



# Israel – Gaza War Biblical Perspective



Exodus 17:16 For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with **Amalek** from **generation to generation**.

*Note: Amalek is the grandson of Esau, whose lineage joined with Ishmael.*



# The Israel/Gaza war

Today, many people see the Bible as some old relic with little to do with “modern” day 21<sup>st</sup>-century life.

- Others see the Bible as just a bunch of rules and regulations that do not seem to fit our “modern” society.

This is why most church members/Pastors rarely connect with the Old Testament.

- Most people look at our topic, the Israel/Gaza war, based on just a few years – 2007 to the present day.

**One will find that, in studying this topic, the Bible is as up-to-date as our newspapers.**

## Brief Understanding of the Impact of Israel on the Jewish People

Years ago, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, the last Lubavitch Rabbi who died in 1974, said every Jew has a “spark” in them.

- Proverbs 20:27 The spirit of man is the **candle** of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

Unfortunately, **his** view that spark was for studying Torah based on **Rabbinical** teaching. (We would say the Word of God)

- I believe that spark for the Jewish people is that love for Eretz Yisrael – Land of Israel since God gave it to us!

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# Reminder: We are eating steak each class!

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- *Good News...We have 3 more messages to help you digest the Meat of God's Word Today!*
- More Good News! If you are a “young” Believer, this will help you go to the next level in your spiritual walk!

## Key Verses

Hebrews 5:12-14 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. (13) For every one that useth milk *is* unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. (14) **But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.**

Before we begin, let's ensure you have a strong understanding of the location of the Gaza Strip.







GAZA –  
ITS WIDTH  
AND LENGTH



# Joseph de Maistre

Joseph de Maistre said after the French Revolution (1799), **“Every nation gets the government it deserves.”**

- Who the people allow to rule them dictates what they will get.

This is true in the US and Gaza.

- The people of Gaza allowed Hamas to rule over them for 17 years.
- Many Gazans expressed happiness about what Hamas fighters did on Oct. 7, 2023.

The blood of the evil deeds is on their hands as well.



“Every nation gets the government it deserves.”

While the Gazans are civilians, they are reaping what they sowed –

- Galatians 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man **soweth**, that shall he also **reap**.

Israel has stated it will not take over the government of Gaza but will take out Hamas, the ruling body of Gaza.

Remember:

- Israel had to remove all its citizens from the 20+ enclaves of the southern areas to make sure all terrorists had been removed.

So, too, Gazans will have to leave their cities so Israel can root out Hamas.

## CNN Report: October 24 - UN secretary-general: Hamas attacks on Israel "did not happen in a vacuum"



October 24, 2023 - United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said during his remarks to the Security Council on the Middle East that Hamas' October 7 attacks on Israel **"It is important to also recognize the attacks by Hamas did not happen in a vacuum..."**

- <https://edition.cnn.com/middleeast/live-news/israel-hamas-war-gaza-palestine-10-25-23>.

If he had stopped there, we would all agree with him. But unfortunately, he went on to ignore Hamas's atrocities against civilians and even justified the slaughter by blaming Israel, of course.

## Israel - Attacked on October 7, 2023 – Biblical significance

This is Israel's Fifth time to be at war with Hamas since 2008.

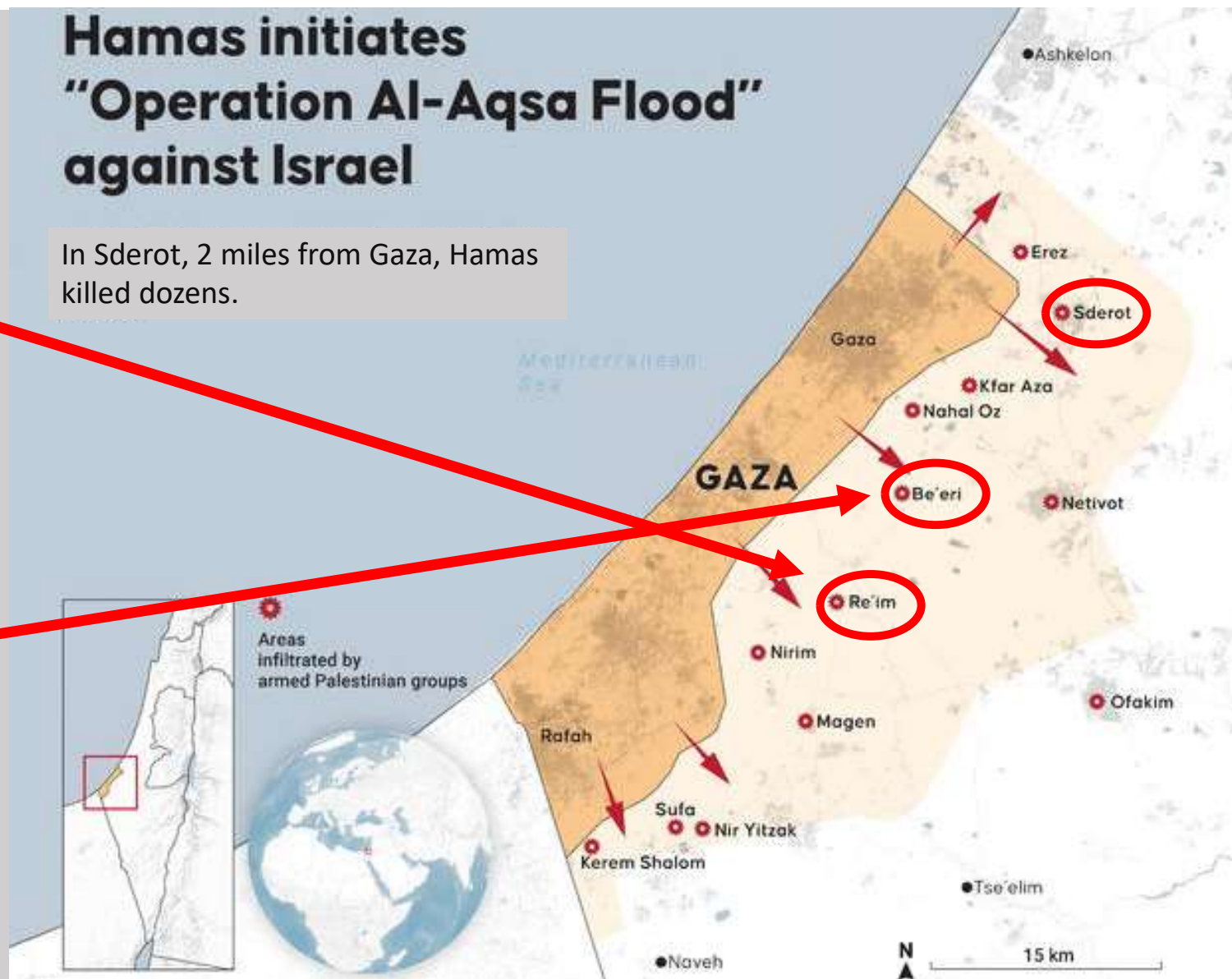
1. Dec. 2008 – Jan. 2009 – Operation: **Cast Lead** – Began when **Hamas sent rockets** into Israel.
2. Nov. 12, 2012 (8 days) – Operation: **Pillar of Defense** – **Hamas sent 100 rockets** into Israel in 24 hours.
3. 2014 – Operation: **Protective Edge** – Three Israeli teenagers were kidnapped and murdered.
4. May 2021 – Operation: **Guardian of the Walls** – **Hamas sent rockets into Israel.**
5. October 7, 2023 – Operation: **Sword of Iron** – 1400 Israeli civilians and soldiers killed and 3400 injured in a surprise attack.

Oct. 7, 2023 - Kibbutz Re'im - 3 miles from the border wall between Israel and Gaza, Hamas terrorists attacked a **music festival**, killing at least 260 civilians and abducting others.

In a small farming community of Be'eri, 3 miles from Gaza, They found 100 bodies, about 10% of the kibbutz's population.

## Hamas initiates "Operation Al-Aqsa Flood" against Israel

In Sderot, 2 miles from Gaza, Hamas killed dozens.



Now, is the War mentioned in the Bible in the End Times?

## No is the short answer! – Sermon on the Mount

- Matthew 24:3-8 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, **Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?** (4) And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. (5) **For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.** (6) **And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars:** see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. (7) **For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.** (8) **All these are the beginning of sorrows.**

Pretribulationist, next on God's agenda - Rapture of Church Age Saints.

## We are waiting on the “shout” – Rapture

- 1 Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a **shout**, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

## End Time Chronology:

- Church Age – Acts 2 – Feast of Pentecost
  - Acts 1:6-7 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, **Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?** (7) And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.
    - The **Kingdom** is for **ISRAEL...NOT** the Church-Aged Saints!
    - WE (Believers) will be in our glorified bodies, ruling and reigning with HIM during the Millennial/Messianic Kingdom.
- Rapture – I Thess. 4:16
  - Two years later - Battle of Gog and Magog I - Ezekiel 38-39
  - Weapons burn for seven years – Ezekiel 39:9

Pretribulationist, next on God's agenda - Rapture of Church Age Saints.

- Seven-Year Tribulation Period – Rev. 4-19
  - Israel is in focus
  - Ends – All Israel is saved – Romans 11:26
- Second Coming – Rev. 19
  - Battle of Armageddon
- Millennial/Messianic **Kingdom** – Rev. 20
  - There is NO “Church” in the M/K – Israel in focus!
  - Battle of Gog and Magog II – Revelation 20:7-9
- New Heaven, New Earth, New Jerusalem – Rev. 21-22

## What are those birth pangs?

- Matthew 24:7-8 For nation [ethos – people] shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom (1): and there shall be famines (2), and pestilences (3), and earthquakes, in divers places. (8) All these are the beginning of sorrows.

1. Sword (war)
2. Famines
3. Pestilences – *Like Covid-19*
4. Wild beasts (Revelation 6:8)

Comparison of Christ's description of the beginning of birth pangs in Matt. 24:5-7 with the first 4 seals of Rev. 6:1-8.

### Beginning of Birth Pangs – Mt. 24

1. False Messiahs who will mislead many (vs. 5)
2. Wars, rumors of wars, nation rising against nation (vv. 6-7)
3. Famines (vs. 7)
4. **Death** through famines, **pestilences**, and earthquakes (vs. 7)

### First 4 Seals of Rev. 6

**1<sup>st</sup> Seal:** Rider on a **white horse**, a **false messiah** (vs. 2)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Seal:** Rider on a **red horse** takes away **peace** from earth (vv. 3-4)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Seal:** Rider on a **black horse** holds balances - **famine** (vv. 5-6)

**4<sup>th</sup> Seal:** Rider on a **pale horse** - death through famine, pestilence, and wild beasts (vv. 7-8)

If this war with Hamas is NOT the End Times, what does it accomplish?

