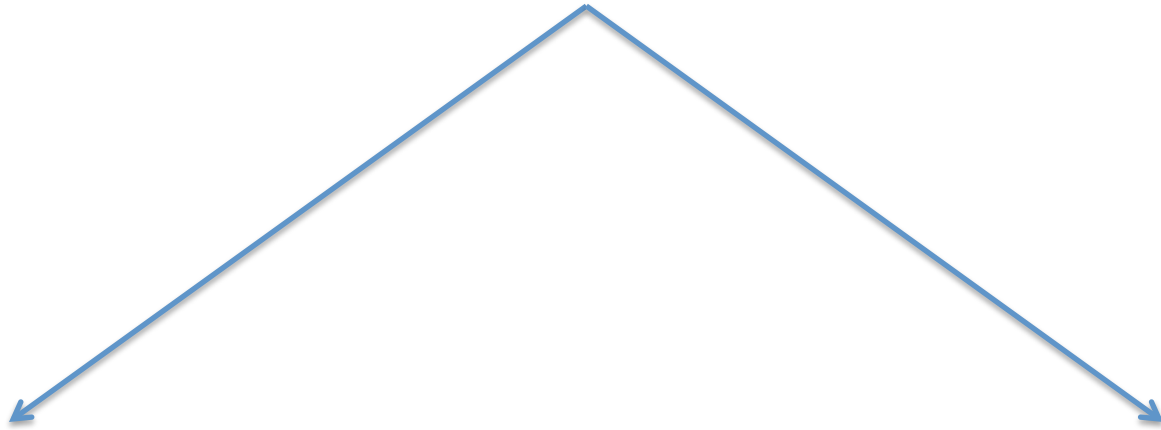


Prophecy:
The Judgment and the Kingdom
in the Psalms

The psalms are a collection of religious poetry.



Varying
specificity

Broader context
& purpose

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10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

- Ps 46

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Saint is (there) applied to all that are separated, or made holy, by the blood of the covenant; as it is written, “Gather my saints together unto me: those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice” “having their hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience (by the blood of sprinkling) and their bodies washed with pure water.” The sprinkling of heart, and the washing of body, are common to all in Christ, whether apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, or private persons. In apostolic times, these were all saints, or “the faithful in Christ Jesus”.

- J Thomas *Eureka Volume 1*

All judgment is committed to the hands of Christ, before whom we must appear to receive it and who at his appearing is represented as saying “Gather my saints together unto me, those who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”

- Robert Roberts. Sunday Morning Address at the Birmingham Christadelphian Ecclesia. *The Christadelphian* Vol 17; 1880.

“Therefore, ‘the mighty God, even the Lord, hath spoken and called; Gather my saints together’ ... Resurrection from the dead is not universal... Association with the death of Christ, by belief of the gospel and baptism into His Name, is the only means of contact with ‘the blood of the covenant;’ and inasmuch as Jesus was ‘brought again from the dead’ by that covenant, obviously the principle of the limited resurrection is that same covenant.”

- Albert Hall *Eden to Eden*

28.--THE JUDGMENT-SEAT SUMMONS

Writing of the time when God will “judge His people,” the Spirit in the Psalmist says: "Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice." For whom is this command intended? For the "angels" who, says Christ, "shall gather together His (the Son of Man's) elect from one end of heaven to the other." Why is it recorded so long before it is required? Not merely to inform the “angels.” It must be for the enlightenment of those who come within the scope of its operation. Who are they? They are described by God as "My saints." How are they constituted "saints"? By sanctification, or separation from the world of sin...when they were baptized.

- J J Andrew *The Blood of the Covenant*

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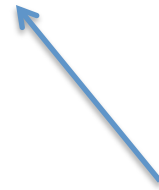
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A call to repentance

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Address to

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Israel / community

the wicked

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I am God, even thy God...

