

### End Time Wars Of Psalms 83

*Bible Exposes Arab Conspiracy to Destroy Israel*

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Even though Arab efforts to destroy Israel through war and terrorism are well documented in our modern news media, they were first documented in God's prophetic word written almost 3,000 years ago. I am referring to Psalms 83 where the LORD (יהוה YAHWEH) spoke prophetically about the end time Arab conspiracy to destroy Israel:

"They make shrewd plans against Thy people, and conspire against Thy treasured [hidden] ones. They have said, 'Come, and let us wipe them out as a nation, that the name of Israel be remembered no more.' For they have conspired together with one mind; against Thee do they make a covenant." (Ps. 83: 3-5 <sup>NASB</sup>)

Here we see a clear reference of a conspiracy to destroy God's ancient Jewish people Israel, and [verses 6-8](#) go on to identify the conspirators as Arab's living in Egypt and the Levant (Iraq, Syria, Jordan, West Bank, and Lebanon). They include:

- the Ishmaelites (*general Arab population from the Negev to Iraq*)
- the Hagrites (*Eastern Jordan*)
- Philistia (*Palestinians, PLO, PA, and Hamas*)
- Assyria (*Syria and Iraq*)
- Gebal (*Lebanon*) and Tyre (*city in central Lebanon*)
- Amalek (*tribal relations that stretch from the Negev into Iraq*)
- the tents of Edom, Moab, and Ammon (*Jordan*)

Here, the psalmist is unquestionably referring to the multiple attempts by Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Jordan, and militant groups within Lebanon to destroy Israel since it became a Jewish State on May 15, 1948.

#### The First War of Psalms 83

On November 29, 1947, the UN partition plan contained in Resolution 181 provided for both an Arab state and an Israeli state. The original State of Israel in UNR 181 was not land that was just arbitrarily taken from the Arabs and given to Israel. The land was mostly private property that had been settled by Jews who had been there as long as the Arabs, or it had been purchased by Jewish immigrants who had been returning to Israel since the Zionist movement began in the early 1900s.

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However, the Arabs rejected UNR 181, and on May 15, 1948 the armed forces of Egypt, Jordan, Syria and expeditionary forces from Iraq launched an all-out attack on Israel. Their plans of a quick easy victory turned into an embarrassing defeat that actually resulted in them losing some of their own territory to an vastly inferior Israeli army.

After the ceasefire, Israel extended its hand in peace and was even willing to discuss the return of the land taken in exchange for Arab recognition of Israel's right to exist as an independent State. They also rejected Israel's right to exist and swore to destroy them as a nation and as a people.

It is also important to note that UNR 181 offered the Palestinian's a State that far exceeded the 1967 borders that they are currently seeking today. However, statehood was not their objective then, nor is it their objective now. Their true objective was, and still is, to destroy every last man, woman, and child of God's ancient Jewish people. As a result, the Arabs rejected their first opportunity for peace and began to plot Israel's annihilation.

### Arab Covenant Against God

In 1964, the Palestinian National Council, representing the Arab governments hostile toward Israel, met in Cairo to draft the *Palestinian National Covenant* that conspires to destroy Israel. Articles 6, 15, 19, 20, 22, and 30 call for the total annihilation of Israel, and the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), led by Yasser Arafat, was the terrorist group sanctioned to carry out the edict.

The *Palestinian National Covenant* is undoubtedly the covenant God refers to in verse 5. Today, The PLO and their covenant have evolved into the Palestinian Authority (PA) and the *Palestinian National Charter*. This charter rejects the 1917 Balfour Agreement as "null and void," discards the 1947 Arab-Israeli partition (UNR 181) as being illegal, and continues to call for the destruction and removal of Israel from the Land.

It is interesting to note that God equates this end time conspiratorial covenant against Israel as a covenant against YAHWEH Himself. For when you touch Israel, you touch the apple of God's eye (Zech. 2:8). It is the same as poking the Creator of the universe in the eye, which only makes Him mad. This also explains why the Arabs have never and will never win a war against Israel to remove them from the Land (Amos 9:14-15 ).

It is also important to note that the term "*treasured ones*" in verse 3 is also translated "*hidden ones*." I personally believe this is a prophetic reference to Christian believers, who were hidden in the Tanakh (Old Testament), but revealed and grafted into the commonwealth of Israel through faith in Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah ([Rom. 11:11-24](#); [Eph. 2:11-13](#)). This truth is graphically revealed in one of the early flags of the Palestinian Intifada pictured on the right. The Arabic writing in the middle says, "On Saturday we kill Jews; on Sunday we kill Christians."