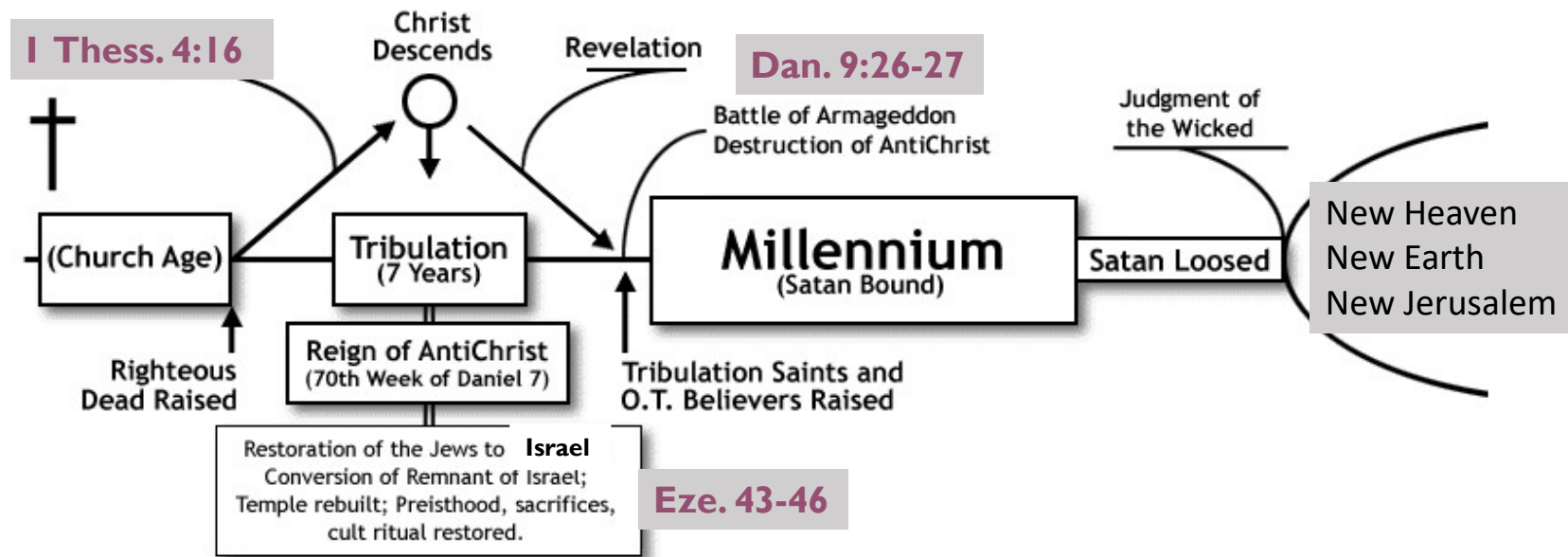
OUR VIEW: It sets the stage for when Gog and Magog 1 (Ezekiel 38-39) does happen, as that war will be viewed as just another war between ½ brothers – Isaac and Ishmael.

- A Muslim Confederation attacks Israel from the North...again!
- A possible earlier battle is described in Psalms 83.

**OTHER VIEWS:** If one does not hold to a Pretribulation /Premillennial viewpoint, they MUST spiritualize Ezekiel 37 (Dry bones – Israel coming back) and the Gog and Magog war – i.e., you/Church are going through tribulation NOW.

# Dispensational Premillennialism:

Church Age – Rapture of the Saints – 7-year Tribulation Period  
Millennium (1,000 years) - New Heaven & New Earth



Israel is brought back into “leadership” during the 7-year tribulation period - 2 “olive tree” leaders – Rev. 11:3

# Golden Rule of Hermeneutics



When the **plain sense of Scripture** makes **common sense**, seek no other sense; therefore, take every word as its primary, ordinary, usual, **literal meaning** **UNLESS**, the facts of the immediate context, studied in the light of related passages and axiomatic and fundamental truths, indicate clearly otherwise.

- Dr. David L. Cooper (Th.M., Ph.D., Litt.D – 1886-1965),  
Founder of the Biblical Research Society (1947)

# 4 MILLENNIAL VIEWS

(AS IT PERTAINS TO ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE)

Israel-**Church**  
Two **Separate**  
Entities

Dispensational  
Premillennialism

- Mid-Trib.
- Split Trib.
- Pre-Wrath Rapture  
(Marvin Rosenthal)

**Church**  
has “replaced”  
Israel

- **Amillennial**
- **Postmillennial**
- **Preterism**

“Historical” and Progressive Premillennialism see a Millennial time  
– no Rapture and Israel is replaced - Amillennial “light”

Gaza – A Brief History - Spans 4,000 years  
Guterres - “this war did not happen in a vacuum”

All major Countries in the Middle East area have **had control of Gaza for 4,000 years**. To say that the Gaza people had sovereign control over the land at **any time** would be fundamentally wrong.

- It was a **Canaanite** settlement
- Ancient **Egyptians** ruled it for 350 years.
- **Philistines** – It was one of the five main cities
- The **Assyrian Empire** controlled Gaza around 730 BC.

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- **Alexander the Great** (The Greek King of Macedon) - 332 BC - center for Hellenistic learning.
- Both Greek kingdoms - **Seleucids** (Syria)/ **Ptolemies** (Egypt)
- 96 BC – **Hasmoneans** (Jews - Stories of the Maccabees /Chanukah)
- **Rome** rebuilt it and *gave* it to Herod the Great.
  - At that time, it had a 500-member senate with Greeks, Romans, Jews, Egyptians, Persians, and Nabateans living there.

## Gaza – A Brief History - Spans 4,000 years

It was conquered by the **Muslims in 637 AD**, and most **Gazans converted to Islam**. After that, the city went through periods of prosperity and decline.

- The **Crusaders** defeated the Muslims to control Gaza (1100 AD) only to lose it to Arab leader Saladin.
- The **Mamluks** (foreign slaves/fighters imported to fight and turned to Islam) - late 13th century took it over along with other countries.
- It witnessed a golden age under the **Ottomans** in the 16th century.
  - From the Mongolian raids to floods and locusts, it was reduced to a village by the **16th century**, part of the **Ottoman Empire**.
  - During the first half of **Ottoman rule**, the city went through an age of great commerce and peace.

## Gaza – A Brief History

The municipality of Gaza was established in 1893.

- World War I - The League of Nations - Gaza became part of the **British Mandate** of “Palestine.”
- **1929 - the “Palestine” riots** in the Jewish Quarter of Gaza were destroyed, and most of Gaza’s Jewish families fled the city.

In the 1930s and 1940s - Gaza underwent major building expansion and was financed by international organizations and missionary groups (*the building you see today*).

So, to just look at Gaza from 2007 and demand their own country falls short of its history of 4,000 years.

## Gaza – A Brief History

- 1948 Arab–Israeli War (Israel's independence), **Egypt** was in control of Gaza - called the Gaza Strip.
  - Gaza's population **grew** as refugees from cities captured by Israel fled to it as no Arab nation would take them in.
- 1948 until 1959 - **All-Palestine Government** (established by the Arab League) controlled but was ineffective and dissolved in 1959.
- 1959 - The United Arab Republic, a union of Syria and Egypt under the pan-Arab policy of Nasser, controlled it.

It looks like Israel/US wants to try this again today ***after*** they defeat Hamas.

## Gaza's History

Gaza was captured by Israel in the **Six-Day War in 1967**, and Jewish people settled and built homes there.

- September 1993 – Oslo Accords
  - **Palestinian National Authority** (PNA) - May 1994 -Yasser Arafat.
- In 2005, Israel's unilateral disengagement from the Gaza Strip - under Israeli PM Ariel Sharon.
- After the **2006** election, an armed conflict broke out between the PLO (Fatah) and Hamas, as Hamas took over Gaza.
- 2007 - Hamas won elections (you get what you elect), staged a violent coup in June 2007, and has been in control of Gaza since then.

Because Hamas rules the enclave, Egypt and Israel imposed a blockade on the Gaza Strip.

Gaza crossing into Egypt



## Hamas - Backstory

Hamas was formed in **1987** at the start of the **first** Palestinian uprising, or intifada, against Israel.

- It is an offshoot of the **Muslim Brotherhood**, a transnational Sunni Islamist group that first formed in Egypt.
- Egypt leader Abdel Fattah el-Sisi (2014) defeated and outlawed M/B and removed former Egyptian leader Mohamed Morsi.
  - 2018 – Egypt destroyed 37 cross-border tunnels to the Gaza Strip with sea water.

## Hamas - Backstory

Hamas is an **Arabic acronym** for "Islamic Resistance Movement," as they want to create a Palestinian state.

- I believe it was taken from the Old Testament – Haman/Hamas. (Book of Esther).
  - Haman sought to kill all the Jews in Persia (modern-day Iran).
  - It rejects any peace deal with Israel, which it refuses to recognize.

Amazing: Because of the world's hatred of the Jews...is why **no one believes** that Hamas really wants to destroy Israel

- It is in their charter – constitution.
- They want to replicate the horror of October 7, 2023, over and over again.

Ghazi Hamad, a senior Hamas official, said in an interview:

"We must teach Israel a lesson, and we will do this **again and again**.

- The Al-Aqsa Flood is just the first time, and there will be a second, a third, a fourth. Because we have the determination ...to fight."

- Jerusalem Post Staff (1 November 2023). Archived from the original on 12 November 2023.

How can Israel live in "peace" with a neighbor who has vowed to destroy them



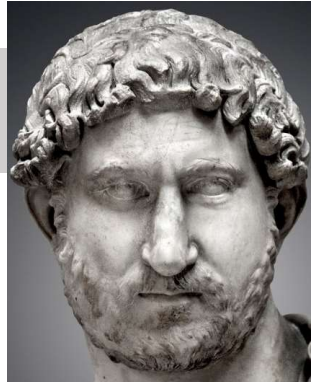
Before we go on with the Battle,  
I have found that many church  
members do not know the issue of  
the use of the term “Palestinian.”

This will lead us to ask the really BIG question!

