

# **The Coming Destruction of Jordan**

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Here are some Old Testament prophecies that are yet unfulfilled:

### 1) Russia will attack Israel and be defeated in Eze 38-39

For info, see:

[http://www.gracebaptistroseville.com/index\\_files/war\\_of\\_ezekial.pdf](http://www.gracebaptistroseville.com/index_files/war_of_ezekial.pdf)

### 2) Damascus will be destroyed

Isaiah 17:1 The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from *being* a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.

When God begins a pronouncement with the word, "Burden", He is signifying calamitous judgment. In this 'burden', God is foretelling that Damascus, the capital of Syria, will be reduced to a "ruinous heap", and shall cease being a city. This kind of devastation has never befallen Damascus. Archeologists call Damascus the 'longest continuously occupied city in the world'. In its long, long history, Damascus has never, ever been so thoroughly destroyed that it has ceased being a city. (<http://www.cuttingedge.org/news/n1035.html>)

H.C. Leupold states, "The fall of Damascus did not actually take place after the pattern which is here outlined. It never was completely ruined, nor did it pass off the scene."<sup>1</sup>

### 3) Egypt will be desolate for 40 years:

Ezekiel 29:6-12 And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I *am* the LORD, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel...Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will bring a sword upon thee, and cut off man and beast out of thee. And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD...and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste *and* desolate, from the tower of Syene even unto the border of Ethiopia. No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years. And I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the countries *that are* desolate, and her cities among the cities *that are* laid waste shall be desolate forty years: and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.

Bible is unclear as to who does this to Egypt. Most definitely, Egypt has never historically been desolate for forty years. It may occur in Dan. 11:42.

### 4) Babylon will be destroyed

Babylon – the literal city, must be rebuilt in the future and then destroyed to fulfill two passages of Scriptures.

- A) Isaiah 13:19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. <sup>20</sup> It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there. (The timing of this passage is 'the Day of the Lord')

Isaiah's prophecy lines up with the following verse:

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<sup>1</sup> Exposition of Isaiah, H.C. Leupold p. 291

Revelation 18:21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast *it* into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

Historically, Babylon has been inhabited and thus, the prophecy of Isaiah concerning the destruction of Babylon necessitates the rebuilding of it.

“In 331 B.C., Alexander the Great approached the city which was then so powerful and flourishing that he made preparation for bringing all his forces into action in case it (Babylon) should offer resistance.... In 917 A.D., Ibu Hankel mentions Babylon as an insignificant village, but still in existence.”<sup>2</sup>

- B) Jeremiah 51:24 And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, saith the LORD. <sup>25</sup> Behold, I *am* against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the LORD, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain. <sup>26</sup> And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be desolate for ever, saith the LORD.

“It is reliably reported that at least six cities bear the marks of having used parts of ancient Babylon in their building, including Seleucia, built by the Greeks; Ctesiphon, by the Parthians; Almaidan, by the Persians; and Kufa, by the Caliphs. Hillah, just a twenty-minute walk from the Babylonian ruins, was built almost entirely from the ruins of Babylon. The builders of Bagdad, fifty miles north of Babylon, also used materials from the ancient city.”<sup>3</sup>

Since these two passages of prophecy have not been fulfilled literally, it is a necessity that the literal city of Babylon be rebuilt.

## 5) Jordan will be destroyed

God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah completely. They have not been, nor shall they ever be inhabited. The Bible gives us two other places that will suffer a similar fate; Babylon and Jordan.

### A) Babylon

Isaiah 13:19 And **Babylon**, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be **as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah**.

Jeremiah 50:40 As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour *cities* thereof, saith the LORD; so shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein.

### B) Jordan (Edom – S. Jordan; Moab and Ammon – N. Jordan)

Jeremiah 49:17-18 Also **Edom** shall be a desolation: every one that goeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof. **As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah** and the neighbour *cities* thereof, saith the LORD, no man shall abide there, neither shall a son of man dwell in it.

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<sup>2</sup> Larkin, Clarence The Book of Revelation, p.157

<sup>3</sup> LaHaye, Tim Revelation Illustrated and Made Plain, p. 240

Zephaniah 2:9 Therefore as I live, saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Surely **Moab shall be as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Gomorrah**, even the breeding of nettles, and saltpits, and a perpetual desolation: the residue of my people shall spoil them, and the remnant of my people shall possess them.

### **How will Jordan become like Sodom and Gomorrah?**

They will unite in a war against Israel and lose. This war is primarily described in Psalms 83:

#### **Their Plan to Destroy Israel:**

Psalm 83:1 Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.

<sup>2</sup> For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head.

<sup>3</sup> They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

<sup>4</sup> 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.**

They have said, Come, and let us cut them off ... - Let us utterly destroy them, and root them out from among the nations. Let us combine against them, and overpower them; let us divide their land among ourselves, attaching it to our own. The nations referred to Ps 83:6-8 were those which surrounded the land of Israel; and the proposal seems to have been to partition the land of the Hebrews among themselves, as has been done in modern times in regard to Poland.<sup>4</sup>

This type of talk has already begun in Iran:

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said on Saturday that the Palestinians and "other nations" will eventually remove Israel from the region.

