

Psalm 83

Psalms 83:1-4 [New King James] *“Do not keep silent, O God! Do not hold Your peace, and do not be still, O God! For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; and those who hate You have lifted up their head. They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, and consulted together against Your sheltered ones. They have said, ‘Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more.’”*

The serious nature of the threat is reflected in these words, and reinforced by the description that the aggressors were the Creator God’s enemies who hated Him. Ending with the belief that their aim to wipe out Israel, removing from the world the memory of God’s chosen people.

This desire is behind much of what is happening in the world today, which could well indicate the time as mentioned in Revelation 12:12.

Psalms 83:5 [New King James] *“For they have consulted together with one consent; they form a confederacy against You.”*

These people who were a threat to God’s people, Christians, had made an alliance which was against the true Creator God Himself.

Psalms 83:6-8 [New King James] *“The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab and the Hagrites; Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assyria also has joined with them; they have helped the children of Lot. Selah”*

These people were mostly kingdoms in the Middle East, assisted by the mighty Assyria which had happened before [Genesis 19:36-38] to the children of Moab and Ammon.

Psalms 83:9-12 [New King James] *“Deal with them as with Midian, as with Sisera, as with Jabin at the Brook Kishon, who perished at En Dor, who became as refuse on the earth. Make their nobles like Oreb and like Zeeb, yes, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna, who said, ‘Let us take for ourselves the pastures of God for a possession.’”*

The Psalmist now makes an appeal to the Creator God by reminding Him of how He had saved Israel in the past, in a dramatic way.

Two of the most noteworthy and unmistakable interventions by the Creator God were the attack by Sisera, [**Judges 4:1-15**] and the invasion of the Midianites [**Judges chapters 6 and 7, especially Judges 7:22**].

In both cases the Israelites were not merely outnumbered but also outclassed in aggressive equipment. Nevertheless, both perils were amazingly overcome with very little loss to the Israelites.

Psalms 83:13-15 [New King James] *“O my God, make them like the whirling dust, like the chaff before the wind! As the fire burns the woods, and as the flame sets the mountains on fire, so pursue them with Your tempest, and frighten them with Your storm.”*

The memory of these previous victories adds passion to the cry for immediate help from the Creator God, seeking total vanquishment by divine intervention.

Psalms 83:16-18 [New King James] *“Fill their faces with shame, that they may seek Your name, O LORD. Let them be confounded and dismayed forever; yes, let them be put to shame and perish, that they may know that You, whose name alone is the LORD, are the Most High over all the earth.”*

The Psalmist then reminds the Creator God that the supreme aim of this prayer is to bring glory to the One and only true Creator God.

The Psalmist is pleading for an unforgettable experience of humiliation for the opponents of the Creator God, so that all human beings everywhere might acknowledge that He is the “*Most High over all the earth.*”

Revelation 6:9-11 [New King James] *“When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, ‘How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?’ Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.”*

In the last days of human rule, those who had been murdered by those who hated God’s people, true Christians, symbolically cry out for the return of Jesus Christ to *“judge and avenge their blood.”*

Revelation 12:7-11 [New King James] *“And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, ‘Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.’”*

It was the continual preaching of the good news of salvation from eternal death for all humanity, because of their sins against their Creator God, [Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8] through accepting the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and the testimony of those who were willing to be martyrs, eventually overcome the evil influence of Satan and his demons in this world.

Another supernatural event will happen as the Creator God intervenes in human events, the fall of the modern-day “*Babylon.*”

Revelation 18:1-8 [New King James] *“After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, ‘Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury.’ And I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her. In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, ‘I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.’” Therefore her plagues will come in one day, death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her.’”*

This describes the central dwelling of all that is evil, and true Christians are commanded to *“come out of her”* before she is destroyed by the true One and only Creator God.

The supernatural events that are mentioned in Psalm 84 are a prelude to how God will deal with all who seek to destroy His people, true Christians.

May all who hate and seek to destroy true Christians today be warned by these future events when the true Creator God responds to the prayers of His people for His soon return to bring peace and justice to this world.

Revelation 22:18-21 [New King James] *“For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming quickly.’ Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.”*