Israel – Name Changed to Palestine by Hadrian – 132 AD

- Temple fell in 70 AD by the Romans – **1<sup>st</sup> Revolt**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Revolt** - Roman Leader **Hadrian** – 132 AD kicked all Jews out of Jerusalem (Bar Kochiba Revolt).
- Renamed Jerusalem – **Aelia Capitolen** (*yet today, no one calls it that!*)
  - After the Roman “god” of Jupiter - Capitolinus.
- Renamed Land of Israel – **Palestina** (Latin) after **Philistia or Philistine**, Israel’s long-time enemy.
  - Until 1948 – The word “Palestine” was used for **both** Jews and Arabs on their Passports

Note: Many “scholars” still use the name “Palestine” as it typically reveals **they have a Replacement Theology**.



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Two different Jewish individuals held these British Passports as the **land**, not the people, was called "Palestine."

You were a  
"Palestinian" Jew or  
"Palestinian" Arab

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## Philistines – Palestine/Palestina

Is the word “Palestine” in the Bible? - Once

- Joel 3:4 “Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine?...” (*Only place in the Bible the word is found*)
  - Book of Joel – Written in 835 BC (Ryrie Study Bible – page 1306)

Yet I am telling you, the word Palestine was not used till 132 AD?

Other spellings - Palestina - “a” – Found 3 Times in the Bible

- The people shall hear, *and* be afraid: sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina. (Exodus 15:14)
- Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina, because the rod of him that smote thee is broken: for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice, and his fruit *shall be* a fiery flying serpent. (Isaiah 14:29)
- Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou, whole Palestina, *art* dissolved: for there shall come from the north a smoke, and none *shall be* alone in his appointed times. (Isaiah 14:31)

“Palestine” – Found Once in Bible

“Palestine”/“Palestina” – Hebrew word:

- פלשת – pelesheth - BDB Definition (Brown Driver Briggs Dictionary):  
**Philistia** = “land of sojourners”  
1) the general territory on the west coast of **Canaan.**

The word comes from "**Philistia**," which were "sea people" who came from Cyprus.

- Others see them from Damietta on the eastern end of the Nile Delta.
- No "definitive" answer on where they (Sea people") came from.

**PLO Leader Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) now claims he/Palestinian people are not Arabs but Philistines/Canaan!**

Israel 365 News – June 15, 2022

<https://www.israel365news.com/135181/abbas-accidentally-admits-according-bible-canaanite-palestinians-leave-israel/>



At a speech in Ramallah on Saturday, Palestinian President **Mahmoud Abbas** perpetuated a myth that is one of the main Palestinian talking points.

- “**We are the Canaanites,**” Abbas was quoted in Asharq Al-Awsat as saying.

“We will remain in our homeland, and the outsiders on this land has no right in this country. The land is for its inhabitants, this land is for the **Canaanites** who were here 5,000 years ago, and **we are the Canaanites.**”

“Palestine” – Found Once in Bible; Philistina<sub>a</sub> – 28 times

**3<sup>rd</sup> spelling: Philistina** is found 28 times in the O/T.

- 27 are in I Samuel 17) and once in II Samuel 22.
  - **Philistines – the long-time mortal enemy of Israel.**
  - They had five cities on the Mediterranean Sea **coast** of Israel.

So, Joel 3:4 is calling in this ONE and only instance (KJV) “Palestine<sub>e</sub>” as it is speaking about the **5 Philistines cities** (Ashdod, Gaza, Ashkelon, Gath, and Ekron) that were on the **coast of Israel**.

Joel 3:4 – “...and all the **coasts of Palestine**”

## 5 Philistine cities

1. Gaza
2. Ashkelon
3. Ashdod
4. Ekron
5. Gath

Joel 3:4 – “...and all the coasts of Palestine”





## Gaza's Biblical History

The famous  
story of Samson  
carrying the  
“gate of the city”  
of Gaza



Judges 16:2-3 And it was told the **Gazites**, saying, Samson is come hither. And they compassed him in, and laid wait for him all night in the **gate of the city**, and were quiet all the night, saying, In the morning, when it is day, we shall kill him. (3) And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the **doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts**, and went away with them, bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of an hill that is before Hebron.

## Gaza – In the Bible – NOT Good!

Gaza – It is connected with the line of Ishmael and is found **20 times** in the Old/New Testament Bible.

- Most references to Gaza:
  - How wicked its people and leaders are.
  - How they hate Israel and the Jewish people
  - God repeatedly sent His prophets to warn of Gaza's impending judgment.
  - See Psalms 83 for those who hate Israel in prophecy. (Part 2 in this message)

## Gaza – In the Bible – NOT Good!

Gaza – 1<sup>st</sup> mentioned Genesis 10 is **occupied** by the Canaanites, the mortal enemies of Israel/God.

- Genesis 10:19 And the border of the **Canaanites** was from Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto **Gaza**; as thou goest, unto Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Lasha.

**Gaza is described as the base camp of the Philistines, who were constantly attacking and terrorizing Israel.**

- This just shows how out of date and out of touch the Bible is! LOL

## Let me remind you...In archaeology/Bible

If you find a gate, you will find another gate if you dig under it.

- Example – Eastern Gate

If you find a village, dig under it; you will find another village.

- Example - Megiddo
- If you find a synagogue, you find another synagogue under it.
  - See the 4<sup>th</sup> Century Synagogue at Capernaum.

If you have a Biblical nation that hates Israel, its present nation will also hate Jews.

## Gaza – In the Bible – NOT Good!

### **The Lord directed the armies of Judah – to conquer Gaza.**

- Judges 1:18-19 Also **Judah took Gaza** with the coast thereof, and Askelon with the coast thereof, and Ekron with the coast thereof. (19) And the **LORD was with Judah**; and he drave out the inhabitants of the mountain...”

### **Judges 16 - Samson is “tricked” by Delilah, who is from Gaza.**

- **He destroyed the wicked leaders in Gaza, but it cost his life.**
  - Judges 16:1 Then went Samson to **Gaza**, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her.
  - Judges 16:21 But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to **Gaza**, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.

## Gaza – In the Bible – NOT Good!

### **In Jeremiah 47, the Pharaohs of Egypt conquered Gaza.**

- Jeremiah 47:1 The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Philistines, before that **Pharaoh smote Gaza**.
- Jeremiah 47:5 **Baldness is come upon Gaza**; Ashkelon is cut off with the remnant of their valley: how long wilt thou cut thyself?

### **Amos was told by God to write about the wickedness of Gaza and the divine judgment that was coming upon it.**

- Amos 1:6-7 Thus saith the LORD; For three **transgressions of Gaza**, and for four, I will **not turn away the punishment** thereof; because they carried away captive the whole captivity, to deliver them up to Edom: (7) But I will send **a fire on the wall of Gaza**, which shall devour the palaces thereof:

## Gaza – In the Bible – NOT Good!

**God also told prophets Zephaniah and Zechariah to warn of judgment coming to Gaza and its nearby Philistine cities.**

- Zephaniah 2:4 For **Gaza** shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall drive out Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up.
- Zechariah 9:5 Ashkelon shall see it, and fear; **Gaza** also shall see it, and be very sorrowful, and Ekron; for her expectation shall be ashamed; and the king shall perish **from Gaza**, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.

## Gaza – In the Bible – NOT Good!

### **Bible - One positive reference to Gaza is in the New Testament -**

- The Ethiopian eunuch was reading Isaiah 53, and God led Philip to witness to him.
  - Acts 8:25-26 And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and **preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.** (26) And the angel of the Lord spake unto **Philip**, saying, **Arise, and go toward the south** unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto **Gaza**, which is desert.

To Better Understand this  
Battle, One Must Return to  
its Beginning Roots!

**Israel/Gaza War – The attacks by Hamas did not happen in a vacuum**

# Biblical Perspective - Ishmael – Isaac Battle

**Two Combatants** – This battle has been waging for a long time:

## Ishmael:

- Genesis 16:12 And he will be a **wild man**; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and **he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.**

## Isaac:

- Genesis 22:2 And he said, **Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac**, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains...”

The Abrahamic Covenant was given to Isaac and not Ishmael.

## Biblical Perspective - Ishmael – Isaac Battle

**Know the combatants** – Battle has been waging for a long time:

**KEY:** Exodus 17:16 For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with **Amalek** from **generation to generation**.

- Amalek is the Grandson of **Esau**, whose line was joined with Ishmael as he married his daughter.
  - Genesis 28:9 Then went **Esau unto Ishmael**, and took unto the wives which he had **Mahalath** the **daughter of Ishmael** Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.

God has written the history of Esau to reveal who they are down through the ages.

# Israel had left Egypt to go to the Promised Land.

Exodus 17:16 - from **generation to generation**.

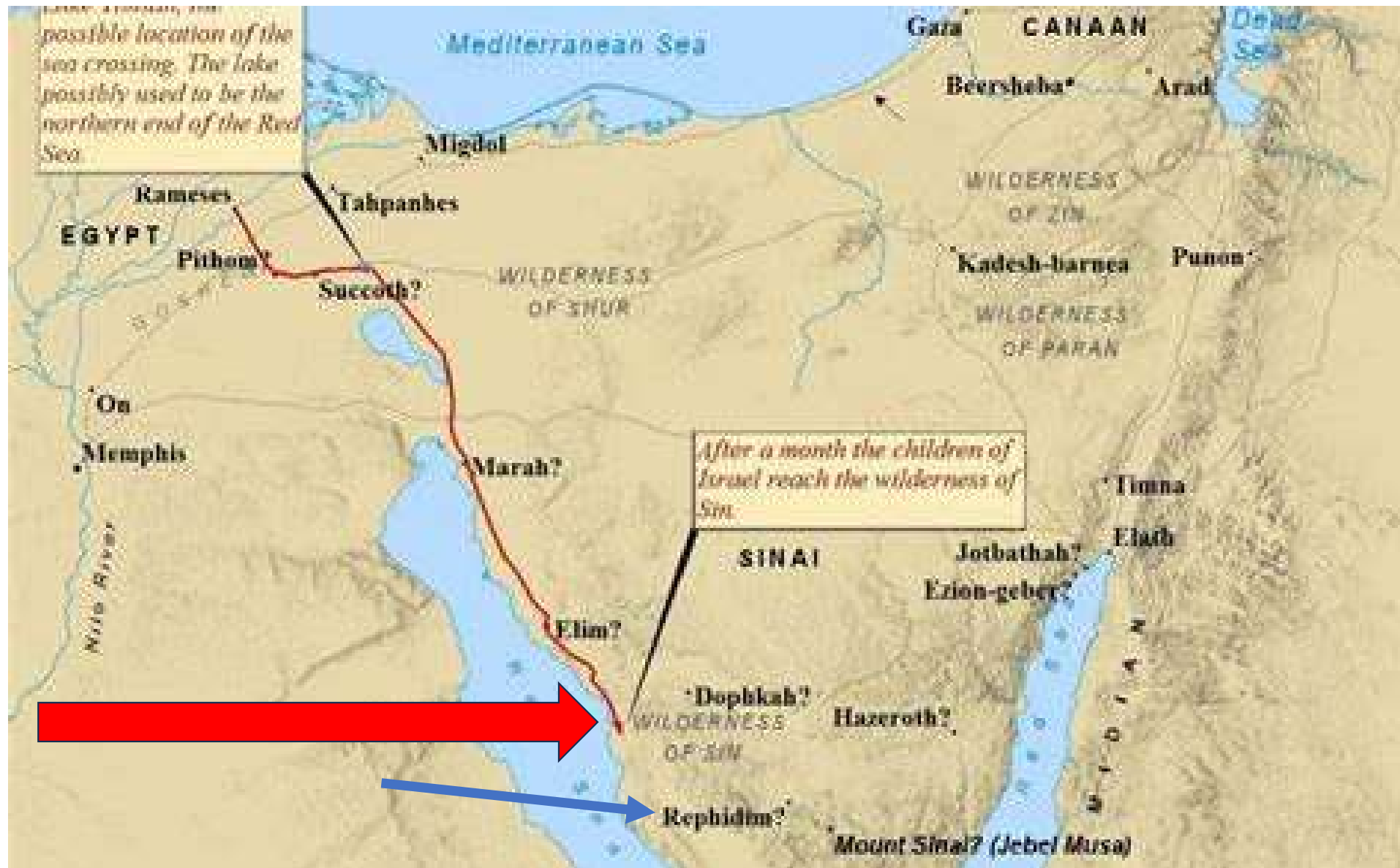
On their way, they complained to Moses for water, for they were in the “wilderness of Sin” and stopped at Rephidim:

