

A Biblical View OF THE END TIMES

THE RISE OF THE ANTICHRIST, PT. 13

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Review:

- I always begin with a quick review, so let's step back a pace or two and see how the last few lessons connect.
- We're studying the rise of the antichrist. We've been studying the development of his career **prior to**, and **going into**, the Tribulation.
- We've studied the antichrist's absence of any conventional religious heritage. We've looked at his occultic loyalties and his associations with the dark supernatural world.
- We've noted his political ideals, and we've seen how he will become the world's ultimate socialist.
- And more recently, we've started looking at some specific wars and conflicts that will characterize the antichrist's rise to power.
- We've seen how he will be successful in these conflicts - - **so successful**, in fact, that the unsaved world at that time will exclaim, "*Who can make war against him?*" (**Cf. Rev. 13:4**).
- BUT - there is an exception to the antichrist's ability to defeat other nations. There is an exception to his pattern of sweeping through other territories and defeating them.
- There is a little territory within the wilderness of the Middle East that somehow inexplicably escapes the antichrist's normal pattern of conquests.
- This area is mentioned in **Daniel 11:41** as being "*Edom, Moab, and the leaders of Ammon.*" It's a little region that lies within modern day Jordan.
- This area does not fall to the antichrist's conquests like every other region does, and it has something to do with the **Psalms 83** war we began to look at last time.

A. Let's get back to this text in **Psalms 83** - - what is Asaph (the prophet's) objective?

1. He is pleading to God for victory, and for the perishing and disgrace of Israel's foes (see vs. 9-18)

- I believe this text (and other passages) make the case that Israel is not only victorious in a major way in this **Psalms 83** conflict, but there are resulting benefits to Israel from it.
 - Israel will emerge far safer and more secure than she was before this conflict (other passages support this same conclusion).
 - Her enemies that have hassled her and fought her for centuries – and who've attacked her multiple times since her Independence in

1948 – will be **totally eliminated** by the conclusion of this prophetic ***Psalms 83*** conflict.

➤ Eliminated? How do we know this?

- ✓ **Cf. vss. 9-11.** These historical examples which are provided here as examples (Midianites, Sisera, and so on) involved their utter destruction / ending of oppression of Israel's enemies in each example.
- ✓ Then there are the graphic pictures of fire consuming a forest, or chaff disappearing in the wind (**Cf. vss. 13 and 14**)
- ✓ These things together paint a picture of the complete annihilation of Israel's proximal enemies.

NOTE: I believe these events will result in Israel gaining the conditions of ***Ezek. 38:11-12***. Here is Gog's rationale at this future point in time....

"I will go up against the land of unwalled villages. I will fall upon the quiet people who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having no bars or gates, to seize spoil and carry off plunder..."

- Israel will gain several things from this ***Psalms 83*** conflict (three "S's")
 - ✓ **Security** (this is affirmed in the ***Ezekiel*** passage)
 - ✓ **Spoils** (this is affirmed also in the ***Ezekiel*** passage as well as ***Ezek. 38:13***). Israel has always improved her land, resources, etc.
 - ✓ Moreover, Israel is rapidly becoming the Middle East's powerhouse for energy reserves. Israel is working now to rescue Europe from its foolish dependence on Russian oil.
 - ✓ **Space** (land – **Cf. *Dan. 8:9, Matt. 24:16, etc.***). I believe Israel will take ownership of the land which they will acquire in these conflicts - - as they should! Just like the Golan Heights.

NOTE: That is already happening with the conflicts that are underway over there. Over the last two years, Israel has acquired additional territory in Gaza, Lebanon, and Syria. Israel is expanding now into "The West Bank" (Biblical Judea and Samaria). But we've only seen the start of Israel acquiring more territory (**Cf. *Obad. 1:19-20; Jer. 49:2; Zeph. 2:8-9; Zech. 12:1-9; Et al***).

