goes back to the sibling rivalry between 'Ishmael' & 'Isaac.'

Currently, there are one billion Muslims in the Asia Pacific, and 320 million in the Middle East, and 250 million in Africa. Where is the stronghold of Islam? Not in the Asia Pacific, but in the Middle East. The day is coming when Almighty God will take on the major demonic principality in the Middle East head-on: 'For He will reduce to nothing all the gods of the earth. People will worship Him each one from his place, indeed all the shores of the nations.' (Zeph 2:11). This is the key to global Muslim evangelism.

6. **Israel's Border Redrawn (See map):** The new boundary according to **Obadiah 19-21:** Israel will possess 'Philistia' (Gaza Strip), 'fields of Ephraim & Samaria' (West Bank); 'Gilead' (Jordan & Golan Heights); 'Zarephath' (southern Lebanon); cities of the South (Negev) – 5 cities? (Is 19:18).

How did Obadiah pinpoint all the troubled spots of today over 2500 years ago? Obadiah's national boundary lines up exactly with the original boundary lines given to Abraham (Gen 15:18). But the key to Israel permanently possessing the land depends on two spiritual qualities of its people: 'Deliverance' & 'Holiness' (Obad 17 c.f. Ezek 36:33-36).

The world (Arabs, EU, UN) wants Israel to give up her land (e.g., two-state solution). But no matter what, Israel's territories will stretch according to the boundary lines drawn in the word of God. What is hanging on the balance is not Israel's existence, but the fate of the nations. Note the history of Spain & Great

Britain. 'I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it...It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.' (Zech 12:3, 9; Joel 3:3) The alignment of the nations as sheep or goat nation is taking place now!

7. **Will Jerusalem be divided?** The political pressure is on. A few contemporary prophetic voices believe it is likely, such as Sadhu, John Kilpatrick. This could easily spark off the Ps 83 war and lead to Zech 12 and some of the Middle East prophecies being fulfilled. Regardless of the pathway, when we see the enemies of Israel surrounding Judah and Jerusalem, we know Zechariah's prophecies will come to pass. '[Judah] shall devour all the surrounding peoples on the right hand on the left, but Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place – Jerusalem.' (Zech 12:5-6)

B. How Israel's War will affect the Church: Parallel restoration of Israel & Church

1. The Pattern of the modern church History: - i.e. Why we should care. Each time Israel moves forward in God's purpose in the 20th Century, there has been a corresponding release of the Spirit of God upon the church to move into her destiny:

Israel	Church
<u>Around the Turn of the 20th Century:</u> i. Zionism led by Theodore Hertzl (1896) began to gain momentum with a vision of forming the Jewish State in the land known as Palestine. ii. Revival of the Hebrew Language headed by Eliezer Ben-Yehuda, becoming the official language in Palestine in 1922.	i. Around the same time, a powerful move of God known as the Pentecostal Revival broke out in the world. E.g., Azusa Revival (William J. Seymour), Smith Wigglesworth, John G. Lake, etc. ii. The gift of tongues was restored to the church 'en masse' during the same period.
<u>The birth of the state of Israel - 1948.</u>	Triggered off the Latter Rain Revival in the same year, the greatest healing movement in the documented church history since the days of the apostles. E.g., William Branham (prophetic gifts), Jack Coe, A. A. Allen, Oral Roberts, T. L. Osbourne, etc. Billy Graham started his ministry in the same year. Unfortunately, most of the leading ministers had a sad ending due to failures in their personal lives.
<u>Jerusalem was taken by Israel - 1967.</u>	In the same year, the Charismatic Renewal Movement broke out throughout the world, impacting the mainline denominations and the Catholics (1967). E.g., Katherine Kuhlman.

2. Two-Fold Purposes of Grafting: Why is God doing this? Paul uses the olive tree analogy to describe the salvation history of God's people (Rom 11:11-36).
 - i. In horticulture, cultivated branches from good olive trees are grafted into wild olive trees, resulting in good, cultivated fruit. But in Paul's analogy, it is the opposite. The Gentile Christians the 'wild olive tree branches' are grafted into Israel's good 'cultivated' olive tree, contrary to all normal grafting processes.
 - ii. 1897 a man called 'fisher' published a book about horticulture in the Middle East. When a good olive tree is diseased and languishing, they grafted healthy wild olive tree branches to it to reinvigorate the sick tree. This resulted in a healthier harvest of fruit. A Roman writer called 'Calamello' also wrote about the same 2000 years ago.

Many times, Israel is compared to a tree - fig tree, or olive tree or vine. When an olive tree is not producing good fruit what does the gardener do? He cuts off those sick branches that do not produce good fruit, and grafts in the wild olive tree branches to reinvigorate the whole stock.

Paul is saying that's what's happened to Israel. This is what is happening now to Israel from the gentile Christian influence.

3. Is there another major restoration and expansion of Israel's territories just around the corner? What does it mean?

Israel prophecy fulfilled in the Kim family – 2013.

'You are on the top of a mountain. There is an old temple, and You are standing in front of the temple dressed in high priestly dress with the lion of Judah on your right-side, praying and prophesying. Just as Ps. Chris said that you will pray for the peace of Israel. ... I see the child's name Nathan. There is a glow in his forehead, blowing the horn and saying, 'Papa we will start the war against the evil ones.' But suddenly the Lord sent rain. This is significant for Israel. Your son will call a rain. Not just rain but heavy rain.' (Oct 23, 2012)

'Our family was in Israel in Oct 2013. Nov 7th Nathan was blowing shofar & the rain fell. After a month, a historic snowstorm slammed Israel and the neighboring countries. 'The biggest December snow and rainstorm in the modern history of Israel and the Palestinian territories hit on Wednesday night (Gaza declared disaster zone)...Heavy storms continued throughout Israel, causing traffic disruptions and power outages across the country, floods in southern regions, a brief closure of Ben-Gurion International Airport...Thousands of people in and around Jerusalem were left without power. A hastily assembled array of relief services, beefed up by Israeli army troops, came to the aid of hundreds of motorists who were trapped in their vehicles, some for up to 10 hours.'

What does this all mean? The war is coming to Israel. Significant shifts in the church are also coming. 'Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness? ... life from the dead.' (Rom 11:12, 15)

4. At the intersection of the fullness of time, Jews & Gentiles will become one united body in Christ, One New Man (Eph 2:14-18). This is Paul's prophetic vision of the church in the end time. This is also Jesus' vision of the last day church (John 17:23). They will be united by beholding the glory of Jesus Christ, not beholding our glory or each other's glory. The End-time prophetic Church of Jews & Gentiles in spiritual union with Christ will proclaim the manifold wisdom of God to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places through the mystery of our intimacy with Christ (Eph 3:8-11).

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a quill pen over an open book. The book's pages are filled with dense Hebrew text. The lighting is warm and focused on the pen and the text, creating a sense of historical or scholarly study.

Middle East Prophecy

2021-07-07 Ps. Paul Kim

Gog & Magog War (Ezekiel 38-39)

Q1: What is the precondition for this war?

Q2: What will cause Israel to dwell safely?



Q3: Why are the surrounding Arab nations missing in action?

Q4: Is there a preceding war that will alter the current map of Israel?



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The Psalms 83 War

SAUDI ARABIA

NEW MAP OF ISRAEL

17 But upon mount Zion shall be **deliverance**, and there shall be **holiness**; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.

18 And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the **house of Esau** for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for the Lord hath spoken it.

19 And they of the south shall possess the **mount of Esau**; and they of **the plain the Philistines**: and they shall possess **the fields of Ephraim**, and **the fields of Samaria**: and Benjamin shall possess **Gilead**.