- Exodus 17:1 And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the **wilderness of Sin**, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in **Rephidim**: and there was no water for the people to drink.

“wilderness of Sin” - מִדְבַּר-סִין – from the moon god Sin.

Moses was commanded to strike the rock for water.

- Exodus 17:6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock **in Horeb**; and thou shalt **smite the rock**, and there shall come **water out of it**, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.



## After God sustained Israel

The place where water was found is a very famous location – **Horeb!**

- Exodus 17:6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock **in Horeb**; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

Because the two mountains are next to each other, Moses gives them two names – Massah and Meribah.

Exodus 17:7 And he called the name of the place **Massah**, and **Meribah**, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?



Mt. Sinai/Mt. Horeb/Mt. of God

## Impactful Events at Mt. Horeb/Mt. Sinai

- *Horeb* (חרב - chôrêb) Hebrew meaning “desert.”

Three names for the same location:

1. Mt. Horeb
  2. Mount Sinai – Moses received the 10 Commandments.  
Deuteronomy 5:2 The LORD our God made a covenant with us **in Horeb**.
- Malachi 4:4 Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him **in Horeb** for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

## Impactful Events at Mt. Horeb/Mt. Sinai

*Horeb* (חרב - chôrêb) - Hebrew meaning “desert.” Third name:

3. “The mountain of God” – for Mount Horeb or Mount Sinai (Exodus 3:1; 4:27; 18:5).

- Exodus 3:1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the **mountain of God, even to Horeb.**

Other Impactful Events at Mt. Horeb/Mt. Sinai.

1. Moses, at **Mount Horeb**, tending the flocks of Jethro (his father-in-law,) saw a bush that was on fire but not burning up as God called him to deliver Israel from Egypt. (Exodus 3:1–12).

## Other Impactful Events at Mt. Horeb/Mt. Sinai

2. Israel made a golden idol in the shape of a calf to worship, provoking God's wrath.

- Deuteronomy 9:8 Also **in Horeb** ye provoked the LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was angry with you to have destroyed you.
- Psalms 106:19 They made a calf in **Horeb**, and worshipped the molten image.

Aaron's funny response to Moses was twofold:

- He blamed the people
- He had "no idea" that the gold would turn out as a calf.
  - Exodus 32:23-24 For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. (24) And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off. **So they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf.**

## Impactful Events at Mt. Horeb/Mt. Sinai

3. Beginning at Mount Horeb, the Israelites set out to Kadeshbarnea, an eleven-day journey.
  - Deuteronomy 1:2 (There are eleven days' journey from **Horeb** by the way of mount Seir unto Kadeshbarnea.)
4. Elijah fled to Mount Horeb because of Jezebel's wrath.
  - 1 Kings 19:8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto **Horeb the mount of God**.

God continues to answer Israel's Question..."Is the Lord among us, or not?"

- Exodus 17:7 And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, **Is the LORD among us, or not?**

He saved them by Moses striking the rock, now, he saves them from the **Amalekites**.

- Exodus 17:8 Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

Aaron and Hur put a stone for Moses to sit on and held his hand up to help shoulder the load of the rod.

- Exodus 17:9 And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.

God answers Israel's Question..."Is the Lord among us, or not?"

Joshua's defeat of Amalekites was not a one-time battle –

- Exodus 17:15-16 And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it **Jehovahnissi**: (16) For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from **generation to generation**.

Israel's defeat of Amalek/Ishmael continues even today when God is still with Israel.

- Jehovahnissi – God is our banner.
  - A banner was a declaration under whose King you served. For Israel, Jehovah God was their leader!

Biblical Perspective – continuation of the Ishmael – Isaac Battle

The story of Isaac's wife Rebekah having two nations in her womb.

- Genesis 25:23 And the LORD said unto her, **Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels**; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

The book of Malachi and the Apostle Paul reminds Israel that God loved Jacob but **hated** Esau.

- Malachi 1:2-3 I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet **I loved Jacob**, (3) And **I hated Esau**, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.

## Biblical Perspective – continuation of the Ishmael – Isaac Battle

The story that Isaac's wife Rebekah having two nations in her womb.

- Romans 9:13 As it is written, **Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.**

Your professor believes that the Antichrist will come from the line of Esau, which explains God's statement, "Esau have I hated."

- Micah 5:5 And this man shall be the peace, when **the Assyrian shall come into our land**: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men.

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**ISHMAEL and Isaac**

**Half-brothers**

**The “enmity” that began  
in Gen. 3:15 between the  
“seed of the woman”**

**versus SATAN's serpent seed  
is found in the battle of  
these two families!**

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## **Isaac & ISHMAEL - 4 Similarities**

- 1. Both Isaac and ISHMAEL had the same father – Abraham.**
- 2. ISHMAEL is “named” by an angel (Gen 16:11); Isaac is named by God (Gen. 17:19)**

## Genesis 16:11

**“And the **angel of the LORD** said unto her, Behold, thou *art* with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name **Ishmael**; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.”**

## Genesis 17:19

**“And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac:”**

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## **Isaac & ISHMAEL - 4 Similarities**

**3. Both ISHMAEL and Isaac would have 12 sons.**

**4. Both nations are called “great” by God – 4 times.**

- **“Great” - Does not imply upstanding citizens.**
- **“Great” - Does not imply size or number.**

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**After God revealed Isaac's Birth and his everlasting covenant through this child, Abraham lamented ISHMAEL's fate, which leads God to announce:**

**“And as for ISHMAEL, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.” (Gen. 17:20; 21:18 see also Jeremiah 6:22)**

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## **Isaac & ISHMAEL Similarities**

**Both Nations (Isaac/ISHMAEL) would have a  
“Great” Impact on the world!**

**BUT WHICH OF THESE TWO FLEDGLINGS  
NATIONS WOULD BE THE ONE GOD  
CHOSE TO BE HIS PEOPLE?**

**There would have been high drama at this  
junction of Scripture!**

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## **Abraham Chose... *ISHMAEL***

**Abraham was “*very grievous*” (Gen. 21:11) of God’s choice of **Isaac**.**

- **Had become attached to his oldest son.**
  - **“Oh that *ISHMAEL* might live before thee!” (Genesis 17:18)**

**Wanted closure.**

- **Ancient Near East – Firstborn was most important.**

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## **God Protected His Choice**

**4 Times, he tells Abraham that His **Messianic promised lineage** was through **Isaac** (Genesis 17:19, 21; 21:12; 22:2)**

- **Because of Abraham's ½ truth, Jehovah God had to protect Sarah twice supernaturally:**
  - **from Pharaoh (Gen. 12:12-20)**
  - **and later Abimelech, King of Gerar (Genesis 20:6).**

**God is definitely in control and sovereign!**

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## **Two Main Combatants Vying for the Covenant of God**

**It is traced through history**

- **ISHMAEL and Isaac –**

- Exodus 17:16 “...the LORD will have war with Amalek from **generation to generation.**

- **Islam and Biblical Judaism**

- **Arabs and Jews**

**Who is winning this battle? One has only to  
look and see who is controlling the **Promised  
Land** to reveal that answer!**

# Paradigm: Isaac/ISHMAEL lines

*“Seed of the woman”* vs. SATANIC SERPENT'S SEED  
(Genesis 3:15)

<b>Shem - Terah</b> <b>Abraham/Sarah</b> <b>(Line of) Isaac</b> <b>“great nation”</b> <b>Israel: Jerusalem</b> <b>Jewish People (Judah)</b> <b>Jewish Messiah</b>	<b>Ham - Cush - Nimrod</b> <b>Abraham/Hagar (Egyptian)</b> <b>(Line of) Ishmael</b> <b>“great nation”</b> <b>Iraq: Assyria/Babylon</b> <b>Arab Moslem (Arabia)</b> <b>Assyrian ANTICHRIST</b>
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Israel in fellowship with Egypt & Assyria  
(Millennium - Isaiah 19)

## NOTE: The Satanic appeal of Hamas

***When one sees*** how the different American Ivy League schools come out against Israel despite the horrors of Oct. 7.

- ***When one sees*** how LGBT groups came out as PRO-Palestinian, even though if they ever went over to Gaza, they would be immediately killed.
  - Despite how Israel, in Tel Aviv, is the most PRO LGBT ("lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender") group.
- Some have even added another letter – LGBT-H (for Hamas)!

## The Satanic appeal of Hamas

This topsy-turvy reaction can only be explained:

- Isaiah 5:20 **Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!**
- John 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and **men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.**

What do they all have in common? **Hatred of the Jews!**

So, the question must be asked – **“Why”??**

## Why Antisemitism is still alive today!

Satan sought to kill Jesus, thinking it would be the end of God's plan!

