Psalm 83

The Plea for Judgment upon the Multi-National Conspiracy against God and His People, Israel

(A Song, a Psalm of Asaph.)


A1 THE MULTI-NATIONAL CONSPIRACY AGAINST ISRAEL  83:1-8

B1 An Opening Plea for Elohim to Act  83:1

C1 {1} O God, do not remain quiet;
C2 Do not be silent
C3 and, O God, do not be still.

B2 The Conspiracy of Elohim's Enemies Against His People  83:2-5

C1 Their Uproarious Self-Exaltation  83:2

D1 {2} For behold, Your enemies make an uproar,
D2 And those who hate You have exalted themselves.

C2 Their Shrewd Conspiracy  83:3-5

D1 Their plans against Elohim's people 83:3

E1 {3} They make shrewd plans against Your people,
E2 And conspire together against Your treasured ones.

D2 Their objective: To destroy Israel as a nation  83:4

E1 Destruction: {4} They have said, "Come, and let us wipe them out as a nation,
E2 Amnesia: That the name of Israel be remembered no more."

D3 Their unified cooperation  83:5

E1 Their unity: {5} For they have conspired together with one mind;
E2 Their blasphemous treaty: Against You they make a covenant:
B3 The Identity of Elohim's Enemies against His People 83:6-8

C1 {6} The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites,
C2 Moab and the Hagrites; 83:6
C3 {7} Gebal and Ammon and Amalek,
C4 Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; 83:7
C5 {8} Assyria also has joined with them;
C6 They have become a help to the children of Lot. Selah. 83:8

A2 THE PLEA FOR JUDGMENT AGAINST ISRAEL'S ENEMIES 83:9-18

B1 In Accordance with the Defeat of Past Foes 83:9-12

C1 As the Victory of Gideon over Midian: {9} Deal with them as with Midian, 83:9a
C2 As the Victory of Deborah and Barak over Jabin, King of Canaan 83:9b-10
  D1 As with Sisera and Jabin at the torrent of Kishon, 83:9b
  D2 {10} Who were destroyed at En-dor,
  D3 Who became as dung for the ground. 83:10
C3 Like the Defeated Leaders of Midian 38:11-12
  D1 Like the Midianite generals: {11} Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb 38:11a
  D2 Like the Midianite kings 38:11b-12
    E1 The identity of the kings: And all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna, 38:11b
    E2 The blasphemous greed of the kings 38:12
  F1 {12} Who said, "Let us possess for ourselves
  F2 The pastures of God."
B2  In Comparison to Elements of Nature  83:13-15

C1  Blow Them Away  83:13

D1  Like whirling dust:  \{13\} O my God, make them like the whirling dust,

D2  Like chaff:  Like chaff before the wind.

C2  Seek and Devour Them  83:14-15

D1  As a fire burns  83:14

E1  In the forest:  \{14\} Like fire that burns the forest

E2  On the mountains:  And like a flame that sets the mountains on fire,

D2  As a terrible storm pursues  83:15

E1  \{15\} So pursue them with Your tempest

E2  And terrify them with Your storm.

B3  With Humiliation So They Come to Know Yahweh  83:16-18

C1  Humiliation for Redemption:  Dishonor Them So They Seek Your Name 83:16

D1  The mechanism - shame:  \{16\} Fill their faces with dishonor,

D2  The result - seeking Yahweh's Name:  That they may seek Your name, O LORD.

C2  Humiliation for Retribution:  Humiliate Them So They Acknowledge Your Supremacy (in the Afterlife)  83:17-18

D1  Eternal, terminal destruction  83:17

E1  Eternal shame:  \{17\} Let them be ashamed and dismayed forever,

E2  Terminal humiliation:  And let them be humiliated and perish,

D2  Ultimate acknowledgment  83:18

E1  Knowledge of Yahweh:  \{18\} That they may know that You alone, whose name is the LORD,

E2  Supremacy of the Most High:  Are the Most High over all the earth.