IMPORTANT! That also means Israel will ultimately gain the territories which are mentioned in ***Daniel 11:41*** as being "*Edom, Moab, and Ammon*". These are regions within modern-day Jordan – notice "*Moab and Ammon*" mentioned as foes of Israel in **vss. 6&7 of *Psalms 83***.

And so now you need to connect the dots. **NOW, you need to realize** these territories will ALREADY be Israeli-owned when – at a future point in time - the antichrist seeks – and FAILS

– to conquer them in **Dan. 11:41**. Israel will have gained these areas in a significant prior conflict which I think we are seeing the beginnings of now.

NOTE: The conflicts which **have already started** in Israel will ultimately set up the conditions for the War of Gog and Magog which will follow the culmination of this **Psalms 83** conflict.

- ✓ That's IMPORTANT to understand. Many folks are currently obsessing about the **Ezekiel 38 and 39** conflict (AKA “the War of Gog and Magog”) - but the fulfillment of **Psalms 83** needs to happen before that.
- Remember, it was not that long ago that the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) were publicly saying Israel's next major conflict will be a regional one where she will face an unprecedented attack from all sides.
 - They specified then – in their own statements - all of the Jewish state's foes which essentially share a border with her. That list conforms to the same list as mentioned in **Psalms 83**.
 - For that matter, these same adversaries of Israel are predicting the very same scenario. It's the current news agreeing with the Bible.
 - Right now, Israel is engaged in 7 of the 10 fronts that **Psalms 83** suggests. So, there is more conflict to come. Things will escalate...

B. And now we get to the great debate – some people feel *Psalms 83* has already happened (1948, or 1967). I am not one of those, but let's investigate why this is a shaky notion.

1. The ancient foes of Israel which were listed in vss. 9-11 will disappear after this conflict with Israel.

- That's why Asaph is pleading with God to make these future nations “like” those others from old....and to cause them to “*perish in disgrace*” as those other nations also did in OT times.
 - If 1948's War of Independence was fulfillment of this prophecy in **Psalms 83**, then not only did **none** of Israel's foes from that time disappear - - they also got much stronger.
 - None of them “perished.” They are all still here.
- Further, some of the foes that are listed in **Psalms 83** did not exist till AFTER the War of Independence in 1948 (the first-listed “tents of Edom,” for example).
 - This is easy to see. The world's great outcry against Israel has been that the Palestinian dilemma occurred after the Jews got Israel back.
 - The Palestinians are largely from Jordan, as I mentioned before. Notice the large groups of so-called ‘Palestinians’ that always riot against Israel FROM INSIDE of Jordan.
- As for the claim that **Psalms 83** was fulfilled in the 1967 “Six-Day War,” only a portion of the ten members listed were involved in that war.

- The Six-Day War does not conform to this end-time prophecy.

Conclusion: The 10-member coalition which is defined in ***Psalm 83***, is – today - united under the common hatreds and motives which define radical Islam as we see it now.

- They all share a border with Israel or they are proximal to the Jewish state.
- They are all influenced by Iran, or they are actual **proxies** of Iran.
- In other words, today's times fit this prophecy's requirements like no other **previous** point in history.

There are also six conditions which exist **now** for this ***Psalms 83*** conflict which have only existed since 1948 (NOTE: From Bill Salus):

1. Israelis being in the land (***Psalm 83:3***)
2. The nation of Israel being an official nation (***Psalm 83:4,12***)
3. There is an Israeli Defense Forces; the IDF (***Psalm 83:9-11***)
4. There are now Palestinian 'refugees;' (i.e. the tents of Edom) (***Psalm 83:6***)
5. There is now an Arab League that is mutually cooperative (***Psalm 83:6-8***)
6. There is a unified and passionate Arab hatred of Israelis (***Psalm 83:3***)

Presently all six of these prerequisites are in place, making the fuller ***Psalm 83*** an imminent event. I personally think we've seen the START of ***Psalms 83*** now, but there is more of this conflict yet to unfold. AND - - there is much more land that Israel will yet acquire, and there are more specific prophecies to be fulfilled that revolve around the details of ***Psalms 83***.

