

PSALM 83 vs 1

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This is the 12th of the 12 Psalms ascribed to Asaph, bearing this seer's name. In 2 Chronicles 29:30, Hezekiah ordered the Levites "to sing the words of David and of Asaph the seer" ... evidence the Spirit of God continues inspiring others to consider the ways of the Lord.

Divisions: This is the last occasion which we will meet with this eloquent writer. The poet sings again of imminent wars and dangers, but it is no godless song of a thoughtless nation entering upon war with a light heart. Asaph is well aware of the serious dangers arising from the powerful confederate nations. An appeal to God (1-4); details of the league (5-8); earnest prayer for the overthrow of the enemy (9-15), expressing that God's glory be promoted – Charles Spurgeon.



A Song, Psalm of Asaph.

¹ O God, do not keep silent: do not hold Your peace, O God, be not still.

² For, Your enemies make trouble: and those who hate You lift up their head.

³ Against Your people, they craftily consult, and conspire against Your treasured ones,

⁴ saying, Come, let us wipe them out as a nation; and remember the name of Israel no more / man is clamorous, be not speechless; one word from You can deliver Your people; O Lord, let Your voice be heard. Whatever we may do, our enemies use their wits and put their heads together in united effort, using much treachery and cunning in arranging their schemes against Your treasured ones – Charles Spurgeon. It sounds like some of the ignorant geniuses in the 21st century, doesn't it? Tragically, most of those ancient Houses of Israel and of Judah don't know who is who; so how would those who conspire against them know?

⁵ For they conspire with one mind; against You they make a confederacy:

⁶ the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; of Moab and the Hagrites;

⁷ Gebal, Ammon and Amalek; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;

⁸ Also Assyria joined with them: and they helped the children of Lot. / all in the news today

Selah, pause and think about it. And isn't the Bible interesting? Starting with Edom, the nearest of kin, yet first in enmity. Their father Esau despised the birthright, and the descendants despised its possessors. The descendants of Ishmael – the children of Hagar, and those who dwell around Mount Sinai in Arabia; -- east, west; south and north; 3,000 years ago, they were 10 to 1 against Israel; and all are still in the news today.

⁹ Do to them as to Midian; as to Sisera and Jabin, at the brook of Kishon:

¹⁰ who perished at Endor: who became dung for the earth.

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¹¹ Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yes,

all their princes as Zebah and Zalmunna:

¹² who said, Let us possess for ourselves the pastures of God / both [Israel](#) and [Judah](#).

¹³ O my God, make them like a whirlwind; like chaff in the wind / roll them around.

¹⁴ As fire burns the wood; as the flame sets on fire the mountains;

¹⁵ so pursue them with Your whirlwind, and with Your twister terrify them.

/ Do to Midian as You did to Sisera; that is dash their heads together; make their policies to cross one another; Isaiah tells us, overnight 180,000 were dead; more dung for the earth; all their noble rulers, yes, piles and piles of dung for the earth. Their nobles and princes made the finest manure; the land was enriched and made fertile by their flesh, their blood and their bones. May they spin like a tumbleweed, and be carried away with a whirlwind chased across the plains; flying with the dreadful hurry and confusion of the flames.

¹⁶ Fill their faces with shame; that they seek Your name, O LORD.

¹⁷ shame and dismay them forever; until they are humiliated and vanish:

¹⁸ that they know that YOU, YHWH alone, are the Most High over all the [earth](#).

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