Consequently, New Covenant believers (Jew & Gentile) must view the Arab war against Israel as a direct war against them and Messiah Yeshua (Jesus), who is the God of Israel come in the flesh.

**"They hold fast to themselves an evil purpose... They devise injustices, saying, 'We are ready with a well conceived plot.'"**

**– Ps. 64:5-6**

## The Second War of Psalms 83

In late May of 1967, Egypt established a blockade of Israel's port city of Aqaba and ordered the UN to withdraw from the buffer zone between them and Israel on the preparation for an all out attack. During this time, the leaders of Syria, Egypt, Jordan and the PLO all made the same public statement saying, *"Our basic aim will be to destroy Israel."*

Knowing that the Arab world was about to attempt another Hitler style genocide against them, Israel launched a preemptive strike as soon as the UN troops left the area. This began Israel's famous Six Day War that began on June 5, 1967 and ended on June 10 with Israel soundly defeating the countries listed in Psalms 83. Israel captured the Sinai, the Gaza, the Golan Heights, and the West Bank (Judea and Samaria) including Jerusalem. Jerusalem becoming a Jewish city again, after being *"trodden down of the gentiles"* for almost 2,000 years (Luke 21:24), was a further fulfillment of Bible prophecy regarding Israel's return to their Promised Land in the last days.



Immediately after the cease-fire, Israel offered Gaza back to Egypt as part of a negotiated peace treaty. Unfortunately, at their Khartoum Summit they declared what has become universally known as the *Three No's of Khartoum* – "no peace with Israel, no recognition of Israel, and no negotiations with Israel." Here, we see the Arabs had a second opportunity to make peace, but they passed it up because their goal is not to make peace with Israel, but to *"destroy them as a nation"* which is what Psalm 83 says their plan would be.

## The Third War of Psalms 83

On October 6, 1973, the Arabs tried to destroy Israel again, when Egypt and Syria launched a massive surprise attack during Israel's most Holy Day of Yom Kippur. The Arabs caught Israel by surprise and were winning the battle, but the God of Israel supernaturally intervened and confused the advancing armies so that Israel was able to regroup and push the Arabs back to the 1967 borders.

After this defeat, a few Arab leaders realized they were not going to beat Israel militarily. One even understood that his country's own survival depended on its ability to make peace with God's chosen people. This led to the first peace treaty between Israel and one of its most hostile Arab enemies.

## 1979 Camp David Peace Agreement

With a show of great courage, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat addressed the Israeli Knesset on November 20, 1977, and expressed his desire to make peace. U.S. President Jimmy Carter hosted the Camp David Peace Talks, and the result was that Israel and Egypt signed a formal peace treaty on March 26, 1979.

Camp David returned the entire Sinai Peninsula to Egypt and provided a program for Arab autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza for a period of five years. After that, a permanent disposition of the territories that included additional territorial concessions by Israel was to be negotiated. Not only did the rest of the Arab world refuse this, but they were furious with Sadat and said, "The PLO will punish Sadat, Israel, and America because of the peace treaty signed between them." (Source: IDF information bulletin)

*"There is a  
time for  
every event  
under  
heaven...a  
time for war  
and a time  
for peace"*  
– Eccl. 3:1, 8

**“Protect me  
from wicked  
people who  
attack me,  
from  
murderous  
enemies who  
surround  
me.”**

**– Ps. 17:9**

Anwar Sadat negotiated a peace treaty that returned 80% of the territory captured by Israel in 1967, provided a plan for Arab autonomy with additional land concession in the future. But instead of being honored as a hero and working toward peace, Sadat was assassinated by PLO hit men at a military parade on October 6, 1981.

The Arabs had a real peace treaty in their hand, but they murdered the peacemaker and continued their efforts to destroy Israel. This clearly proved that the Arab world was not interested in peace with Israel, but in the destruction of Israel piece by piece.

### **The Palestinian's Phased Plan**

The Arab's inability to conquer Israel militarily in 1948, 1967, and 1973 forced them to develop a new strategy for destroying the Jews. So on June 8, 1974, while President Sadat was contemplating peace with Israel, the *Palestinian National Counsel* met in Cairo, Egypt, and adopted a “Phased Plan” to destroy Israel. It consisted of three phases that are outlined below. Unless otherwise stated, the following quotes mark with an \* come from unclassified transcripts from the IDF and Israeli intelligence.



#### **PHASE 1: Establish A Palestinian State**

In the March, 1977, issue of *Newsweek*, Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's political department, revealed stage one when he said:

“There are stages to our return. The first is to the 1967 borders; second to the 1948 borders.”

