

**JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE**  
**Rhema Christian Center Triumphant Tuesday-Bible Study**  
**Tuesday, February 14, 2023**  
**Presenter: Rochelle Pitts**

**Psalm 83:**

**Prayer to Frustrate Conspiracy Against Israel**

**A Song. A Psalm of Asaph.**

- Prayer for Judgement
- Complaints against the enemies
- Reference to violence of Israel's enemies who sought to ruin Israel

**Composer: Asaph**

- A Levite; his name means 'gather'
- Appointed by David as a worship leader
- Prophetic and poetic, Chief Musician, in his skill/writings
- Songs of Asaph begin with Psalm 50; Psalm 83 is Asaph last Psalm

**Psalm 83 Outline:**

**Vs. 1-8 Asaph appeals to God's knowledge**

- Tribes and nations have come together to revolt against YOUR people
  - **Vs. 1** Asaph request in FAITH to God
  - **Vs. 2-5** Asaph tells God, of the SIN, what is going on
  - **Vs. 6-8** Asaph identifies the 10 nations against Israel

**Vs. 9-18 Asaph appeals to God's justice and jealousy for HIS people Israel**

- Humble Israel's enemies, preserve Israel, that Israel's enemies will humble themselves to YOU God
  - **Vs. 9-17** Asaph 8 request, in FAITH, for judgement
  - **Vs. 18** Asaph explains to God the reason for judgement

**Psalm 83 Review:**

**Vs. 1 Asaph request, in FAITH, to God**

**Vs.1 Do not keep silent, O God!**

**Do not hold Your peace,**

**And do not be still, O God!**

- 3 requests, in FAITH:
  - Don't keep silent
  - Don't hold Your peace
  - Don't be still
- David had the same request/cry
- We God's people have the same cry

**Read: Psalm 28:1**

**Vs. 2-5 Asaph tells God, of the SIN; what is going on**

**Vs 2-5 For behold, Your enemies make a tumult;**

**And those who hate You have lifted up their head.**

**<sup>3</sup> They have taken crafty counsel against Your people,**

**And consulted together against Your sheltered ones.**

**<sup>4</sup> They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from *being* a nation,**

**That the name of Israel may be remembered no more."**

**<sup>5</sup> For they have consulted together with one consent;**

**They form a confederacy against You:**

- Tribes and nations that are against Israel are exalting themselves above God
- Enemies have come into agreement to take from Israel what God has given
- Plot is to cut off Israel-today Israel surrounded by enemies
- History repeats: book of Esther- Haman plots to annihilate the Jews

**Read: Psalm 27:5; Esther 3:5-6**

**Vs. 6-8 Asaph identifies the 10 nations against Israel**

**Vs. 6-8 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites;**

**Moab and the Hagrites;**

**<sup>7</sup> Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek;**

**Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;**

**<sup>8</sup> Assyria also has joined with them;**

**They have helped the children of Lot. *Selah***

- 10 Nations/Tribes Against Israel-Edomites, Ishmaelites, Moabites, Hagrites, Ammonites, Amalekites, Inhabitants of Philistia, Inhabitants of Tyre, Assyria, Children of Lot
  - Edomites- decedents of Esau
  - Ishmaelites- decedents of Ismael
  - Moabites- son of Lot's oldest daughter
  - Hagrites- tribe of one of David's warriors
  - Ammonites- tribe of Lot
  - Amalekites- tribe of grandson of Esau
  - Inhabitants of Philistia- place southwest border
  - Inhabitants of Tyre- place northwest border
  - Assyria- nation of 2<sup>nd</sup> son of Shem; now known as Iraq-northeast border
  - Children of Lot- son/grandson called 'sons of injustice'
- Jehoshaphat instructed army-Gave thanks and sang praises...The Lord set an ambush against their enemy, and they were destroyed

**Read: 2 Chronicles 20:1; 2 Chronicles 20:10; 2Chronicles 20:20-22; Ezekiel 28:7-8**

**Vs. 9-17** Asaph 8 request, in FAITH, for judgement

**Vs. 9-17 Deal with them as *with* Midian,**

**As *with* Sisera, As *with* Jabin at the Brook Kishon,**

**<sup>10</sup> Who perished at En Dor, *Who* became *as* refuse on the earth.**

**<sup>11</sup> Make their nobles like Oreb and like Zeeb,**

**Yes, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna,**

**<sup>12</sup> Who said, "Let us take for ourselves**

**The pastures of God for a possession."**

**<sup>13</sup> O my God, make them like the whirling dust,**

**Like the chaff before the wind!**

**<sup>14</sup> As the fire burns the woods,**

**And as the flame sets the mountains on fire,**

**<sup>15</sup> So pursue them with Your tempest,**

**And frighten them with Your storm.**

**<sup>16</sup> Fill their faces with shame,**

**That they may seek Your name, O Lord.**

**<sup>17</sup> Let them be <sup>be</sup> confounded and dismayed forever;**

**Yes, let them be put to shame and perish,**

- Asaph 8 request, in FAITH, for judgement-kill all males, cause the enemy to kill each other, sweep them away by the rivers, kill them and cut off their heads, let them be defeated, consumed by fire, overtaken by storms, shamed
- Asaph reminds God of previous victories
  - Midianites- As the Lord commanded Moses,
    - all the males were killed
    - Gideon/Army-blew trumpet and enemy killed each other
  - Debra/Barak and Gideon-enemy set his sword against himself
  - Sisera-Jael put peg through temple
  - Jabin- Came against Joshua-rivers swept them away
  - En Dor- A place in Palestine-place where Saul went to see woman to help him speak to spirits
  - Enemy perish and corpse as dung/refuse
  - Midianite Princes, Oreb and Zeeb-Under Gideon's army killed upon the rock and heads cut off
  - Midianite princes, Zebah and Zalmunna-Under Gideon's army defeated
- God make enemies like whirlwind; wheel rolling aimlessly around
- God let the wicked burn like fire; let them be in hurricanes; multiply their wounds
- God let them be frightened as the chariots overtaken in Red Sea
- God bring them to shame; cause them to fail; let them be no more

**Read: Numbers 31:7; Judges 7:1-24; Judges 7:22; Judges 4:21-24; Judges 5:20-21; Zephaniah 1:17; Judges 7:25; Isaiah 17:13; Psalm 30:5; Isaiah 9:18; Exodus 19:18; Job 9:17**

**Vs. 18 Asaph explains to God the reason for judgement**

**Vs. 18 That they may know that You, whose name alone *is* the Lord, Are the Most High over all the earth.**

- Consume them God with your judgement that they know God is God!
- The Lord shall reign forever
- Everlasting Father
- Father of Eternity

**Read: Psalm 9:2; Psalm 18:13; Psalm 59:13**

**Take away Thoughts relevant for TODAY:**

- 1. At times we believe God is far away-GOD IS WITH YOU; GOD IS SPEAKING HE IS NOT SILENT**
- 2. Jesus desires His people to be united and move in unity-THERE IS POWEN WHEN WE ARE ONE-LET GOD ARISE AND HIS ENEMIES BE SCATTERED**
- 3. There is no name above JESUS-EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW**

### **Resources**

#### **Bible:**

New King James  
 New International  
 Spirit Filled Life  
 Young's Literal Translation  
 Legacy Standard  
 New English Translation

#### **Websites:**

Enduringword.com  
 Biblegateway.com  
 Blueletterbible.org

#### **Study Tool:**

The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible