

‘PSALM IN A BOG’ LINKED TO ISRAEL'S CURRENT WAR

Some say Scripture find in Ireland has meaning with present conflict

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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea including a verse by verse study of Psalm 83 follows this article.

The "miraculous" find of [ancient psalms in an Irish bog](#) has some wondering if there's any special modern relevance, since the discovery dealt with the enemies of Israel attempting to destroy the nation.



Ancient book of psalms found in Irish bog by construction worker was opened to Psalm 83 (photo: National Museum of Ireland)

A construction worker in Ireland came across the ancient 20-page book dated to the years 800-1000 A.D. while driving his backhoe's shovel into the mud last week. Experts say it's impossible to say how the manuscript ended up there, but speculate it may have been lost in transit or dumped after a raid some 1,000 to 1,200 years ago.

The National Museum of Ireland issued a statement saying, "In discovery terms, this Irish equivalent to the Dead Sea Scrolls is being

hailed by the museum's experts as the greatest find ever from a European bog."

"It is not so much the fragments themselves, but what they represent, that is of such staggering importance," said the museum's director, Pat Wallace. "In my wildest hopes, I could only have dreamed of a discovery as fragile and rare as this. It testifies to the incredible richness of the Early Christian civilization of this island and to the greatness of ancient Ireland."

Wallace called it a "miracle find," [telling the Associated Press](#), "it's unlikely that something this fragile could survive buried in a bog at all, and then for it to be unearthed and spotted before it was destroyed is incalculably more amazing."

But it's the fact the book was discovered opened to Psalm 83 that is attracting attention across the globe.

The ancient psalm deals with a plea to God not to let the enemies of Israel eradicate God's chosen nation.

Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. (Psalm 83:1-4)

It then lists a number of Israel's ancient enemies bent on its destruction.

[Stan Goodenough](#), a South African journalist living in Israel for the past 12 years calls the timing of the discovery "incredible."

For right now Israel's enemies are again united in their desire to "cut Israel off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more." They purpose to take for themselves the "pastures of God for a possession." And that they are in league – or in a confederacy – is clear.

From Gaza, supported by most of the Arab states, the violence is being directed by the Palestinian Arab terrorist groups: the PLO, Hamas, the Palestine Islamic Jihad, the Popular Front For the Liberation of Palestine and the popular resistance Committees.

In the north, the Lebanese group [Hezbollah], supplied and enabled by Syria and the non-Arab but also Islamic Iran, is raining rockets down on Israel.

This, given the current situation, makes Psalm 83 a fascinating and fitting read, the ancient find nothing short of a phenomenon.

Goodenough points out the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947, just as the modern state of Israel was being formed.

Note from Pastor Kevin Lea – see comments below about how the Jews who committed mass suicide in Masada in 73 AD left a scroll of Ezekiel 37 (talking about the Jews someday returning to the land of Israel) in the Synagogue just before their death. This scroll was not found until 1948. <http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Archaeology/Masada1.html>.

The bog find was heralded by the museum on Tuesday, one day after a call for global prayer on behalf of Israel. [Psalm 83 was one of three psalms recited at locations worldwide Tuesday](#) at the request of the governing council of Israel's Chief Rabbinate.

In his book, "[Israel in Crisis](#)," author David Dolan dedicates an entire chapter to Psalm 83.

"I detail who the protagonists are in the psalm, and then go on to talk about when it might be fulfilled," he told WND.

The website [A Christian Witness](#) previously put Psalm 83 into a [musical Flash presentation](#), demonstrating how timely the ancient song is with news images documenting the current threat facing Israel, linking the ancient peoples mentioned in the psalm to modern political states.



Psalm 83 attached to modern images and music in [online Flash presentation](#)
(ACWitness.org)

Note from Pastor Kevin: Don't miss clicking on the link under the picture, and note the date it was created/updated.

Messageboards are filled with comments of news watchers who feel there's a timely significance to the discovery, while others think it's mere coincidence.