- Jesus defeated death, Satan, and the grave as He arose.

Jesus did tell the Jewish people:

- Matthew 23:37-39 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! (38) Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. (39) For I say unto you, **Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

## Why Antisemitism is still alive today!

Now, if Satan can **destroy** the Jewish people, he can defeat God's plan and the Second Coming (Revelation 19).

- Revelation 19:14-16 And the armies which were in heaven followed **him upon white horses**, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. (15) And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. (16) And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS**.

After the second coming, during the Millennial or Messianic reign, **Satan will be bound**.

- Revelation 20:1-3 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. (2) **And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years**, (3) And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

## Why Antisemitism is still alive today!

Let me remind you that Satan does know God's End-Time plan.

- When Jesus healed the madman of Gethsemane, he sought to make all the demons leave and go into pigs.

The devil's response:

- Matthew 8:28-29 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. (29) And, behold, **they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?**

# Israel – The Real Problem

**Is Israel of today** the Israel of the **end times**? Or will God have to raise Israel back up? (Pro-”p.” – River to the Sea, “p.” must be free”)

- 2 Samuel 7:10 Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will **plant them**, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and **move no more**; neither shall the children of wickedness **afflict them** any more, as beforetime,
- Isaiah 11:11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the **second time to recover the remnant of his people**, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

**It is MY belief that the Israel of today is the Israel of the end times!**

# 2 Samuel 7:10

***“Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will **plant them**, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and **move no more...**”***

This verse answers the question, “Why I believe the **Israel of today** is the Israel of the **end-times.**”

**“dwell in a place of their own, and move no more” (2 Sam. 7:10)**

### **God has given Israel the land:**

- **“In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt [*Nile*] unto the great river, the river Euphrates” (Genesis 15:18)**

**Yet Israel has never had control of the entire land God promised to them at any time to date.**

- **It will...during the Millennial/Messianic Kingdom!**

# Egypt – Israel Map



# Ezekiel 37:21-22

**“Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:”**

**Began in 1948, but the final fulfillment is at the second coming of Christ**

# Isaiah 66:8

**Who hath heard such a thing?  
who hath seen such things?  
Shall the earth be made to  
bring forth in one day? or shall  
a nation be born at once? for as  
soon as Zion travailed, she  
brought forth her children.**

**May 14, 1948, Israel's Modern-day Birth**

# Ezekiel 37:21-22

**“And I will make them **one nation** in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:”**

**Fulfilled at the Second Coming of Christ  
as the Millennium Kingdom is set up**

## Ezekiel 37:25

**“And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children’s children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever.”**

**“...all Israel shall be saved” – Romans 11:26  
Happens at the end of the Tribulation period!**

# Ezekiel 37:26-27

**“Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will...set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore ...(27) yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”**

***“God shall ... dwell in the tents of Shem”  
(Gen. 9:27)***

**“dwell in a place of their own, and move no more” (2 Sam. 7:10)**

***Explanation of why the Israel of today is the Israel of the End Times***

**Israel lost STAYING in the land because of their disobedience but not OWNERSHIP**

- **Blessing/Curses - Deut. 28**
- **“Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.” (Genesis 13:14-15)**

**“dwell in a place of their own, and move no more” (2 Sam. 7:10)**

*Explanation of why the Israel of today is the Israel of the End Times*

## **Restored to the land because of God’s “everlasting love”**

- **The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. (Jeremiah 31:3)**

“dwell in a place of their own, and move no more” (2 Sam. 7:10)

*Explanation of why the Israel of today is the Israel of the End Times*

**God would regather the Jewish people a “second time”**

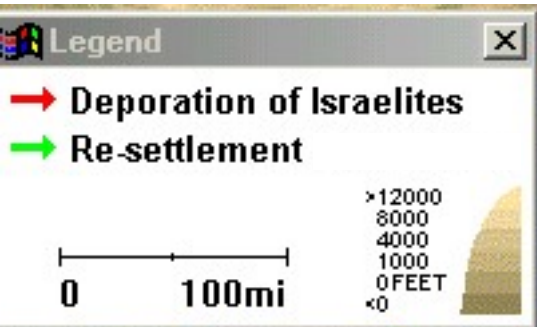
- *“And it shall come to pass in **THAT DAY**, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt...” (Isa. 11:11)*
- **Zephaniah 3:20 At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth**, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the LORD.

**What began in 1948 continued in 1967, and in the Millennial Kingdom, Jesus rules out the M/K Temple in Jerusalem.**

“dwell in a place of their own, and move no more” (2 Sam. 7:10)  
“the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people” (Isaiah 11:11)

Israel's first ***displacement*** was by the **Assyrian** conquest (10 Northern Tribes) in 722 BC.

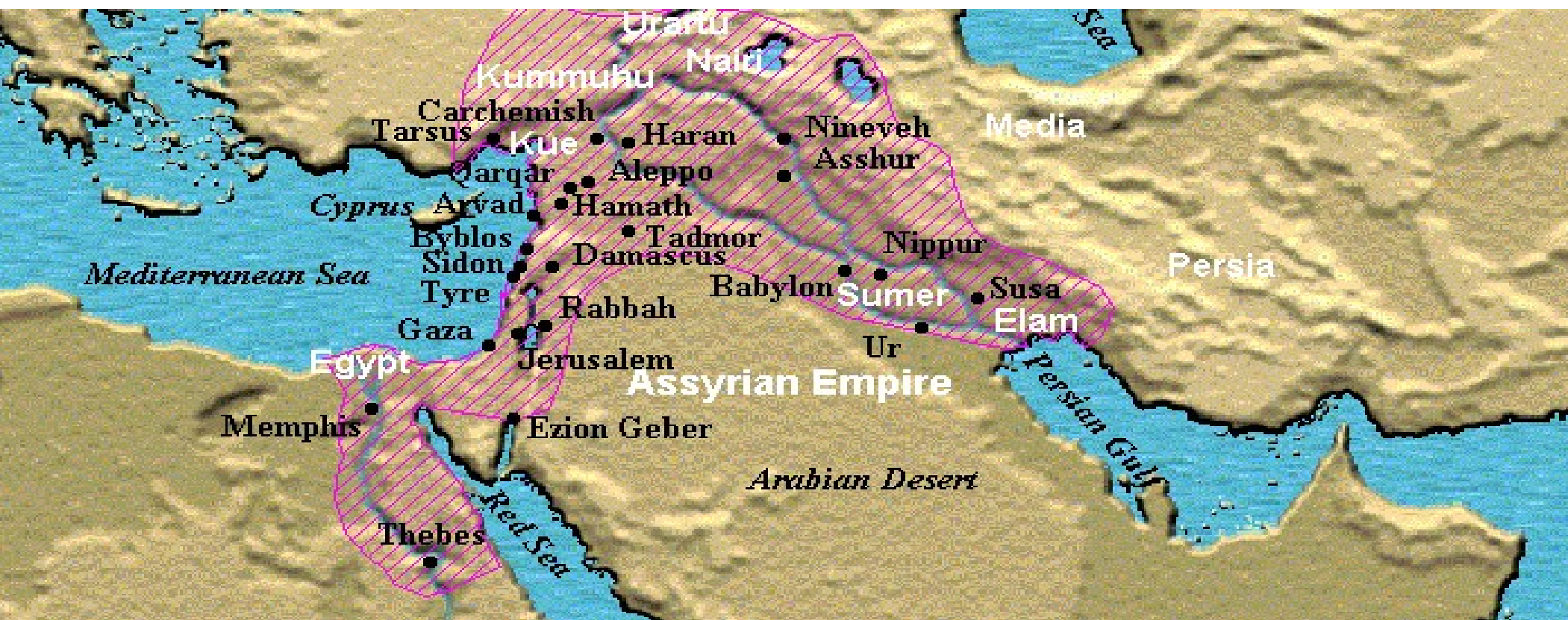
- ***Continued*** the displacement through the **Babylonian** Conquest (2 Southern Tribes) in 586 BC.



## Assyrian Conquest of Israel

The Assyrian Empire was located N of Babylonia, in the region of the upper Tigris and Euphrates rivers, bounded on the W by the Syrian desert and on the N and E by the Armenian and Persian hills.