This marked a public change in PLO strategy and started laying the ground work for Phase 1 of their plan to establish a Palestinian state. A major initiative to advance Phase 1 was revealed on September 7, 1988, in Al-Anba, Kuwait. Here the PLO's number two man, Salah Khalaf, said:

“We face a stage which requires a fundamental step consistent with current developments [*their new three-phased plan*]. In view of these developments, we must propose a political initiative which is not new in terms of the ‘Phased Plan’. The initiative will provide a new instrument for moving the ‘Phased Plan’ along.”\*

This initiative turned out to be the internal terrorism of the “Intifada Movement.” Then the plot thickened during the December 14, 1988, press conference in Geneva Switzerland, where Yasser Arafat indicated he was willing to recognize Israel and move toward establishing a Palestinian State. However, just four days later in Al-Anba, Kuwait, Salah Khalaf informed the Arab world of the PLO's real strategy when he said:

“At first a small state, and with the help of Allah, it will be made large, and expand to the east, west, north and south ... I am interested in the liberation of Palestine, step by step.”\*

In the western press, overtures of peace were being offered by Arafat, while behind the scenes, his lieutenants were simultaneously telling the Arab world that their new plan was to destroy Israel in phases instead of all at once. This was clearly revealed on December 26, 1989, when Fatah Central Committee member, Rafik Al-Natshe, said:

“All of Palestine is ours and we want to liberate it from the [*Jordan*] river to the [*Mediterranean*] sea in one go. Fatah, which leads the PLO, feels that a ‘Phased Plan’ must be pursued.”\*



Here we see a combining of the PLO's covenant to destroy Israel with the "Phased Plan." Al-Natshe confirmed this strategy on January 8, 1989 in the Kuwaiti newspaper *Al-Watan*, where he said:

"Our present political approach is rooted in the 'Phased Plan'... We must aim at harmonizing the various political decisions with the Covenant [*Palestinian National Covenant of Psalms 83*] and the 'Phased Plan.' " \*

It is important to note that a majority of U.N. countries continue to pressure Israel into accepting a peace treaty that returns the West Bank (Judea and Samaria including most of Jerusalem), and a large portion of the Golan Heights to the Arabs. This would be a return to the pre-1967 borders, and Phase 1 of the Arab conspiracy to destroy Israel would be complete. This would allow them to initiate "Phase 2" of their plan.



### **PHASE 2: Use The Palestinian State To War against Israel From Within Israel**

On April 5, 1989, Farouk Kaddoumi was communicating Phase 2 strategies to the universal Arab constituency via radio. In a BBC Arabic Services broadcast he said, *"The recovery of but a part of our soil will not cause us to forsake our Palestinian land.... We shall pitch our tent in those places which our bullets can reach.... This tent shall then form the base from which we shall later pursue the next phase."* \*

Four days later, April 9, 1989, while in Damascus, George Habash (leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine) openly discussed Phase 2 strategy when he said:

"We seek to establish a state which we can use in order to liberate the other part of the Palestinian state." \*

Habash was saying that, once they establish and strengthen themselves militarily as a state or even a quasi-state, they would launch a renewed war against Israel from the West Bank and Gaza. The goal of "Phase 2" was confirmed in March 2011, when the Israeli Navy intercepted a cargo ship carrying 50 tons of Iranian weapons bound for Palestinian militant groups in Gaza. Clearly these weapons were not for self defense, but to arm the Arab's for "Phase 2" of their plan to attack Israel from within.

It must also be understood that all attacks launched against Israel from the Arab territories are simply part of the Palestinians long intended "Phase 2" stratagem. Their hope is that these internal attacks will eventually lead to "Phase 3" of their conspiracy to destroy Israel.



### **PHASE 3: Trigger A Regional War Of Surrounding Arab Countries Against Israel**

Article 8 of the [PNC's "Phased Plan"](#) exposes their ultimate goal when it says, *"Once it [the Palestinian State] is established, the Palestinian National Authority will strive to achieve a union of the confrontation countries [Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran, Egypt, etc.], with the aim of completing the liberation of all Palestinian territory..."*

In a June 9, 1989 "Voice of the Mountain" radio broadcast from Lebanon, George Habash best explained Article 8 to the Arab world when he said:

**"Those who seek my life lay snares for me; they seek to injure me; they threatened destruction and devise treachery all day long."**

**– Ps. 38:12**

**“After glory He has sent me against the nations which plunder you, for he who touches you, touches the apple of His eye.”  
– Zech. 2:2**

“The establishment of a Palestinian State in the West Bank and Gaza will be the beginning of the downfall of the Zionist enterprise [State of Israel]. We will be able to rely on this defeat in order to complete the struggle to realize our entire goal, which is the complete liberation of the national Palestinian soil.”\*

This liberation is referring to a military campaign designed to fulfill articles 6, 15, 19, 20, 22, and 30 of the Palestinian National Covenant that calls for the annihilation of Israel. The “Phase 3” destruction of Israel is also laid out in the updated Palestinian National Charter and the even more radical Hamas Charter that now governs the Gaza.