- "This is the eeriest discovery I've ever heard of, especially given current events. It actually sends chills up my spine."
- "I have read Psalms *many* times, and never has it just about screamed its relevance to the Middle East. God is really speaking to us through His Word right now (as always, of course), if we'll listen."
- "I think this is one of the best news stories that I have read in quite some time. Those who seek Him, find Him. To those of us who believe, this is very uplifting!"
- "For this to have been an act of God, God would have to have been all-knowing, foreseen this very conflict roughly 1,000 years before it occurred, foreseen the bog market, foreseen the use of power tools, foreseen the individual working the equipment and ensured this particular one was working that part of that bog that day, have created the book of its various parts (leather, the paper within) in the first place, have placed it in that place for 1,000 years of earthquakes and various other acts of God, foreseen the person who purchased the land would happen to be of the same artifacts mindset (not common among money-hungry

- landowners) and foreseen the need to it open to that page on that day. I don't know, seems all haphazard to me."
- "What's next? Maybe archaeologists will discover in a cave, located in the Sinai desert, a 2,000-year-old papyrus, that describes in detail the whole Jesus thing. It will be discovered that it was just an elaborate practical joke on a fellow named Murray who lived in the north end of Jerusalem. And we'll all laugh and laugh."

Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: As noted in other handouts, and as [taught to our congregation on January 1st, 2006](#), I have felt that this year would see the fulfillment of Psalm 83 and Isaiah 17.

I did not base this "feeling" on a special word from God, but on comparing the news coming out of the Middle East to God's divinely inspired words contained in the holy Bible.

My concern of imminent fulfillment started with the frequent statements made by leaders of countries in the Middle East who are calling for "Israel to be wiped off the map." This is exactly what the prophet of Psalm 83 said would occur in a future time. But what future time was he talking about? Could it have already happened in the past? Can we be certain that he was predicting an event that is yet future?

*It is believed Psalm 83 was written after the destruction of Jerusalem in 586 BC by the Babylonians. If it was written before then, and was also intended to apply to events before the 586 BC destruction, then Psalm 83 is a false prophecy, because history records that the nations listed in Psalm 83 never conspired together to jointly wipe Israel off the map at any time before 586 BC, nor did God deliver Israel from this plot in a way that the conquered nations were "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" as Psalm 83 predicts.*

Therefore Psalm 83 was either written before 586 BC (but applied to a time after 586 BC) or it was written after this time. In either case, never in history (since Psalm 83 was written and until now) have the listed nations plotted together to destroy Israel. In fact, from 586 BC until 1948, Israel did not literally exist as a sovereign nation. You can't wipe a nation off of the map that does not exist. In 586 BC Israel was defeated and taken into captivity to Babylon. Decades later, the Jews returned to the land of Israel, but were under the thumb of the Persian Empire. Then the Greeks ruled the land and Israel was still not a sovereign nation. Finally, the Romans took over the role as ruler of Israel, with the Caesars setting up Kings and Procurators as they saw fit.

Israel tried to rebel against Roman rule in order to achieve statehood but were defeated by General Titus in 70 AD when he again destroyed Jerusalem. The Jews were then scattered to the four corners of the globe until they started returning in numbers early in the 20th century. Then in May of 1948 they were declared a nation for the first time in over 2500 years. The rebirth of a nation after centuries of wandering without a homeland is unprecedented in all of history.

But what is more amazing is that the modern state of Israel was literally born in one day, just as the Prophet Isaiah prophesied they would be (Isaiah 66:8-9). In addition, the prophet Ezekiel prophesied in chapter 36 that the land of Israel would be prepared to receive the Jews back in the land. In chapter 37 he prophesies that the occurrence of Jews coming out of the nations (called graveyards) to repopulate the land of Israel would be just as miraculous as if dried, dead, bones would come together to reform a living body.

In the same way God allowed a thousand-plus year copy of the Psalm 83 prophecy (apparently soon to be fulfilled) in a peat bog of Ireland, a two-thousand year old copy of Ezekiel 37 was found in Israel in 1948, just after it was literally being fulfilled. The returning Jews found a scroll of Ezekiel 37 hidden under the floor of the Jewish Synagogue in Masada, which was left there by the Jews who committed mass suicide in 73 AD. The last Jewish holdouts against the Romans left a time capsule message to a future Jewish people saying (based on Ezekiel 37), "We'll be back."