NOTE: Naturally, that raises the next obvious question, "How does this specific area of Jordan manage to survive the antichrist's otherwise highly successful war agenda?"

NOTE: I've been building my case here. We stepped back a few paces so we could take in the big picture and responsibly address this question.

- We looked at evolving conditions in the Middle East today. We saw how Israel is currently anticipating a war that will come at her from ALL fronts. Not 'some,' but **all**.
- The IDF has been training for a war on ALL sides, and Israel's longtime enemies are talking about the very same thing. It is going to happen, and given developments in that part of the world, I believe it will happen relatively soon. Iran is getting desperate.
- That's why we've looked at the FUTURE prophetic implications of ***Psalms 83***. That was last week's lesson, and remember, we learned the following:
 - This prophetic Psalm was written during a time of great peace and prosperity in Israel under King David.
 - Several of the territories and foes mentioned in ***Psalm 83***, were – at that time – already under the control and rule of Israel.
 - We looked at the main points of ***Psalm 83***, namely:

- ✓ Israel will likely – soon - be attacked by a coalition of ten territories or people groups that immediately surround her.
- ✓ These ten people groups are referred to by their Biblical names, but they can be traced to current territories and populations that exist today. We identified them.
- ✓ In a nutshell, we saw that ***Psalms 83*** states how Israel's foes want to wipe her off the map, to utterly destroy Israel so that her name is remembered no more.
- ✓ They want to take the '*pasturelands of God*' for themselves, and now - for the first time – Israel can indeed be described as '*pasturelands*.'
- ✓ The larger point of ***Psalms 83*** is this: Israel will be successful in defeating all these foes that simultaneously come against her.
- ✓ More significantly, Israel's enemies in ***Psalms 83*** will be so soundly defeated that two key things will happen:
 1. These longstanding enemies of Israel will basically disappear. They will never bother Israel again. They will be completely destroyed.
 2. And number two, Israel will gain a great deal more land as a result of this conflict. She will gain all of Gaza and the West Bank. She will gain portions of Syria and the Sinai. She will acquire a good deal of southern Lebanon, and - - she will gain a large part of modern-day Jordan.
- ✓ It's this last bit of info about Jordan – that ties back into ***Dan. 11:41***. Those three regions that the antichrist cannot conquer: "*Edom, Moab, and the leaders of Ammon*" are a mountainous wilderness area within Jordan that Israel – **during the 7-year Tribulation** – will already own.
- ✓ Israel will own it – because she will annex it – as a result of her military successes in the ***Psalms 83*** conflict which could erupt any day now.

NOTE: If you've ever tried to swat moths as they circle and swarm around a summer light source, you can somewhat understand what I am feeling right now. There are a series of important prophetic issues that are all circling one main point. It's a bit chaotic and unknown, but I am trying to deal with each element in a systematic and purposeful fashion.

The implications of what I am teaching you – of what the Bible is **telling** us – are profound:

1. You and I are standing **right now** on the threshold of prophetic events in Israel that will reshape the Middle East as we currently know it. We will see these things happen unless the Lord takes us out of here first in the Rapture.
2. These events will see Israel's longstanding foes which immediately surround her utterly destroyed in a region-wide, major, desperate conflict.
3. And again - - Israel will gain a large amount of land because of this conflict. This will not only reshape the current status quo in that part of the world, but it will also impact the future war campaigns of the antichrist which we read about in ***Daniel 11:41***.

NOTE: Some of you are already thinking about some things that are getting ahead of me here. (And so) I want to move the various points of this lesson into some firm conclusions.

