Psalm 83 War Coming Soon?

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Psalm:

83:1-4 "Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.

For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head.

They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance."

Prophecy watchers have been expecting this war prophesied in Psalm 83 for some time. The picture, like an assembling puzzle, grows

even clearer with each passing day. What will 2015 bring? Make note that we are in the middle of the Blood Moon Tetrads that I wrote of concerning something big about to happen to Israel. If you missed that article, take a moment to review it here, to increase your understanding of what I wish to speak about.

http://churchofgod-usa.org/1/post/2013/02/blood-moon-risingday-of-the-lord1.html

And follow up with a graphic display that I posted by Paul Grevas that gives a picture diagram of what these blood moons have meant for the nation of Israel since 1492 and into our modern era:

http://churchofgod-usa.org/1/post/2014/04/coming-blood-moons-are-upon-us.html

Remember, my friend, Israel is the door to end time events and Jerusalem is the key to that door. Watch Israel if you want to know how close we are to the end of this age.

I have a good friend, a local pastor of a church that never before has preached prophecy, but he's preaching it now (the last few weeks). Before, he spoke only about Jesus and thought that we didn't need to focus on prophecy, as God will do pretty much what He wants to do anyway. The last part is true, but what has changed in His heart and mind? I can only guess, but could it be He feels the urgency of getting all who will listen into the ark of safety which is Jesus Christ and Him crucified? Why is there so much urgency in this pastor's messages of late, and mine for years?? Because the hour is late, and the coming Psalm 83 war may just be the catalyst that propels us into an all out war in the Middle East that may spread to the rest of the world. It will be the pre-cursor to the war prophesied by Ezekiel in chapters 38-39. What is happening right now that causes me to think that this coming year that we are living in, could be the start of the end of this age that we live in, the Age of Grace?

IS PROPHECY ABOUT TO BE FULFILLED?

Is this coming war when the oracle of Damascus will be fulfilled? (Isaiah 17:1-3) I believe it could be so as a result of that coming regional war. Nobody should want that or look forward to that. Unfortunately, the next major regional war in the Middle East appears to be closer than ever; but nobody should want it to actually happen, and God is in control of these events. During the next war in the Middle East we will likely see death on a scale that is unprecedented. It won't be like the wars of 1967 or 1973. It will likely be a fight to the death where nothing is held back. You see, the truth is that most Americans have no idea what is really going on in the Middle East. There are ancient grudges and ancient hatred that go back for

thousands of years. There is no "peace plan" that is going to suddenly make everything okay. The Middle East is a simmering volcano of hate and resentment that could erupt at any moment.

Right now, Turkey is aligning itself with Hamas in the Gaza strip, led by an egomaniac with visions of grandeur (the prime minister of Turkey, Erdogan) who envisions himself the new Islamic Caliphate to restore the lost glory of the Ottoman Empire, promising that shortly Turkey will invade and liberate Jerusalem in a "holy war". ISIS (Islamic State), the terror army who also has a self proclaimed "caliphate" in Al Bagdadi, is making a push to the border of Syria and Israel. King Abdullah of Jordan is fearful that ISIS will invade Jordan and dispose him, even as Al Bagdadi also boasts that he will liberate Jerusalem by invasion. Now let's add this up. We know that Iran has aligned itself with Hezbollah in the north, while continuing to transport missiles and weapons in Lebanon with upwards of 100,000 rockets capable of hitting any spot aimed inside Israel. Turkey along with Iran is arming Hamas in the Gaza strip for an offensive to the west of Israel, even though they were the losers in the last war with Israel's "Protective Edge War" (no matter what Hamas propaganda machine may say) they are gearing up for the next confrontation by rebuilding terrorist tunnels and testing a new round of received missiles. Also, ISIS is moving into position in Syria and Jordan for an attack from Israel's east. Note the prophecy at the beginning of this message. All who are involved in this war are lining up to surround Israel, and when they think they have the advantage, the snake will strike.