**Assyrian power reached its zenith in the 8<sup>th</sup>–7<sup>th</sup> centuries BC**



# THE BABYLONIAN EMPIRE 560 BC

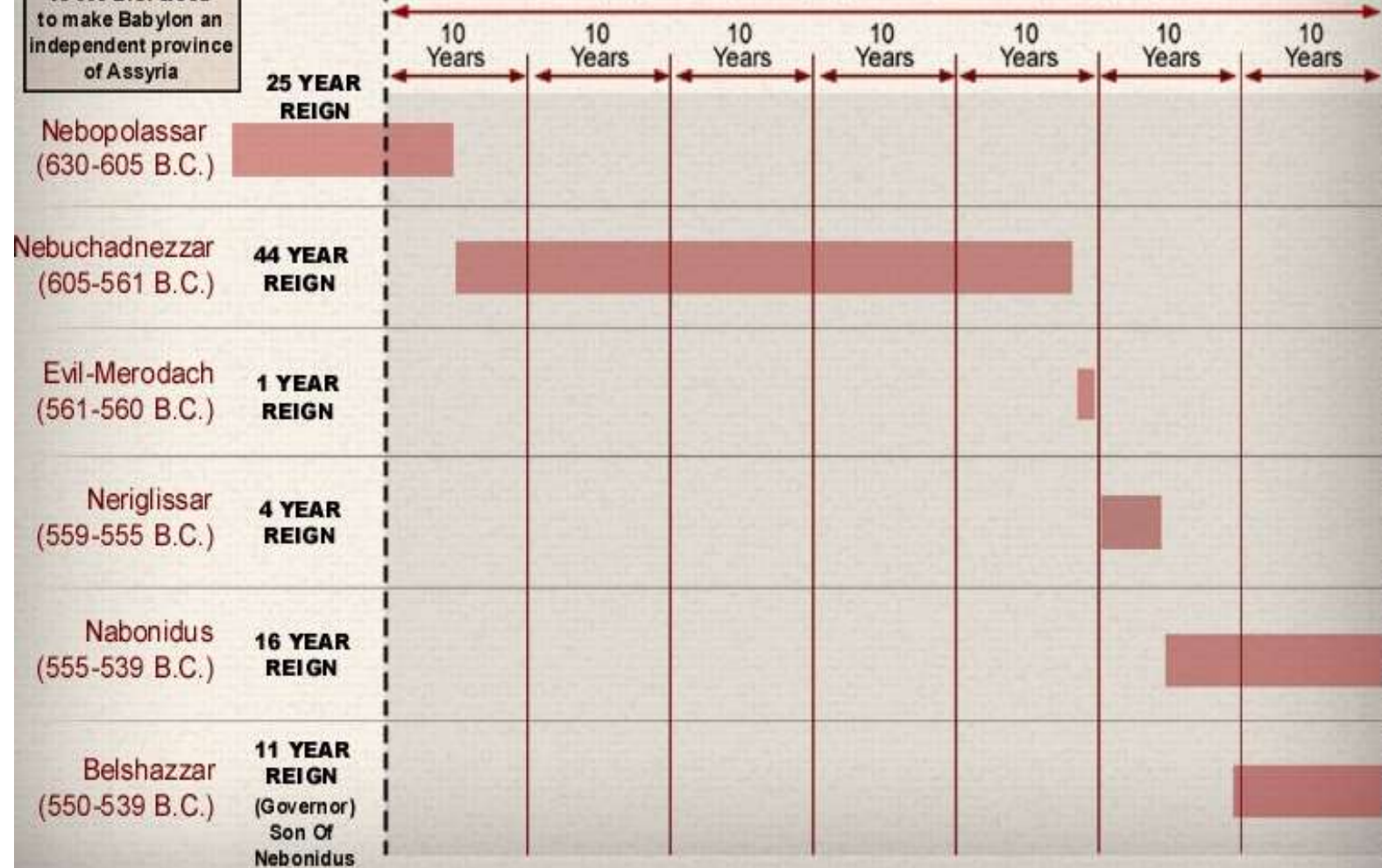


# BABYLONIAN KINGS



Nebopolassar prior to 609 B.C. stood to make Babylon an independent province of Assyria

609 B.C. - 539 B.C. - 70 Years



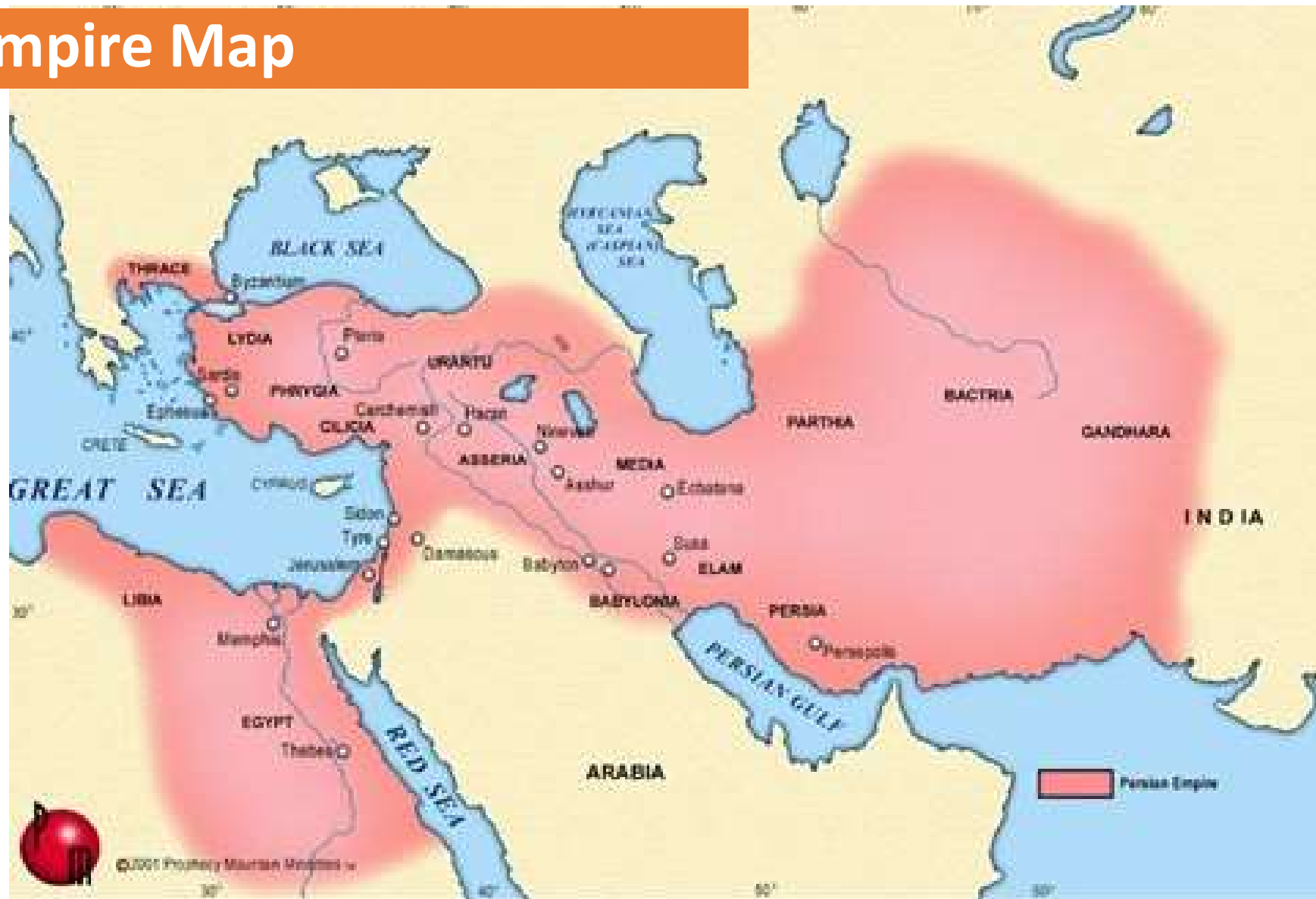
“dwell in a place of their own, and move no more” (2 Sam. 7:10)  
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The **First** *displacement* continued –  
Zerubbabel in 537 BC: **Cyrus and Medo-Persians (3)** controlled Israel.

- Assyrian (1); Babylon (2); Medo-Persian (3)

Continue *displacement under* Ezra in 458 BC and Nehemiah in 445 BC.

# Persian Empire Map



“dwell in a place of their own, and move no more” (2 Sam. 7:10)  
“the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people” (Isaiah 11:11)



## ***Displacement continued*** **under the Romans**

Rome retakes  
Jerusalem, Temple is  
burned – 70 AD

- Rome puts down Bar Kochba's revolt – 132 AD

“dwell in a place of their own, and move no more” (2 Sam. 7:10)

“the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people” (Isaiah 11:11)

*Explanation of why the Israel of today is the Israel of the End Times*

## Second Regathering, as prophesied by Isaiah and Ezekiel

- God said... “move no more”
  - Began in 1948
  - Continued in 1967 and Today!

# Ezekiel 37:3

***“And he said unto me,  
Son of man, can these  
bones live? And I  
answered, O Lord GOD,  
thou knowest.”***

**ISRAEL'S NATIONAL RESTORATION**

**verses 3-8**

## Israel – Gaza - End time Chronology – Preparation for the last section

1. Church Age
2. Rapture
3. Gog and Magog I
4. Seven-year Tribulation
5. Second Coming
6. Millennial Kingdom – **Israel/Jew and the Arab world/Muslim will be at peace as Isaiah 19 speaks of them as connected.**

## Israel – Gaza - End time Chronology – Preparation for the last section

6. Millennial Kingdom – **Israel/Jew and the Arab world/Muslim will be at peace as Isaiah 19 speaks of them as connected.**
  - Isaiah 11:6 **The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb**, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.
  - Isaiah 65:25 The **wolf and the lamb shall feed together**, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.
  - Isaiah 19:24-25 In that day shall **Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land**: (25) Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.

## Psalms 83 – A Battle that has NOT been Fought.

God is warning us that people who live in these countries will hate Israel and the Jewish people.

- Why? Because they hate the God of Israel – the God of the Bible.

- Psalms 83:1-2 **A Song or Psalm of Asaph.** Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. (2) For, lo, **thine enemies** make a tumult: and they that **hate thee** have lifted up the head.

## Who is Asaph? – #1 – “Joah the son of Asaph”

**Three** men have the name of Asaph (אֶסָפָה) in the Bible.

1. During the reign of Hezekiah (727-698 BC) – “Joah the son of Asaph the **recorder**” was for King Hezekiah, but little else is known about this Asaph.

- 2 Kings 18:18 And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and **Joah the son of Asaph the recorder**.
- 2 Kings 18:37 Then came Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and **Joah the son of Asaph the recorder**, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Rabshakeh. (see also Isaiah 36:3,22)

## Who is Asaph? – #1 – “Joah the son of Asaph”

Two other individuals held this office as a “**recorder**.”

- Jehoshaphat was the first to serve in the courts of David and Solomon.
- 2 Samuel 8:16 And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was **recorder**; - Court of David
- 1 Kings 4:3 Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the **recorder**. - Court of Solomon

The third “recorded” - In the reign of Josiah (640-609 BC) a person named “**Joah the son of Joahaz**” filled this office (2 Chronicles 34:8)

- 2 Chronicles 34:8 Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and **Joah the son of Joahaz** the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God.

# Who is Asaph? – #1 – “Joah the son of Asaph”

What is a "recorder"? (It means “to remember”)

ISBE states on page 2538

His duties – “chronicle the events of the reign but who also occupied a position corresponding what that of the modern vizier.” “His High rank is shown by the facts that, with other officers, he represented Hezekiah in speaking with Rabshakeh (2 Kings 18:18).” “and, in the reign of Josiah, superintended the repairs of the temple (2 Chron. 34:8)

- 2 Kings 18:18 And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and **Joah the son of Asaph the recorder**.
- 2 Chronicles 34:8 Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and **Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder**, to repair the house of the LORD his God.

## Asaph - **#2** – Nehemiah seeks to rebuild the Temple

Nehemiah asks King Artaxerxes for letters for Asaph, “that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace.”

- Nehemiah 2:1-8 And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of **Artaxerxes the king**, ...(4) Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven. (5) And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it. ...(7) Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah; (8) **And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest**, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into...”

Who is Asaph? – **#3** - “A Song or Psalm of Asaph”

Asaph – He wrote 12 Psalms.

- Psalms 50 and 73—83 as his name appears in the superscription

Levi had three sons: **Gershon**, Kohath, and Merari. **Asaph** was from the line Gershon and ministered in music and prophecy.