14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:

15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

16 But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth?...

21 These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.

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- A. Prophecy (1-6)
- B. Admonition to the community (7-15)
- C. Admonition to the wicked (16-21)
- D. General conclusion (22-23)

Thematic links of Ps 46 – 50

Ps 46

- He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

Ps 47

- God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

Ps 48

- The joy of the whole earth, *is* mount Zion, *on* the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

Ps 49

- But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me

Ps 50

- Reigning, judgment, and instruction

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Call the nations to worship (e.g. Isa 11)

Christ in Jerusalem as King (e.g. Zech 14)

March of Christ & the saints (Hab 3; Jude 14)

Actual gathering

Command to gather (e.g. Mark 13:27)

Declaration that there will be a judgment

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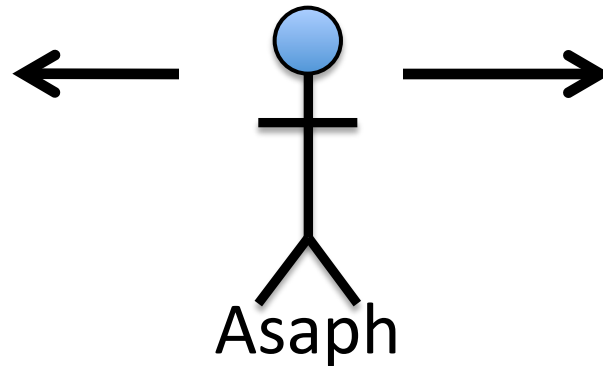
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PAST /
HISTORICAL

PRESENT
7-23 Admonition
& warning to
community,
wicked, reader

FUTURE /
PROPHECY

1-2 God shined
in Zion



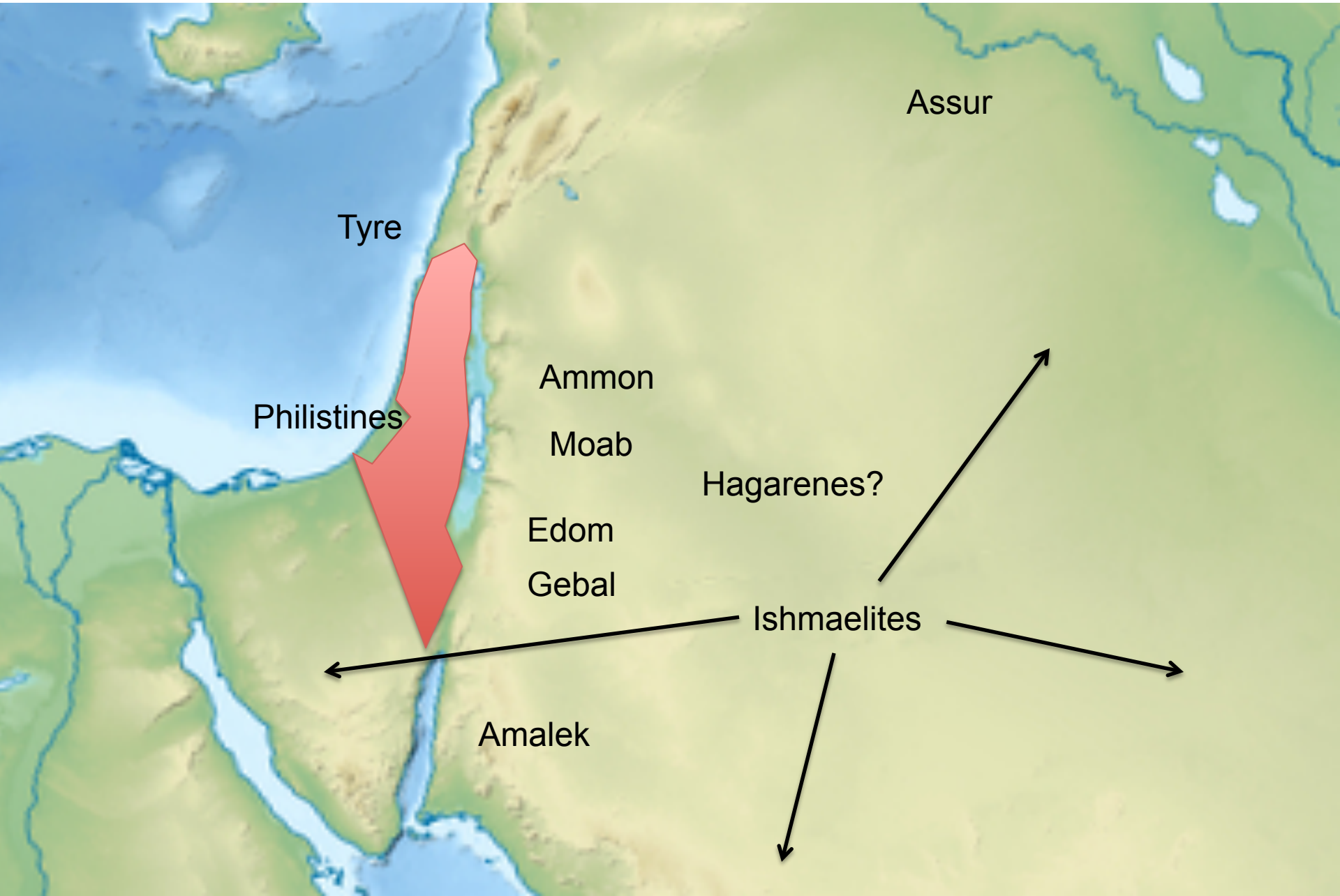
3-6 God shall
come, shall
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TIME