A. Jesus instructed the faithful Jewish believers that will see the abomination of desolation at the midpoint of the Tribulation to *“flee to the mountains”* (**Cf. Matt. 24:16; Et al**)

1. That will be an emergency moment. The antichrist will – at the midpoint of the Tribulation – be prepared to swiftly come against and kill the Jews.
 - This will catch many of the Jews by surprise. They will not see it coming – sort of like Oct. 7, 2023.
 - I believe the antichrist will have prepared a genocidal plan that he will put into motion promptly after entering the temple and declaring himself to be ‘God.’
2. That is why Jesus, in **Matt. 24:15**, appeals to the faithful remnant of Jewish believers at that time to *“understand what is written”* - - **and to notice something, from the book of Daniel**. Jesus says:

"Therefore, when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),"

- Jesus wants this faithful remnant of Jews **at that future time** to comprehend what is happening at the midpoint of the Tribulation.
 - (And) Jesus calls attention to the things Daniel has **already** written about.
3. There are two specific things Daniel wrote about which are especially poignant at this future juncture:
 - **First**, Daniel identifies the event known as the *“abomination of desolation”* in **Dan. 9:27**. This event takes place at the halfway point of the seven-year Tribulation.
 - Jesus refers to this event by the same term that Daniel uses.
 - He expects the faithful remnant of Jews at the midpoint of the Tribulation to NOT BE FOOLED.
 - Jesus appeals to these faithful Jews to PROMPTLY obey His instructions. In fact, it is their obedience which PROVES their faith, and which ultimately PRESERVES them.
 - **Second**, Daniel identifies which mountainous area will be safe from the antichrist. Righteous and faithful Jews of that time will recognize this.
 - They will already know that area from **Dan. 11:41**. It is that region known as *“Edom, Moab, and the leaders of Ammon.”*
 - This is the specific area that Daniel states the antichrist will be unsuccessful in conquering.

- It is a region that will already be part of Israel – by that future point in time – as a direct result of the pending **Psalms 83** conflict which I expect to happen very soon.
- The faithful Jews during the Tribulation – that remnant which has come to saving faith after the Rapture – will “*read and understand*” (according to the words of Jesus in **Matt. 24:15-16**) WHAT is happening and WHERE they should flee to.
- In other words, their lives will be spared by knowing Bible prophecy.

B. Let’s look at this **very same event** from another perspective which is found in **Rev. 12:6 (READ)**.

NOTE: Several things to note here:

1. The “woman” in this passage is clearly identified as the nation of Israel within the context.
2. She is protected for 1,260 days. That is 3 ½ years. It is the second half of the Tribulation - - that timeframe **which follows** the abomination of desolation.
3. Israel is noted in this passage to flee from the dragon (AKA Satan, the source of the antichrist’s power) by going “*into the desert to a place prepared for her by God.*”
4. So here in **Rev. 12:6**, we know that the mountainous area that Jesus instructed the faithful Jews to flee to in **Matt. 24:16** is **also** a desert area.
5. **Rev. 12:14-16** adds more to this picture (**READ**).
 - There is some sort of aid given to the faithful Jews that flee (we don’t know what that is).
 - It may be a supernatural occasion (with the Jews ‘flying’ into the wilderness) with Satan spewing water like a river to overtake the Jews, and the earth opening up (this suggests a ground-based escape by the Jews).
 - So now, in five different passages: **Dan. 11:41, Psalms 83, Matt. 24:15-16, Rev. 12:6, and Rev. 12:14-16**, we gain a series of insights in the ways they all overlap. They all support the same conclusion.
 - Israel will – very soon - face a war from all her foes which essentially share a border with her. Israel’s enemies want to exterminate Israel, but Israel will completely destroy them instead.
 - In this conflict, Israel will annex a great deal of land and territory that once belonged to her enemies. That will include a large portion of Jordan.
 - Jesus instructs a future faithful remnant of Jews to flee the antichrist, and to escape to the desert mountains of Israel at the halfway point of the Tribulation.
 - Jesus specifically draws attention to the book of **Daniel** where there is a territory within the annexed land of Jordan that will be safe from the antichrist’s conquests.