WAR IMPENDING SCENARIOS AS WE SPEAK

What would it take to tip the scales to an all out war between the inner ring of Arab nations that border Israel? Let's assume chemical weapons are found to be in Damascus or planned to be shipped to the border of Lebanon, then I envision an assault on that cache of weapons that would release chemicals into the air and kill many people surrounding the explosion. There's an island off the coast of Scotland where scientists exploded a series of anthrax bombs to test what would happen to a flock of sheep. They all immediately died, and the island has been not be inhabited since. Release of this biological weapon of anthrax would make the regions uninhabitable. That would take care of one part but what about a ruinous heap? Another scenario would be a nuclear tipped device explosion that would make the radiation level so high that all who would live there would die. The latter would level the surrounding landscape into a "ruinous heap", as described in Isaiah.

What about an impending attack as a trigger on the nuclear ambitions of their arch nemesis, Iran? This would be a large scale attack that would last for weeks, as the level of sophistication of Iran's installations would require multiple bombings from one end of Iran to the other across hostile territories.

Such an attack would assuredly bring all nations surrounding Israel into a direct conflict with all-out war. The sheer size of the number of troops and weapons would, I believe, give them the impression that they could destroy Israel. You ask, "Why would anyone attack a country that has nuclear weapons?" I believe the Arab hatred is so great, that if they think they can surround Israel with enough weapons, that Israel cannot defend their entire border, they envision success to fulfill their ancient hatred and desire to destroy the land of the Jews, Israel. Note one thing, neither Iran, Turkey, and surely not Russia will be directly involved in this first round of fighting. Those nations prophesied in Psalm 83, will be indirectly financed and trained to be the proxies to do their dirty work of attempting to annihilate Israel in a regional war that very well, most likely, spin out of control and forces Israel's hand in what is called the "Samson Option". You know the story. Samson destroyed his enemies when he knew he would be destroyed as well. Israel will have no choice but to reveal the full scope of their military might. It is believed that Israel has over 200 nuclear weapons and a vast array of tactical weapons that they will have no choice but to use, as to hold back will assure their destruction...hence the term "Samson Option".

GOD ALMIGHTY SETS THE STAGE

Even with all the firepower and military might that these Arab nations will level at Israel, there is one thing they do not figure into their scheme. The God of Heaven is on the side of Israel. As in the previous wars fought in 1948, 1967 and 1973, the destruction of Israel was thought to be assured, but even with an overwhelming force, those Arab forces were defeated and it was believed Divine intervention saved the tiny

state of Israel. This Psalm 83 war will bring us even closer to the time of the beginning of the Tribulation, as Israel will believe they have finally destroyed their enemies and can live in peace. Ezekiel in chapter 38-39 will come on the heels of this victory against their Arab neighbors and Israel will live in peace and safety for a short time.

Ezekiel 38:8 "After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them."

When was the last time in your life, have you heard that Israel has lived in peace and safety, "dwelling safely all of them"? You say never and you would be right. Since their birth, Israel has been threatened with extinction from their very ancient cousins in a hatred that has festered for thousands of years. Suddenly, the bible reports they will live in safety, but I believe to feel they are safe, every enemy surrounding them will be defeated and their lands conquered. Israel will expand their borders to include most of the Middle East, from the Sinai, east to the Euphrates, north to Syria, and south to Arabia, which will include all of Jordan. Why do I say that? Have you noticed that all the nations spoken of in Psalm 83, includes all the people that surround Israel now, yet in Ezekiel 38-39 none of them are mentioned? It is believed that what I have proposed as the borders of the expanded nation of Israel will be won in this coming war, as none of them, including Syria are mentioned. Why is that so? Because God has allowed Israel to overcome their enemies that have come against them and destroyed their weapons of war along with a major portion of their military. They will possess all their land as spoils of war. What will they possess that they have never possessed before? The answer is a major portion of all the gas and oil of the world. How quickly will the enemies of Israel realize that it is unacceptable for Israel to have such wealth and control of a major portion of the world's oil and gas production? Maybe they will get a reality check in a year or two? Ezekiel prophesies that God will put a hook into the jaws of the Gog-Magog coalition of nations to even think that they can come against Israel to take what they have won in battle. Money is a powerful motivator for an evil coalition to take what is not theirs.