- 1 Chronicles 6:31-32 And these are they whom David set over the service of **song in the house of the LORD**, after that the ark had rest. (32) And they **ministered** before the dwelling place of the tabernacle of the congregation with singing, **until** Solomon had built the house of the LORD in Jerusalem: and then they waited on their office according to their order.

Until Solomon moved the Tabernacle to Jerusalem, David, Asaph, and Hermon used music to worship.

- 1 Chronicles 25:1 Moreover David and the captains of the host separated to the service of the **sons of Asaph**, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of the workmen according to their service was:

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The descendants of the sons of Levi (1 Chronicles 6:1)

He was the son of Berechiah -

- 1 Chronicles 15:17 So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren, **Asaph the son of Berechiah**; and of the sons of Merari their brethren, Ethan the son of Kushaiah;
- 1 Chronicles 6:39 And his brother Asaph, who stood on his right hand, even **Asaph the son of Berachiah**, the son of Shimea,

His genealogy traced up to Levi -

- **Berechiah**, Shimea, Michael, Baaseiah, Malchiah, Ethni, Zerah, Adaiah, Ethan, Zimmah, Shimei, Jahath, **Gershon, Levi**.

## Psalm 83 – An Imprecatory Psalm – A spoken curse

Imprecatory – im'prekə,tôrē – an adjective form of imprecation (Noun) - im·pre·ca·tion - [imprə'kāSHən] - **a spoken curse:**

- Asaph wrote his psalms during the war, as King David was a man of war and was not allowed to build the Temple.
  - 1 Chronicles 22:7-8 And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God: (8) But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: **thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight.**

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All 12 Psalms deal with the judgment of God as he struggled with the sins of Israel, David, and his son Absalom.

- Despite the many schemes and unrighteous behavior, he asked God to pronounce judgment (curse) on Israel's enemies:
  - Edom, the Ishmaelites, Moab, the Hagarites, Gebal, Ammon, the Amalekites, Philistia, Tyre, and Assyria.

Your prof. liked how his faith stayed true despite all the difficulties Asaph experienced. **He saw that it was hard to be righteous but even more difficult to choose unrighteousness.**

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

Based on the following verses, this battle is about countries in the Middle East that are the enemies of God.

- They will make a “tumult” - הַמָּה - hāmâh – loud noises of what they will do against God/Israel.
  - BDB - 1) to murmur, growl, **roar**, cry aloud, mourn, **rage**, sound, make noise, tumult, be clamorous, be disquieted, be loud, be moved, be troubled, be in an uproar.
  - **This could easily refer to a “jihad and intifada war.**

These countries point to an Islamic religion with Allah as “god,” and based on our previous statements, it is the continuing battle between Ishmael and Isaac.

## Psalms 83:3

Psalms 83:3 They have taken crafty counsel against **thy people**, and consulted against **thy hidden ones**.

- “thy people” – Is Israel!
  - Deuteronomy 21:8 Be merciful, O LORD, unto **thy people Israel**, whom thou hast redeemed..”.
  - Deuteronomy 26:15 Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless **thy people Israel**, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou swarest unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey.
  - 2 Samuel 7:23-24 And what **one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself**, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before **thy people**, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods? (24) For thou hast confirmed to thyself **thy people Israel** to be a people unto thee for ever: and thou, LORD, art become their God.

## Psalms 83:3 – “thy hidden ones”

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“Thy hidden ones” –

1. Psalms 17:8 Keep me as the apple of the eye, **hide me** under the shadow of thy wings,
2. Psalms 27:5 For in the time of trouble he shall **hide me** in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he **hide me**; he shall set me up upon a rock.
3. Psalms 64:2 **Hide me** from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity:

## Psalms 83:4 – KEY VERSE – Time Stamp

**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.

This gives us the key to understanding this Psalm as it speaks of Israel being a nation.

So, our initial questions are:

1. What modern-day countries does “They” or us” represent? Like many prophecies, we must connect the Biblical countries with **modern-day Israel haters**.

2. Has this war taken place yet? If not, when will happen?

So, let’s first look at the different countries.

**Psalms 83:3-8** (3) They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against **thy hidden ones**. (4) 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. (5) For they have consulted together with one consent: **they are confederate against thee**: (6) The tabernacles of Edom [**Southern Jordan**], and the Ishmaelites [**Arabia**]; of Moab, and the Hagarenes [**Central and north Jordan**] (7) Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek [**Lebanon, Syria, and the Sinai peninsula**]; ; the Philistines [**Gaza Strip**] with the inhabitants of Tyre [**Lebanon**]; (8) Assur [**Syria, Lebanon, and Iraq**] also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah.

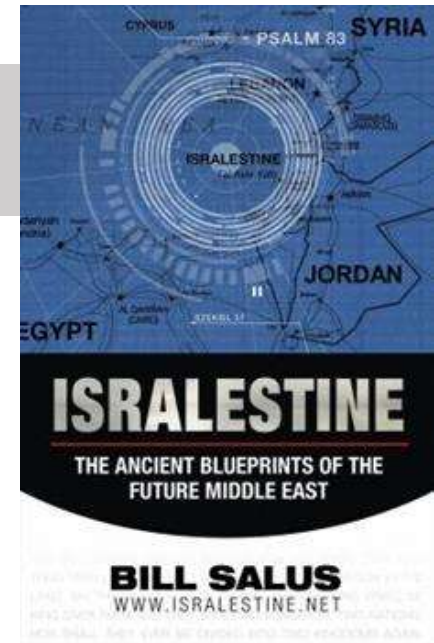
## Author Bill Salus - “Israelestine”

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So, let’s first look at how he makes the different countries. On the previous slide, the countries in “yellow” are from Salus’ book.

There are two problems:

1. What modern-day countries does it represent?
  - Like many prophecies, trying to make the countries that connect with modern-day Israel haters is difficult.
  - Example – Countries that will attack Israel in the Gog and Magog 1 war – Ezekiel 38
2. Has this war taken place yet? If not, when will happen?



## The Nations that will attack Israel – Ps. 83:6-8

1. Vs. 6 - “tabernacles (אהל - 'ôhel) of Edom – It could imply it is speaking of the “Palestinian” people who live in tents today as the location fits. We will show more evidence.

- BDB – “tabernacles” - 'ôhel -
- 1) tent; 1a) nomad’s tent, and thus symbolic of wilderness life, transience; 1b) dwelling, home, habitation; 1c) the sacred tent of Jehovah (the tabernacle)
- **Southern Jordan and “Palestinian”**

Notice vs.7 that “Philistines – Points directly to the Gaza and Gaza Strip and the people today who call themselves Canaanites/”Palestinians”.

## The Nations that will attack Israel – Ps. 83:6-8

1. Vs. 6 - “tabernacles (אהל - 'ôhel) of Edom –

“tabernacles” – It can Represent tents, but how is that word used in the Bible? I’m glad you asked!

**This word is used 30 times in the Bible.** (*tabernacle – 297 times*)

- Numbers 24:5 How goodly are thy **tents**, O Jacob, and thy **tabernacles**, O Israel!

Here, “tents” is 'ôhel, just like the word used in Psalms 83:6, while “tabernacles” uses the word representing the House of God as the normal word - משכן - mishkân

“Feast of tabernacles” (סוכה - sūkkâh) – 9 times  
plus once in Greek - σκηνοπηγία - skēnopēgia

1. Lev. 23:34 - סוכה - sūkkâh
2. Deut. 16:13
3. Deut. 16:16
4. Deut. 31:10
5. 2 Chron. 8:13
6. Ezra 3:4
7. Zec. 14:16
8. Zec. 14:18
9. Zec. 14:19 – in the Millennial Temple
10. John 7:2 – σκηνοπηγία - skēnopēgia

“tabernacles” (מִשְׁכָּן - mishkân) – House of God – 5 times plus 4 times in Greek - σκηνή - skēnē

1. Numbers 24:5 - Numbers 24:5 How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and **thy tabernacles**, O Israel!
2. Psa. 43:3 – “...and to **thy tabernacles**”
3. Psa. 46:4 - There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of **the tabernacles of the most High**.
4. Psalms 84:1 – “thy tabernacles”
5. Psa. 132:7 – “We will go into **his tabernacles...**”
6. Matt. 17:4 – “let us make here three **tabernacles**” - σκηνή - skēnē
7. Mark 9:5 – “let us make three **tabernacles**” - σκηνή - skēnē
8. Luke 9:33 – σκηνή - skēnē
9. Heb. 11:9 – “dwelling in **tabernacles** with Isaac and Jacob” - σκηνή - skēnē

“tabernacles” (אֹהֶל - 'ôhel) ) – Represent people/house – 11 times

1. Job 11:14 - If iniquity be in thine hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in **thy tabernacles**. – personal house
2. Job 12:6 – “t. of robbers
3. Job 15:34 – “t. of bribery”
4. Job 22:23 – “iniquity far from thy t.” - Individuals
5. Psalm 78:51 – “t. of Ham”
- 6. Psalm 83:6 – “t. of Edom”**
7. Psalms 118:15 – “t. of the righteous”
8. Dan. 11:45 - “t. of his palace” – foreign king
9. Hosea 9:6 – “in their t.” – the punishment of Israel
10. Hosea 12:9 – “...make thee to dwell in **tabernacles**” – personal house
11. Malachi 2:12 – “t. of Jacob”

## Conclusion on Psalms 83:6 – “tabernacles of Edom

We have shown that the Bible has three Hebrew words for “tabernacles” and two in Greek.

- “Feast of tabernacles” (סוכה - sūkkâh) – 9 times
  - One time - Greek - σκηνοπηγία - skēnopēgia
- “tabernacles” (משכן - mishkân) – House of God – 5 times
  - Four times Greek - σκηνή - skēnē
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We conclude that it **is viable** to say that the “tabernacles of Edom” in Psalms 83:6 represent the people, “Palestinians,” who live in Refugee camps (tents) in Jordan, thus also connecting the people in the Gaza Strip and those in Judah and Samaria (the press calls it the West Bank). Jordan has the largest population of “Palestinians.”

## The Nations that will attack Israel – Ps. 83:6-8

In his book, Salis points out that the first cited nation is the one that typically leads the fight. He quotes Jeremiah and Obidiah to buffet his assessment of Edom.

- Jeremiah 49:7 Concerning **Edom**, thus saith the LORD of hosts; Is wisdom no more in **Teman**? is counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom vanished?
  - “Teman” – He is the Grandson of Esau (Jacob/Esau battle as Esau’s line joined with Ishmael’s line, as mentioned earlier).
- Obadiah 1:7 All the men of thy **confederacy** have brought thee even to the **border**: the men that were **at peace with thee have deceived thee**, and prevailed against thee; they that eat thy bread have laid a wound under thee: there is none understanding in him.