To most reasonable people, it is clear to see that the Arabs do not want *peace* with Israel, but to destroy Israel *piece by piece*.

### Prophetic Possibilities of the Future

As we look forward to what God says will happen in the future, Scripture is very clear that Israel will be established in the Promised Land and all her enemies will either repent and support God’s covenant to restore the Jews back to the Land or be destroyed. However, because “*we see through a glass darkly*” ([1 Cor. 13:12](#)), no one knows exactly how those events will come to pass. All we can do is offer some prophetic possibilities to how things might unfold based on Scripture.

**FIRST.** Let me say that, throughout the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict, God has answered the Psalmist’s prayer to defeat Israel’s end time enemies listed in Psalms 83 in the same way He has in the past:

“Deal with them as with Midian [*Israel’s victory over Balak and Balaam under Moses*], as with Sisera and Jabin at the torrent of Kishon, who were destroyed at Endor, who became as dung for the ground [*Barak & Deborah’s defeat of the Canaanite army*]. Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb and all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna, Who said, “Let us possess for ourselves the pastures of God” [*Gideon’s defeat of the Midianites*]. (Ps. 83:9-12 <sup>NASB</sup>)

This prayer is especially relevant in today’s Arab-Israel conflict, because God equates this end time conspiracy against Israel and the church as a covenant against YAHWEH Himself. That’s because, to come against Israel is like poking Him in the eye...“*For he who touches Israel, touches the apple of His eye*” ([Zech. 2:7-8](#)).



This is why the Arabs have never and will never win a war against Israel to remove them from the land. They are in a war with the God of the universe, and He is the undefeatable conquering King. Consequently, New Covenant Christians must view the Arab war against Israel as a direct war against them and Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) who is the God of Israel. They must also understand that, if they advocate against Israel being restored to the Promised Land, God will advocate against them. But if we advocate for Israel, God will advocate for us.

**SECOND.** I used to think that there would be one final culminating war that would totally destroy all the Arab nations listed in Psalms 83 (Syria, Jordan, Egypt, and Iraq) at the same time. But I do not necessarily think that anymore. Scripture is clear that their final destruction will come, but it’s not clear if it will be in a single war or a series of conflicts that have been unfolding since Israel’s War of Independence in 1948.

**The civil war in Syria** has decimated the country as a whole and Damascus is virtually a “ruinous heap” today ([Is. 17:1](#)). However, I don’t believe Damascus “*will*

*cease from being a city*” because of the civil war. That means there is most probably a military event (possibly nuclear) that lays it waste to the point *“her young men will fall in her streets, and all the men of war will be silenced in that day,”* and *“[the Lord sets] fire to the wall of Damascus and it devours the fortified towers...”* ([Jer. 49:23-27](#)).

**Jordan** has been soundly defeated in all the past wars it fought against Israel just as the Psalmist prayed they would. Although Jordan is currently at peace with Israel, Jeremiah prophesies that there is still a war coming that totally devastates Jordan and causes Amman to become a *“ruinous heap”* just like Damascus. Israel appears to be involved because it takes possession of the Promised Land west of the Jordan River currently occupied by Jordan ([Jer. 49:2-6](#)).

The Prophet Ezekiel also prophesies Jordan’s end time destruction and also includes the *“Philistines”* (Palestinians). However, in Ezekiel’s prophesy, God emphatically states that this destruction comes *“by the hand of My people Israel”* ([Ez. 25:12-14](#)).

**The Iraq wars of 1990-91, 2003 and its current civil war** are all graphically described in Jeremiah 50 and 51. Although these wars have taken a major toll on the country with more to come, there appears to be a final war, where God uses Israel as *“[His] battle axe”* to lay the country waste. (See [Jeremiah’s Iraq War Chronicles](#))

**In Egypt**, the Prophet Isaiah says, *“[the Lord] will incite Egyptians against Egyptians; and they will each fight against his brother and each against his neighbor”* ([Is. 19:2](#)). This was partly fulfilled during the 2011 Arab Spring, when anti-Mubarak Egyptians clashed with pro-Mubarak Egyptians (brother against brother) during the overthrow of the Mubarak government.