No logical thinking person can argue that Ezekiel's prophecy was literally fulfilled when the Jews returned to become a nation. Therefore, a logical thinking person should also suspect that Psalm 83 will someday be fulfilled exactly as written.

But some are saying that all Old Testament prophecy was fulfilled in the distant past and has no applicability to today. This is absurd in light of recorded history, but rather than argue, let's put this Old Testament prophecy (Psalm 83) to the test.

Today (July 28, 2006) Israel and Hezbollah are still trading rockets and bombs, but Syria, Saudi Arabia, etc. are not involved and Israel has not prevailed to the point their enemies are:

-----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.

as Psalms 83:17 and 18 predict. Other statements of Psalm 83 are also not fulfilled. The following is a verse by verse study of Psalm 83. If it is not literally fulfilled someday (probably soon), then the peat bog find should be blown off as

insignificant. But if it is literally fulfilled, then there is a God who knows the end from the beginning and his Name is YHWH (not Allah), the God of the Bible (not the Koran), and the God who loves us enough to send us a Savior (Jesus), and a warning message in an Irish bog. Are you listening?

PSALM 83

(Combined notes from July 28, 2002 and January 1, 2006)

A PSALM OF ASAPH

Ps 83:1 Do not keep silent, O God! Do not hold Your peace, and do not be still, O God!

2 For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; and those who hate You have lifted up their head.

3 They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, and consulted together against Your sheltered ones.

POWERFUL PEOPLE WHO HATE GOD ARE MEETING IN A CONSPIRATORIAL WAY TO DESTROY ISRAEL

REQUIRES ISRAEL TO EXIST AS A NATION

4 They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more."

BEEN GOING ON SINCE 1948

NEVER IN HISTORY BEFORE THEN

BEING SAID TODAY – BY HEADS OF STATE - IRAN

WITH MILITARY INTENT BEHIND IT

DESTROY ISRAEL = 232,000 GOOGLE HITS
UPDATED NUMBER 502,000 – July 28, 2006

COMPARED TO 637 FOR DESTROY FRANCE
UPDATED NUMBER 880

WIPE ISRAEL OFF THE MAP 50,400 HITS
UPDATED - 133,000

COMPARED TO 56 FOR FRANCE
UPDATED - 9

**ENTIRE ARAB WORLD NOT SHOWING A MAP OF ISRAEL IN
THEIR CLASSROOMS**

**CALL THE FORMATION OF THE JEWISH STATE,
“THE GREAT DISASTER”**

ARE CONSPIRING TO DESTROY ISRAEL

4 *They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, that
the name of Israel may be remembered no more."*

**VICTOR MORDECAI'S WIFE MONITORS ARAB RADIO IN
ISRAEL**

**TOLD ME TWO WEEKS AGO (DECEMBER 2005) THAT
THE ARAB WORLD IS TRYING TO GET IRAN TO STOP
MAKING THESE STATEMENTS**

**NOT BECAUSE THEY DISAGREE, BUT BECAUSE
THEY THINK IT IS A TACTICAL BLUNDER TO
SHOW THEIR HAND NOW**

5 For they have consulted together with one consent; they form a
confederacy against You:

6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab and the Hagrites;

7 Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;

TODAY = JORDAN, GAZA, LEBANON AND SAUDI ARABIA

SAUDI ARABIA –

**FAHD FAMILY COULD BE
REPLACED WITH RADICAL ISLAM**

**SECRET MISSILE BASE READY TO
LAUNCH LONG RANGE MISSILES
AT ISRAEL**

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF

PALESTINIANS

8 Assyria also has joined with them; they have helped the children of Lot.
Selah

ASSYRIA = SYRIA

WHICH IS ALLIED WITH IRAN

IF IRAN IS ATTACKED – SYRIA WILL RESPOND

**SYRIA COORDINATED THE MISSILE ATTACK ON ISRAEL
THIS WEEK (LAST WEEK OF DECEMBER 2005)**

TRYING TO BLACKMAIL THE WEST TO PREVENT SANCTIONS AND ASSASSINATION PROBE

- 9 [THEN PROPHET ASKS GOD TO] Deal with them as with Midian,
as with Sisera, as with Jabin at the Brook Kishon,
10 Who perished at En Dor, who became as refuse on the earth.