The Nations that will attack Israel – Ps. 83:6-8

2. Ishmaelites – **Saudi Arabia**
3. Moab and the Hagarenes - **Central, North Jordan and Egypt**
4. Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek - **Lebanon, Syria, and the Sinai peninsula**
5. **Philistines** - **Gaza Strip**
6. Tyre – **Lebanon**
7. Assur - **Syria, Lebanon, and Iraq**

Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and the Palestinian people, will very soon join forces to attack Israel.

Jordan has the  
largest  
population of  
"Palestinian"  
people

Name in Psalm 83	Modern Equivalent
Tents of Edom	Palestinians & South Jordan
Ishmaelites	Saudi Arabia
Moab	Palestinians & Central Jordan
Hagarenes	Egyptians
Gebal	Hezbollah & North Lebanon
Ammon	Palestinians & North Jordan
Amalek	Sinai
Philistia	Hamas of Gaza
Tyre	Hezbollah & South Lebanon
Assyria	Syria & Northern Iraq

## Let us focus on just the questionable nations.

Hagarenes – Salus – Egypt – His basis was:

- “Hagrites are called the Hagareness in the New King James Version, making a better argument for these people having descended down from the **Egyptian matriarch** Hagar (Genesis 16:1), the mother of Ishmael (Gen. 16:15)” – page 337.

We will ignore using another Bible version (smacks of looking for a translation that fits his view...not good!)

- I would take issue with the use of calling Hagar “**Egyptian matriarch**” as she was a slave who was given to Abraham.

But “matriarch” means - a woman who is the head of a family or tribe.

- That would fit as Abraham kicked her and Ishmael out and would have both died in the wilderness of Paran, but God saved them.

# Hagarites = Egypt?

Hagarines/Hagarites are also mentioned in other locations besides Egypt.

- 1 Chronicles 5:10 And in the days of Saul they made war with the **Hagarites**, who fell by their hand: and they dwelt in their tents throughout all the **east land of Gilead**.
- “They” - Reubenites, Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh.
- This war against the Hagrites occurred during Saul’s time.



## Three Bible references of Hagarenes

1. 1 Chronicles 11:38 Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of **Haggeri**,
  - A mighty warrior of King David
2. 1 Chronicles 27:31 And over the flocks was Jaziz the **Hagerite**. All these were the rulers of the substance which was king David's.
  - In charge of David's flock.
3. Psalm 83:6 – speaks of nations

Today, there is no known tribe or country called Hagarenes.

So, is Salus correct to connect Hagar/Hagarenes with Egypt?

**In my view, it is a legitimate answer.**

## Other problem Nations of Psalms 83

1. Amalek - Salus - **the Sinai peninsula**, *but does that include Egypt?*
2. Syria and Iraq - Salus - Asshur (or Assyria).
  - In the 10th century B.C., Assyria was a region largely limited to northern Iraq, southeastern Turkey, and a smaller region of northeast Syria.
    - But Aram, the capital of Damascus, was not mentioned in Psalm 83.
    - We will answer that at the conclusion.

## Let me conclude here

It is difficult to connect all the dots of the different countries found in Scripture to the modern-day countries.

- These countries, though not exactly sure which ones, are from the Ishmael/Arab line, and speaking of an Islamic confederation is obvious to anyone.
- The overriding thought here is that a coalition of countries who are anti-God and anti-Israel will attack Israel.
- This confederation differs from other battles but lets us try to place the time frame of this battle.

Vs. 4b “that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.”

### **Here is the “time” stamp of the understanding of Psalm 83.**

- By saying that “the **name of Israel may be no more** in remembrance” ***implies*** that the nation of Israel is alive at this moment.

Here are the possibilities of placing this battle:

1. Before the Assyrian and Babylonian Conquest
2. 1948 – Israel became a nation a second time.
3. During the Seven-Year Tribulation Time (after the Rapture)
4. During the Millennial or Messianic Kingdom

We will bring this together at the end of this lesson as we focus on who will be attacking God/Israel.

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***As mentioned earlier***, here is the “time” stamp of the understanding of Psalm 83 with a little more information.

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Vs. 4b “that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.”

“time” stamp of Psalm 83. Continued possibilities of placing this battle:

### 3. Just before the Gog and Magog I war (Ezekiel 38) or during the Seven-Year Tribulation Time (*but after the Rapture*)

This battle could be the **setup** for the larger battle **after** the Rapture before the Tribulation begins. (*Your professor’s view, BUT #four also has possibilities.*)

- As mentioned earlier, the capital of Damascus, Aram,” is not mentioned in Psalms 83, **but Damascus’ destruction is found.**

- Isaiah 17:1 The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.
- Today, Syria is nothing more than a proxy for Iran; its economy is in ruin. Today, it truly is a paper tiger (2023).

Vs. 4b “that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.”

**“time” stamp of Psalm 83.** Continued possibilities of placing this battle:

3. Just before the Gog and Magog I war (Ezekiel 38 - *but after the Rapture*)

This would imply that the Psalms 83 battle may be the **start** of the all-out battle of Gog and Magog I as Israel defeats this Muslim coalition, thus bringing in the larger group/battle, which is also quickly defeated.

Israel, before this war, will have a false sense of security, something akin to what happened on October 7, 2023, when Hamas attacked.

- Ezekiel 38:11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwallled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them **dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,**

“time” stamp of Psalm 83. Continued possibilities of placing this battle:

We know the October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, surprise attack by Hamas does not fulfill the Ezekiel 38:11 passage, as Israel is not dwelling without walls.

- Although scholars (Fruchtenbaum and Rosenberg) believe that Israel’s protection is not from their walls but the Iron Dome protection.

Our answer is, even if Fruchtenbaum and Resenburg are correct, the battle of Psalms 83 AND the battle of Gog and Magog I (Ezekiel 38-39) takes place AFTER the Rapture.

Note the following info to more fully explain the dwelling without walls.

Battle: Gog and Magog I – Takes place **AFTER** the Rapture!

This battle will be against Israel (alone) as they dwell in safety.

- 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.**

Israel will be **at peace** and its defenses down!

Battle: Gog and Magog I – Takes place **AFTER** the Rapture!

Israel will be **at peace** and its defenses down.

Ezekiel 38:11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of **unwalled villages**; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling **without walls**, and having neither bars nor gates,

Why would Israel be an “unwalled” village or “dwelling without walls”?

- Some scholar's answer: Israel believes its missile defense will keep them safe.
  - Israel's 4-layer missile defense today
    - Iron Dome; David's Sling; Arrow 2; and Arrow 3



**Arrow 3** - Designed to defeat medium-range ballistic missiles. It will engage targets in **space**.



**Arrow 2** – Missile defense interceptor used in the **upper layer atmosphere**. It is designed to defeat short and medium-range ballistic missiles



**David's Sling** - Designed to intercept enemy planes, drones, tactical ballistic missiles, medium- to long-range rockets, and cruise missiles, fired at ranges from 40 km to 300 km.

### **Iron Dome System**

Designed to intercept a **short-range rockets**



Battle: Gog and Magog I – Takes place AFTER the Rapture!

Israel will be **at peace**, and its defenses down.

Ron Rhodes' book (*The End Times in Chronological Order*) discusses if Israel is in this place now. (P. 73-76)

- He concludes that Israel **is** thus agreeing with Prophecy teachers **Joel Rosenberg** and **Arnold Fruchtenbaum**.
- This allows the battle of Psalms 83 and Gog and Magog I to be after the rapture but before the Peace Treaty of Daniel 9:27.

**Your prof.** is not sure he agrees with this view, though I think it has merit. If correct, it means we are closer to the end times!

## Joel Rosenberg

A Jewish Believer, he holds dual (US and Israel) citizenship.

- His first book: *The Last Jihad* (a five-part fictional series involving terrorism) as it relates to Bible prophecy.
  - It was written nine months before the September 11 attacks and was published in 2002.
  - It spent 11 weeks on the *New York Times* best-seller list, reaching as high as number seven.
- His ministry in Israel started the “Joshua Fund” that feeds poor Israelis – both Jews and Arabs.



# Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum

He was born in Siberia, Russia (1943), to an Orthodox Jewish family.

- His family was forced out of Russia in 1946, and with the help of the Israeli underground, the Fruchtenbaum family escaped from behind the Iron Curtain to Germany.
- **Saved at 13**, he was forced out of his family home after completing high school.
- He graduated from Cedarville College in Ohio with a BA in Hebrew and Greek in 1966.
  - Further studies at the Institute of Holy Land Studies (now Jerusalem University College) and Hebrew University.
  - He received a Master of Theology from Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, TX
  - Ph.D. at New York University in 1989 – Dissertation – “Israelology”
- He founded Ariel Ministries – in 1977.



“time” stamp of Psalm 83. Continued possibilities of placing this battle:

### Our conclusion on Point #3

Since Psalms 83 mentions “tabernacles,” it could **possibly** be the “Palestinians” who fled Israel and lived in Refugee tents leading this battle.

- Psalms 83:6 The **tabernacles of Edom**, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes;

“time” stamp of Psalm 83. Continued possibilities of placing this battle:

4. At Christ's Second Coming, the Battle of Armageddon is based on:

- Psalms 83:3 They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy **hidden ones**.

The “hidden ones” could represent Israel's supernatural protection during the Tribulation period.

- Revelation 16:16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

“time” stamp of Psalm 83 - We see this supernatural protection:

1. Two witnesses or two olive trees

- Revelation 11:4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

2. 144,000 Jewish Evangelist

- Revelation 7:4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

“time” stamp of Psalm 83 - We see this supernatural protection:

### 3. Those who do not take the Mark of the Beast.

- Revelation 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and **which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands;** and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

### 4. The Jewish People in Israel who survive the Tribulation!

- Romans 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

Vs. 4b “that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.”

**“time” stamp of Psalm 83** - Continued possibilities of placing this battle:

## **5. During the Millennial or Messianic Kingdom**

This time frame has the “wolf laying down with the lamb” as the **Ishmael Isaac battle is finally over** as Jesus reigns in the Millennial Temple in Jerusalem. This is why I would NOT place Psalms 83 battle here.

- Isaiah 11:6 **The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb**, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.
- Isaiah 65:25 The **wolf and the lamb shall feed together**, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

**NOTE: No “lion” dwelling with the lamb**

- There is a final battle at the end as Satan is loosed, which leads to a Gog and Magog II battle.