Isaiah also points out Israel’s future involvement when he says, *“The land of Judah will become a terror to Egypt; everyone to whom it is mentioned will be in dread of it, because of the purpose of the LORD of hosts which He is purposing against them”* ([Is. 19:17](#)). However, there will be a remnant of repentant Egyptians and Assyrians left from those wars who ultimately connect with Israel and become *“a blessing in the midst of the earth, whom the LORD of hosts has blessed, saying, ‘Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance.’”* ([Is. 19:24-25](#)).

**THIRD.** Some are of the opinion that the “Phased Plan” sounds like it could lead to the war of Ezekiel 38 and 39. However, in Ezekiel’s war, *“Gog, the chief prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal [Russia]”* unites with *“Persia [Iran], Cush [Ethiopia], and Put [Libya]...in the last days”* to attack *“those inhabitants [Jews] who have been gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel...and they are dwelling safely...who are at rest, that live securely, all of them”* ([Ez. 38:2-11](#)).

You will notice that, when Ezekiel’s war takes place, Syria, Jordan, Egypt, and Iraq are not listed among the countries allied with Russia. Their absence indicates that the destruction of these four countries described above occurs before Ezekiel’s war. However, if Iran is successful in taking control of Iraq and/or Syria, one or both could be included within Ezekiel’s “Persia.” But that still leaves Egypt and Jordan missing from the Russian coalition which indicates a separate war sometime earlier.

Another point to support this likelihood is that, when the Russian coalition attacks Israel, the Jews are *“living securely, all of them”* ([Ez. 38:8](#)). This would indicate that Israel has obtained some sort of security arrangement prior to Russia’s invasion. That arrangement could be the result of Israel’s devastating victory over the countries of Psalms 83 in the regional wars. Let’s face it, if Israel destroys Syria, Jordan, Egypt, and Iraq in a war that the Arabs start, very few will argue about giving them whatever security agreement they want. It could be that security agreement Israel is enjoying when the Russian coalition attacks in Ezekiel 38 and 39.

***“I will lay My vengeance on Edom [Jordan] by the hand of My people Israel. Therefore, they will act in Edom according to My anger and My wrath.”***

**— Ez. 25:14**

**FOURTH:** I think it is paramount that we see God's love for mankind, in that, He uses these end time wars as judgments to show us that He alone is God. He points this out at the end of all these wars, when He says, *"I will magnify Myself, sanctify Myself, and make Myself known in the sight of many nations; and they will know that I am the LORD"* ([Ez. 38:23](#); also [Ps. 83:18](#); [Is. 19:21-22](#)). God does it this way because, *"when the earth experiences [His] judgments, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness"* ([Is. 26:9](#)).

### God's Promise to End Time Israel

Scripture tells us that God will restore His people Israel to their Promised Land in the last days ([Ez. 36](#)), and that we are to *"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem"* ([Psalm 122:6](#)). However, we must understand there will be no lasting peace until the Prince of Peace (Messiah Yeshua) brings it at His return, and that does not happen until after Israel returns to The Land. So the restoration of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel is essential to their restoration in the LORD.

To a certain degree, Israel has been looking to the devil's New World Order system for a lasting peace and security, which it will never provide. Consequently, God redirects Israel's focus back to Himself when He personally intervenes and destroys the Russian-Arab alliance ([Ezekiel 39:3-6](#)). On that day, the LORD makes Himself known to Israel:

"My holy name I shall make known in the midst of My people Israel...and Israel will know that I am the LORD their God from that day on." ([Ez. 39:7, 22](#)).

This is when Israel finally realizes that their security is in YAHWEH alone, and they turn to worship and serve Him. Until then, no matter what the situation looks like for Israel, He who never slumbers nor sleeps has promised to keep Israel until they are fully restored in the last days:

"Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when the city [*Jerusalem*] shall be rebuilt from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate...and the whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields as far as the brook Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall be holy to the Lord; *it shall not be plucked up, or overthrown anymore forever.*" (Jer. 31:38, 40)

We have God's word on it. ☆

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## The Elijah Report

In the last days, Scripture indicates that God releases the forerunner spirit of Elijah upon His people to prepare the way of Messiah's return. This anointing calls the Body of Messiah out of the Babylonian world system and guides them back to the ancient paths of God's Torah. This awakening appears to bring about the *"restoration of all things"* that releases Yeshua (Jesus) to return for His bride, who has made herself ready. The Elijah Report is part of that end time voice, and we hope you will join us as together we prepare the way of the Lord. ☆

***"If this fixed order departs from before Me...then the offspring of Israel also will cease from being a nation before Me forever."***

**– Jer. 31:36**