AN OILY SUBJECT

Right now, the nations of Russia, Iran, and the major oil producers who rely on the price of oil to sustain their economies must have oil prices at or above \$100+ a barrel. Oil is now less than \$50 a barrel and these economies are running in panic mode. If Israel has all the oil found in the Middle East, coupled with huge gas reserves that have been found off the western coast of Israel at their economies disposal, oil and gas just may be the hook into the jaw that God will draw down the outer ring of Arab nations including Turkey, Iran, Egypt, Libya, Ethiopia led by Gog, the leader of Russia as God has spoken of in the following verses of Ezekiel chapter 38:

- :1 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
- :2 Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him,
- :3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I [am] against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:
- :4 And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts [of armour, even] a great company [with] bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:
- :5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:
- :6 Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: [and] many people with thee."

This is what is called the "outer" ring of Arab nations led by Russia and Iran (Persia). Note that none of the

nations listed in Psalm 83 are mentioned, because I believe, God has helped Israel defeat them in the next coming war, maybe as soon as this year.

AS BELIEVERS, WHAT TO HOPE FOR

As a believer in the removal of the church before the tribulation and the revealing of the Anti-Christ, the war spoken of in Ezekiel will be waged not so much by Israel, as they will be overwhelmed with a superior nuclear equipped force, I believe headed by Russia with Iran as their front man. This is when God says that He will fight for Israel. Ezekiel 38,

38:18 "And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, that my fury shall come up in my face.

38:19 For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;....."

38:21 And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother."

38:22 And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

38:23 Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD."

How long will this war that is coming that brings a peace to Israel last? It is believed it will be short lived. If this war that Ezekiel prophesied about comes on the heals of the war that is now brewing in the Middle East, we could see Psalm 83 fulfilled and the stage set for Ezekiel 38 & 39 in the next few years. Theologians are in agreement that this devastating war waged by Almighty God will so decimate the nations that come against Israel, that a peace treaty will be proposed for 7 years to prevent another war and allow Israel to have sovereignty over its land even to allow them to rebuild their temple on the Temple mount. There will be no Arab that dares stand in their way, as they have been thoroughly defeated. Israel will recognize that the God of their fathers, is indeed, very much alive and seek to rebuild their temple in haste, and resume sacrifices to Jehovah.

Remember the message highlighted at the beginning of this message, that the signs in the heavens of the stars, the moon and the sun with the blood moons, solar eclipses and other heavenly signs spell something big, I mean BIG for the nation of Israel. I envision this as a possible timeline of what MAY be coming this year and into the next few years:

- 1. The coming Psalm 83 war along with the Oracle of Damascus
- 2. A short lived peace and safety in Israel with control of much of the oil and gas in the Middle East.
- 3. Ezekiel's prophesied war of chapter 38-39 with total destruction of the Gog-Magog alliance waged by Almighty God Himself.
- 4. Preceding the Gog-Magog war, the removal of the church, because of the next scenario numbered 5.
- 5. A peace treaty of seven years brought to bear by a leader of the Revised Roman Empire.
- 6. The revealing of the Anti-Christ,
- 7. Beginning of the 7 year tribulation.

A MUCH OVERLOOKED STORY IN YOUR BIBLE

Let me interject something here that I think will add to the symmetry of what is prophesied and what we see happening on our political front of this age we live in. An interesting analogy was spoken up by a fellow member of my congregation online when he reminded me of the story of Ruth. How is that related? Remember the story of Ruth and Boaz of how Ruth is a symbol of the Church, Boaz is a symbol of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and Naomi is the symbol for the nation of Israel in end time prophecy? "The "Gleanings" by Ruth in the fields is a picture of the Church saving the last few souls before the Rapture, then the marriage of Boaz and Ruth (the Wedding Supper of the Lamb). But what really struck me like a bolt of lightning is the 49 days (prophetic years) which occur between the Barley Harvest (First Fruits) and the Wheat Harvest (Pentecost), or 50 days (years) on a year of Jubilee. Israel did not truly become a nation until she liberated Jerusalem in 1967. So, do the math. Add 49, or 50 years to 1967 and you get 2016, or 2017." Hmm...interesting analogy.

Also note that we are in a Shemittah year, or a year of release, a sabbatical year.