- **Revelation** identifies this area as being “wilderness or desert,” and it is an area that has been specifically and uniquely prepared by God.
- This is an area that is in modern-day Jordan - - (and will soon be in modern-day Israel).
- The faithful Jews that read and understand what the book of **Daniel** says, and that heed Jesus’ instructions in **Matthew**, know exactly where to go. In the words of Jesus, they “*read and understand.*”

NOTE: We started with a unique insight in **Dan. 11:41**. We saw how the antichrist is highly successful in ALL his war campaigns - - except for one little obscure territory in modern-day Jordan. Now we have the backstory, and now we see the bigger picture.

We’ve successfully swatted down a couple of those moths that are circling the light bulb. But there are still more moths to swat down - - - in other words, there is more to understand about all of this. It’s now time to add some additional interesting information....

Within that area of Edom and Moab which lies within modern-day Jordan, there is the ancient city of Petra carved into the sandstone cliffs and rocks of that desert wilderness area.

- It is accessible only by a narrow crevice called the Siq which meanders through the mountainous area for about a mile. It makes the ancient city of Petra highly defensible.
- Petra is located about fifty miles south of the Dead Sea and 170 miles southwest of the modern city of Amman, Jordan.
- The area in and around Petra is also known as “Sela” which means “rock,” or ‘cleft in the rock.’
- This specific area is also referred to in the Bible by the ancient Hebrew name of “Bozrah,” which literally means “sheepfold.” And here’s where everything gets really interesting....

It’s here where I need to pause for a moment and try to swat down another moth. What would your response be if I asked you to describe the Second Coming of Jesus Christ?

1. Would you say Jesus Christ will appear as King of kings and Lord of lords in the air, riding a white horse with the armies of heaven behind him?
2. Would you say He would come in the clouds to defeat the armies of the antichrist at the Battle of Armageddon?
3. Would you say He is going to descend on the Mount of Olives which will then split in two by a major earthquake?
4. What would your response be? I’m guessing most – or some – of these things would be in your reply.

But what if I told you that Jesus – at the time of His **physical Second Coming** – at the end of the Tribulation does not FIRST appear in the air with the armies of heaven behind Him? Nor does He descend FIRST to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus Christ – at His physical Second Coming – goes to modern-day Jordan first, to Bozrah first! To Edom! To Petra! It's all saying the same thing. That's the first place he goes, and it's **NOT** an event that is witnessed on the same scale as His arrival at the so-called "Battle of Armageddon." (We'll learn in a bit why that's not a good phrase to be using....).

A. The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ FIRST physically returns to Bozrah, to the ancient city of Petra. Something happens there first, and it's not until AFTER this that He THEN arrives in the air with the armies of heaven to fight the "Battle of Armageddon" (**Cf. Isaiah 63:1-6; READ**)

1. Let's point out several things about this passage:

- This is a prophetic passage about Jesus Christ's Second Coming in judgement
- Isaiah, as a '*watchman on the wall of Jerusalem*' in **Isaiah 62:6**, has a vision of Jesus Christ striding **towards Jerusalem**. Notice Jesus' direction.
- Several things are said about Jesus in this passage:
 - He is a mighty warrior King who is returning from Bozrah in Edom.
 - He single-handedly defeated his enemies, the nations of the world.
 - His garments are soaked with the blood of His enemies (**Important: remember that point**).

2. The question is, "Why is Jesus Christ coming from Bozrah?"

- The answer is He goes there FIRST to rescue and lead out of Petra - from Bozrah - the faithful remnant of Jewish believers who **properly** heeded His advice in **Matt. 24:15-16** to flee to the desert mountains.
- These Jews have been protected from the antichrist for 3 ½ years, and **Isaiah 63:1-6** make it clear that the nations of the world have surrounded them and isolated them in this location.
- Jesus Christ goes there and defeats all the armies that have besieged Petra and he **PHYSICALLY FIGHTS THEM AND KILLS THEM** in hand-to-hand combat.
- This is conventional kinetic warfare. It's a different view of Jesus Christ than a baby in a manger.
- It's a view of Him as a warrior king, as a judge, and the Bible has much more to say about this version of Him than it does about the events of Bethlehem.
- As a result of this battle, the blood of Jesus Christ's enemies spatters his garments (**Cf. vs. 3b**). It's important to grasp what the details are saying here. It is a scene of REAL carnage, REAL violence, and REAL combat.