IN A FORMER WAR WITH ISRAEL - *See Judges chapter 4*

- 11 Make their nobles like Oreb and like Zeeb, yes, all their princes like
Zebah and Zalmunna, (*see Judges chapter 7 and 8*)
12 Who said, "Let us take for ourselves the pastures of God for a
possession."

PA TV: Expel Israelis from Israel

'Be gone. Die anywhere you like, but don't die here.'

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Calling it a new level of hatred, an Israeli monitor of Arab media condemned the Palestinian Authority for broadcasting a feature that called for the expulsion of Israelis from the Holy Land.

"It is time for you [Israelis] to be gone," said a voice over images of Tel Aviv and an Israeli flag. "Live wherever you like, but don't live among us. It is time for you to be gone. Die wherever you like, but don't die among us."

Itamar Marcus of Palestinian Media Watch said the feature, **broadcast Dec. 20** and on a previous occasion, was **"yet another program on Palestinian Authority television calling for the destruction of Israel."**

-----**In the feature, all of Israel's coastal cities, Acre, Haifa, Caesarea, Ashdod, Ashkelon and Jaffa, are said to be situated in what is "known today as Palestine," making Israel non-existent.**

The final words of the program recited Israeli-Arab poet Mahmoud Darwish:

"It is time for you [Israelis] to be gone. Live wherever you like, but don't live among us. It is time for you to be gone. Die wherever you like, but don't die among us. We have the past here. We have the present, the present and the future... So leave our country, our land, our sea, our wheat, our salt, our wounds. Everything. And leave the memories."

12 *Who said, "Let us take for ourselves the pastures of God for a possession."*

13 O my God, make them like the whirling dust, like the chaff before the wind!

14 As the fire burns the woods, and as the flame sets the mountains on fire,

15 So pursue them with Your tempest, and frighten them with Your storm.

DEFEAT THEM WITH A BURNING FIRE

GOD COULD LITERALLY BRING FIRE ON THEM

OR USE HIS PEOPLE OF ISRAEL TO DO IT

16 Fill their faces with shame, that they may seek Your name, O LORD.

NO ARAB MUSLIM IS SEEKING THE GOD OF ISRAEL

THEY ARE CONVINCED ALLAH IS GOD

BUT THEY WON'T BE SO CONVINCED IF MECCA IS BURNED

17 Let them be confounded and dismayed **forever**; yes, let them be put to shame and perish,

18 That they may know that You, whose name alone is the LORD

(HEBREW YHWH), are the Most High over all the earth.

ARABS SAY ALLAH AKBAR - (MEANING ALLAH IS THE GREATEST OF THE GODS)

THEREFORE THE ARAB MUSLIMS (ONE BILLION STRONG) MUST BE DEFEATED IN A WAY THAT THEY WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO SAY THIS AGAIN AND THE WORLD WILL KNOW THAT THE GOD OF THE JEWS (FIVE MILLION STRONG IN ISRAEL) PREVAILED AGAINST THE GOD OF THE MUSLIM.

[You can also listen to a verse by verse study of this chapter, which was given on Sunday, July 28, 2002 \(exactly 4 years ago today\).](#)

AND

As [taught to our congregation on January 1st, 2006](#)

In summary, this is a truly amazing find that has resulted in millions of people around the world blowing the dust off of their Bibles as they read Psalm 83. Was this a divine plan of God in order to warn the world one last time before He acts on behalf of His people? I strongly think so and I pray the reader will humble themselves before the Almighty God of the Bible if they haven't already. I also pray the reader will ponder this profound truth of God's prophetic scripture in light of current events in the Middle East.

The Bible teaches that now is the day of salvation. Please humble yourself and admit to God that you are a sinner and then, by faith, embrace His cure for sin, Jesus. Repent (turn away) from your sinful life and ask God to forgive you based on the shed blood of Jesus. Then start to live for Him as you would anyone who rescued you from death. The alternative is eternal separation from the loving God of the Bible.

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