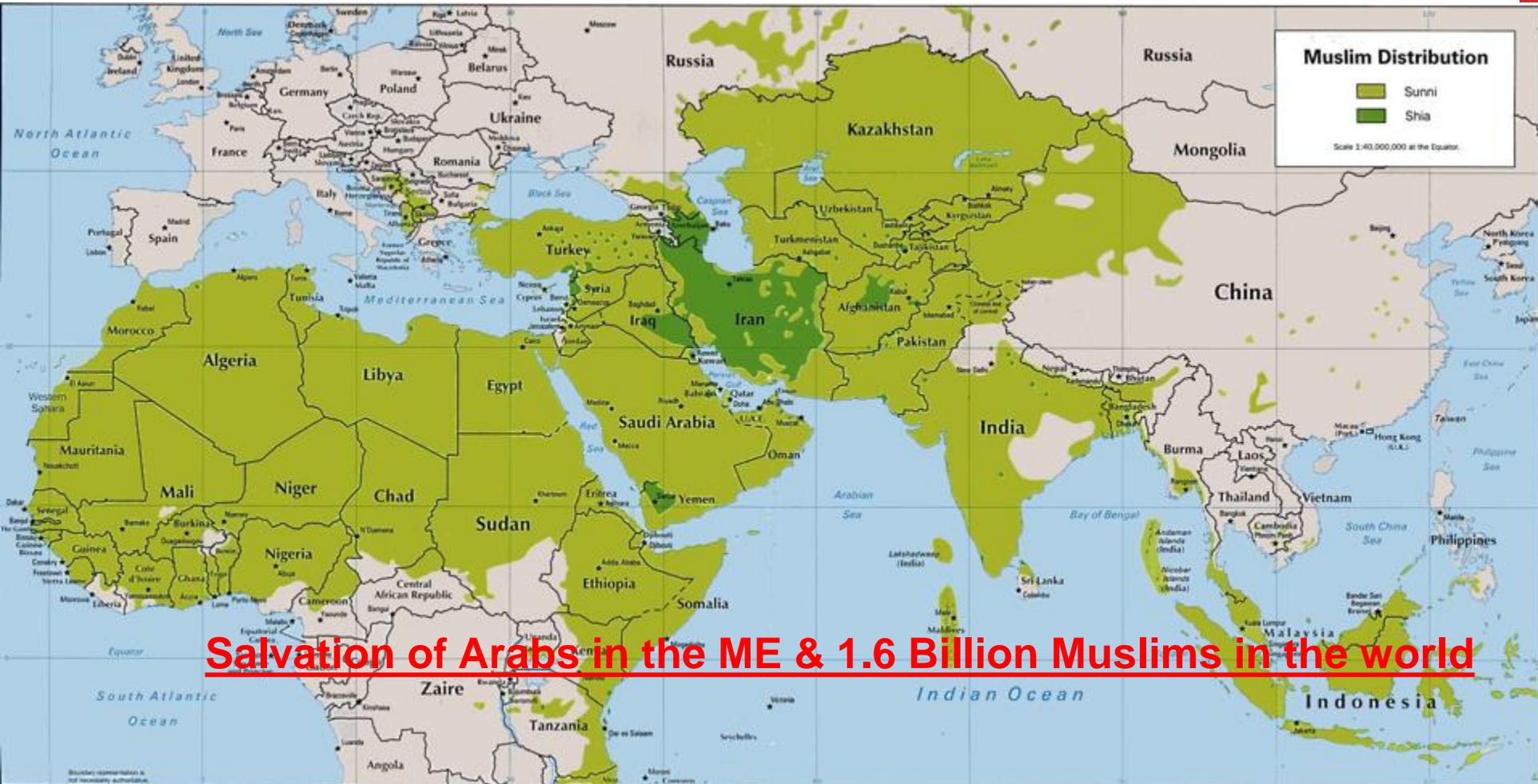
20 And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel shall possess that of the **Canaanites**, even unto **Zarephath**; and the captivity of Jerusalem, which is in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the **south**.

(Zephaniah 17-20)



Significance of Ps. 83 War (Inner-ring Nations)

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UN General Assembly (UN resolution 181)
passed on 29th Nov 1947 to create
independent state of Israel in Palestine

Fate of the nations decided on their stand toward Israel



Parallel Restoration of Israel & Church



Theodor Herzl (1860-1904)

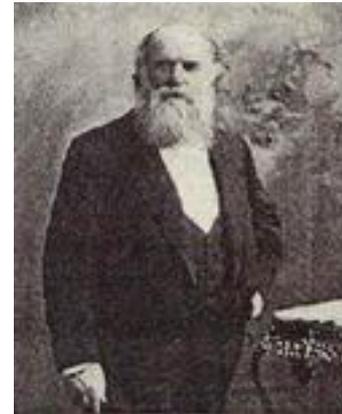


Eliezer Ben-Yehuda (1858-1922)



John Alexander Dowie (1847-1907)

Charles Fox Parham (1873-1929)



William J. Seymour (1870-1922)



Latter Rain Revivalists (1948-1951)

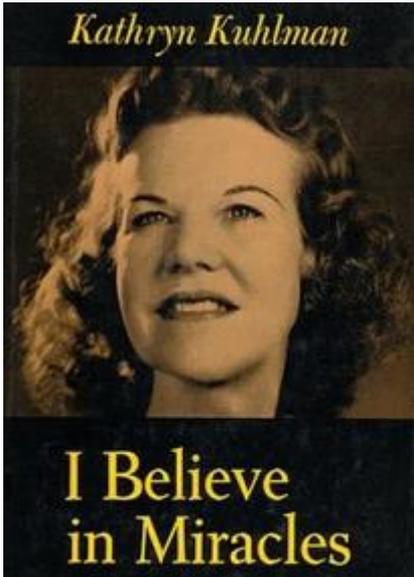


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Catholic Charismatic Renewal (1967)

Six days War in Israel 1967



Kathryn Kuhlman (1907-1976)

“Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness?”

“For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world what will their acceptance be but **the life from the dead.**”

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ONE NEW MAN