"At the end of seven years you will make a release. And this is the manner of the release: to release the hand of every creditor from what he lent his friend; he shall not exact from his friend or his brother, because the time of the release for the Lord has arrived." (Deuteronomy 15:1–2)

Each year that it happened, and it happens every seven years, has brought something significant to bear for the world. In 2008, (7 years ago) we had an economic recession and a stock market crash. Seven years prior to that, we had 9/11/2001 and everybody remembers what happened on that date, the World Trade Center was destroyed, the Pentagon attacked, and a plane crashes in a field in Pennsylvania all told over 3000 people died that day. Seven years before that was 1994 and another economic melt-down. You can go back to the beginning, and in a Sabbatical year starting with the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem as year one, something significant has happened in the world and in our modern times, it's been either economic or a terrorist attack.

Economists are already warning that this year the bubble of the stock market could correct itself, and if you thought the economic pain that was displayed 7 years ago was bad, this one coming will make that one pale in comparison. Our first indicator is the price of oil. Oil is an indicator of world economic stability and each time that oil has dropped this fast, it spelled economic havoc in its tsunami. The economic depression could spell the doom of the dollar as the currency of the world and the demise of the USA as a world superpower that will be felt around the globe. This all will be a direct result of the economy collapsing as a house of cards, starting with our main energy source, oil. When economies go bad, the only thing bringing back economic stability is....WAR.

It's all tied together, the economy, the world political stage, and a little, tiny nation at the center of it all ...Israel. Why? Because Satan hates Israel and if it's within his power, he will influence evil men to destroy her. We are coming to a flash point in world events and the end time prophecy puzzle gets clearer every day. Question is, what are you going to do about it?

If you wring your hands and fear the worst, most assuredly, on your own it will happen and there is nothing you can do about it. It's already prophesied in the Bible and it will happen, just as other prophecies have happened with 100% accuracy. Some folks are scared right now, some scared to death and shaking with trepidation. Oh, you can pooh, pooh and mock this warning, but reader, when it happens, you will remember these words. Only problem with that is that you will have missed the most important event this side of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and that is the return of the Lord Jesus in the clouds of glory for His church. I read today Isaiah chapter 26 then focusing in on a passage that speaks of what is coming on the earth and what I put my hope and faith in..One Person, one promise:

26:17 "Like as a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and crieth out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, O LORD.

26:18 We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

- 26:19 Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.
- 26:20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.
- 26:21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain." (all emphasis mine)

The world cries out in pain, we cry out in pain. We groan for our deliverance, as the earth does and the emphasis says we will arise, those who are in the dust and they will hide themselves behind closed doors until the indignation of Almighty God is over-past. But Paul speaks of the same event in the New Testament: 1st Corinthians:

- 15:50, "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.
- 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
- 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
- 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."

Jesus explained it in another way when the disciples asked Him: John chapter 14,

- :2 "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
- :3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Jesus said that He would come for us, that where He is...there we would be also. He's with the Father, so will we be. We will going to Him, not Him coming to us, except to receive us, then Isaiah will be fulfilled in verse 26:20 noted above.

WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER? WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Even with the coming economic hardship that is bound to come, the wars that will be fought in the Middle East starting with Psalm 83 on the horizon, the terrorist attacks that are bound to increase, and possible losses of even our individual rights and freedoms, until He comes, I hold onto Psalm 91 in these verses:

- 91:2 "I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust."
- 91:7 "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come night thee."
- 91:9 "Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;"
- 91:10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling."

Men shall do evil things to other men. Perils will be all around us. Fear will grip all who hold to unrighteousness and have NOT the hope and faith in the One who can deliver them. Many will die, many will be saved, and many will die in their sins, but one thing I know, when all this comes upon the world and the true wrath of God comes down in earnest on unrepentant men, then I hold onto another truth and promise that my Lord gave to me and all who look to Him as the author and finisher of our faith: 1st Thessalonians.

- 5:9 "For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,
- 5:10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him." And this one: Revelation,
- 3:10 "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.
- 3:11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."

The beginning of coming wars loom starting with Psalm 83 and following my proposed timeline noted above...but I'm not worried, because I have Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of my life, dwelling in my heart and spirit...

DO YOU???

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