

Prayer tools - Psalm 83

I came across this powerful photo presentation of Psalm 83 today on the Web, with music from the CD Adonai, set to Jewish music. I think you will find it inspiring.

<http://www.acwitness.org/psalm83english.html>

Psalm 83 is very much to the forefront of people's thoughts in this conflict. Go to <http://www.cnn.com/2006/WORLD/europe/07/25/ireland.psalms.ap/index.html> to read how a medieval book has just been found in a peat bog. It is a miracle the book has been preserved, but still more amazing is the fact that it was open at Psalm 83: which charts how Israel's surrounding nations conspire to destroy it!

'We were sent the following exhortation from Israel

In our worship watches, we have had powerful times of worship and intercession over the whole issue, and felt the Lord speak in several ways. Rick Ridings reminded us of a vision he received several year ago, where coals of fire were being poured out by angels along the length of the Israel/Lebanon border, even as we "stirred the pot" of worship from Jerusalem. Then, the angels grasped the border, as if it were a band of rubber, and stretched it northward, effectively extending Israel's border far into Lebanon. The scripture that accompanied this was Ezek28:20-27, in which God declares He is "against" Sidon (in southern Lebanon), that He will remove the "prickling brier" and "painful thorn" for the house of Israel, when He has regathered the house of Israel (ie, now!), so that both Sidon and Israel will "know that I am the Lord". Ps 83 has been quoted for several years, anticipating a time when a confederacy of Israel's neighbors, seeking to "cut them off from being a nation", will be shamed, confounded and dismayed by the Lord, "that they may know that You, whose name alone is the Lord, are the Most High over all the earth". We read and prayed from Isaiah 41:8-14, urging Israel to "fear not for I (God) am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God...Those who contend with you, those who war against you shall be as nothing, as a non-existent thing.....for I will hold your right hand." Our sense was that the Lord is strongly moving and shaking things, to fulfill His purposes, to set captives (to the spirit of Islam) free, and to rewrite the whole Middle East equation.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER...for wisdom for the government and army leaders, for protection of innocent lives, for the ultimate prosperity of God's plans and purposes.

Please continue to daily pray Psalm 83, that those who seek to destroy Israel will be ashamed so that many will seek the Lord. There have been many reports of miraculous protection from Hezbollah's thousands of Katyusha rockets have come in. There is no doubt that the Holy One of Israel is answering the prayers of many around the world right now.

Notice the mentioning of Philistia (Hamas) and Tyre (Hezbollah) in this Psalm. Israel bombed the Hezbollah headquarters in Tyre this week. This city is a key part of the present conflict and of end time prophecy.

The whole world is in uproar over the destruction in Lebanon. Yet, what is taking place right now through Israel's military campaign to destroy Hezbollah's terrorist infrastructure, could be the beginning of what Isaiah prophesied over Lebanon after *"the terrible one is brought to nothing, the scornful one is consumed, and all who watch for iniquity are cut off."* (Isaiah 29:20).

Shimon Peres made a statement in a CNN interview this week that the 400 casualties so far in Lebanon should be compared to the 10,000 dead in Kosovo when NATO forces went in there and blanketed the area with air bombings. The very same nations who were responsible for 10,000 dead civilians in Kosovo are now accusing Israel of using disproportionate force in Lebanon. It is absolute hypocrisy.

Since the early 1980's we have prayed the Scripture above from Isaiah 29 over Lebanon's war torn area. Now is the time to man our posts in intercession and continue to pray Psalm 83 as well as this passage from Isaiah 29 and press on in prayer for a complete victory. God has a bright future for both Lebanon and Israel after terror has been uprooted and "the ruthless" or "the terrible one" is "brought to nothing" and "cut off." Lebanon will become a harvest field and many in Israel will come to faith as their eyes are opened to understand their own Scriptures. This is what God plans to do as we continue to pray.

Israel is right now involved in a serious spiritual and military conflict with the Prince of Persia, which is behind Iran and Hezbollah. Remember that also Daniel had to pray for three weeks for a breakthrough against the prince of Persia. Let's press on in prayer.