3. Following the defeat of the world's armies (UN?) that are besieging Petra / Bozrah, Jesus Christ leads the faithful Jewish remnant OUT of this fortress and towards Jerusalem as Isaiah saw in **Ch. 63**.

- These events are noted in detail in **Micah 2:12-13 (READ)**.

"I will certainly assemble all of you, Jacob, I will certainly gather the remnant of Israel. I will put them together like sheep in the fold (NOTE: The KJB uses the phrase 'sheep of Bozrah' here – remember what Bozrah means: "sheepfold"); Like a flock in the midst of its pasture They will be noisy with people. "The one who breaks through goes up before them; They break through, pass through the gate, and go out by it. So their king passes on before them, And the LORD at their head."

- **So, what's the summary of what's going on here?**

- At the midpoint of the seven-year Tribulation, at the time of the abomination of desolation, there will be a faithful remnant of Jews that heed Jesus' instruction to 'flee to the mountains.' The minority.
- They will recognize the antichrist's intentions because of the words of Daniel. They will also know from **Daniel 11:41** what place would be safe to go to.
- They flee – supernaturally aided somehow - to Bozrah, to the ancient city of Petra, a territory which will THEN be part of Israel, and which Israel acquired from Jordan in the **Psalms 83** conflict.
- The thousands of faithful Jews here result in a noisy and chaotic situation - - like a herd of sheep in a sheepfold.
- This becomes the **ONLY** region the Bible states the antichrist will **not** be able to conquer.
- And we know why. It's because **Rev. Ch. 12** tells us that God will supernaturally protect and provide for this faithful remnant of Jews in **that** location.
- At the very end of the Tribulation, BEFORE Jesus Christ appears at the "Battle of Armageddon," He FIRST goes to Bozrah – to Petra – where He singlehandedly defeats the world's armies which have laid siege to this location.
- He defeats them in hand-to-hand combat, and then He leads the faithful Jews out of Bozrah, and they all head up to Jerusalem which is exactly how Isaiah sees Him coming - - FROM Bozrah.
- The battle at Petra is a violent and messy one. Jesus' garments get soaked with the blood of His enemies as He physically fights them alone and He destroys them.
- It is why He is later seen riding a white horse with the armies of heaven following Him. He is approaching the scene of the "Battle of Armageddon" and He is noted to be wearing (what?) *"a robe dipped in blood"* (**Cf. Rev. 19:13**).

- It is the **same** blood that spattered his garments in Bozrah – in Petra. He hasn't changed His clothes.
- He is returning to earth as a warrior king bent on judgment, and His garments show the evidence of His physical battles and victories.

NOTE: I'll stop there. Next week, we'll try to unpack the sequence of events that follow the exit of the faithful remnant of Jews from Petra. We'll have to account for the rest of the details that God's Word tell us about His Second Coming. We will try to see how all these details fit together.

At that point – we'll need to swat another moth. We need to discern how the ***Psalms 83*** conflict will ultimately involve MORE than just the issues outlined in ***Psalms 83***. We'll look at how Israel takes a major hit up north, and why she probably takes out Damascus and the capital city of Jordan too. These details are all part of one single storyline that helps to define the details of Jesus Christ's Second Coming.



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The rules are simple. First, teach what IS there. Don't pretend the Bible is not saying what it is saying.

Second, don't teach what is NOT there. Don't force a passage to mean something it really doesn't.

And – number three, if the Bible states it plainly, we should too.

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