Confederacy of Ps 83

Edom	Descendants of Esau synonymous with Mt. Seir (Gen 25:30; 36:8)
Ishmaelites	Descendants of Ishmael (Gen 25)
Moab	Descendants of Lot (Gen 19:37)
Hagarenes	Either descendants of Ishmael or the tribe of Hagar; Hagarites (1 Chron 5) mentioned in Assyrian inscriptions
Gebal	Edomite area “Gebalene”(Gk) or “Jibal”(Arabic); descendants of Esau -or- a city of Phoenicia
Ammon	Descendants of Lot (Gen 19:38)
Amalek	Descendants of Esau (Gen 36); first to fight Israel out of Egypt (Ex 17)
Philistines	Descendants of Ham (Gen 10); seafaring invaders from Crete/Cyprus(?)
Tyre	Descendant of Ham and Canaan; city of Phoenicia; synonymous with Zidonians (1 Kings 5)
Assur	Assyrians; Descendants of Shem (Gen 10)
the children of Lot	Moab and Ammon



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Is Psalm 83 historical?

	Ps 83	Attack against Jehoshaphat (2 Chron 20)	Revolts under Jehoram (2 Chron 21)	Sennacherib's invasion (2 Chron 32)	Rebuilding under Nehemiah (Neh 2)
Edom	X	X	X ¹		
Ishmaelites	X				
Moab	X	X			
Hagarenes	X				
Gebal	X	?	? ¹		
Ammon	X	X			X
Amalek	X				
Philistines	X		X ²		
Tyre	X				
Assur	X			X	
Other nations listed?			Arabians near Cush ²		Horonites

Key points on Ps 83

1. There will be enemies roundabout Israel
2. Israel is a nation
3. The confederates are not successful
4. The confederates are destroyed by Elohiym (v13)
5. That *men* may know that thou, whose name alone is YWH, *art* the most high over all the earth.

Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy
peace, and be not still, O God.

How does Ps 83 fit with other prophecies?

	Ps 83	Micah	Ezek 38 / Obadia
Edom	X		
Ishmaelites	X		
Moab	X		
Hagarenes	X		
Gebal	X		
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the children of Lot	X		

Ps 83

- As long as we are looking at asaph
- 48? Tarshish?