[http://www.bangkokpost.net/breaking\\_news/breakingnews.php?id=78985](http://www.bangkokpost.net/breaking_news/breakingnews.php?id=78985)

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Thursday the solution to the Middle East crisis was to destroy Israel... <http://haaretz.com/hasen/spages/746081.html>

Iran's hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Sunday said the world would witness the destruction of Israel soon, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Ahmadinejad said last summer's war between Israel and Hezbollah showed for the first time that the "hegemony of the occupier regime (Israel) had collapsed, and the Lebanese nation pushed the button to begin counting the days until the destruction of the Zionist regime," IRNA quoted him as saying.

"God willing, in the near future we will witness the destruction of the corrupt occupier regime," Ahmadinejad was quoted as saying during a speech to foreign guests mostly from African, Arab and neighboring countries who attended ceremonies marking the 18th anniversary of the death of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who is known as the father of Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/06/03/ap/middleeast/main2878695.shtml>

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<sup>4</sup> Barnes' Notes on the Bible

## Who will be involved?

Psalm 83:2 For, lo, **thine enemies** make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. <sup>3</sup> They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee:

<sup>6</sup> The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes;

<sup>7</sup> Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre;

<sup>8</sup> Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah.

Edom	Jordan (S. Jordan)
Ammon, Moab	Jordan ((N. Jordan)
	Ammon & Moab are the children of Lot
Ishmaelites	Unknown Middle East Area
Hagarenes	Unknown Middle East Area
Phillistines	Gaza
Amalek	Area South of Israel
Tyre	City in Lebanon
Gebal	City North of Beirut in Lebanon
Assur	City in Iraq, South of Mosul

Edom will head this up as we will see their defeat in Obadiah and Jeremiah chapter 49.

## The Unity Against Israel:

Ps. 83:5 For they have consulted together with one consent: they are **confederate** against thee:

Obadiah 1:7 All the men of thy **confederacy** have brought thee *even* to the border...

The Hebrew word used in both the above verses mean that they have **covenanted** together:

tyrIB. beriyth {ber-eeth'}

Meaning: 1) covenant, alliance, pledge 1a) between men 1a1) treaty, alliance, league (man to man) 1a2) constitution, ordinance (monarch to subjects) 1a3) agreement, pledge (man to man) 1a4) alliance (of friendship) 1a5) alliance (of marriage) 1b) between God and man 1b1) alliance (of friendship) 1b2) covenant (divine ordinance with signs or pledges) 2) (phrases) 2a) covenant making 2b) covenant keeping 2c) covenant violation

They have covenanted together with “one consent” – which means “with one heart.”

## Correlation of Jer. 49 and Obadiah with Psalm 83:

Psalm 83:4 **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.

Jeremiah 49:14 I have heard a rumour from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent unto the heathen, *saying*, Gather ye together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle.

Obadiah 1:1 The vision of Obadiah. Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning Edom; We have heard a rumour from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent among the heathen, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle.

Psalms 83:5 For **they have consulted together** with one consent: **they are confederate** against thee:

Note the correlation between Jer. 49 and Obadiah concerning Edom:

Obadiah 1:2 Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen: thou art greatly despised.

Jeremiah 49:15 For, lo, I will make thee small among the heathen, *and* despised among men.

Obadiah 1:3 The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation *is* high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?

Jeremiah 49:16 Thy terribleness hath deceived thee, *and* the pride of thine heart, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: though thou shouldst make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith the LORD.

Obadiah 1:5 If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night, (how art thou cut off!) would they not have stolen till they had enough? if the grapegatherers came to thee, would they not leave *some* grapes?

Jeremiah 49:9 If grapegatherers come to thee, would they not leave *some* gleaning grapes? if thieves by night, they will destroy till they have enough.

Obadiah 1:8 Shall I not in that day, saith the LORD, even destroy the wise *men* out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau?

Jeremiah 49:7 Concerning Edom, thus saith the LORD of hosts; *Is* wisdom no more in Teman? is counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom vanished?

### **Israel Defeats Jordan**

Obadiah 1:18 And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be *any* remaining of the house of Esau; for the LORD hath spoken *it*.

Jeremiah 49:17 Also Edom shall be a desolation: every one that goeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof. <sup>18</sup> As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour *cities* thereof, saith the LORD, no man shall abide there, neither shall a son of man dwell in it.

Psalms 83:13 O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind. <sup>14</sup> As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire;

They counsel against Israel:

Psalms 83:3 They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

But the Lord has counseled against them:

Jeremiah 49:20 Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Edom; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make their habitations desolate with them.

### **Victory Described:**

Psalms 60:6-12 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth. Gilead *is* mine, and Manasseh *is* mine; Ephraim also *is* the strength of mine head; Judah *is* my lawgiver; Moab *is* my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe: Philistia, triumph thou because of me. Who will bring me *into* the strong city? who will lead me into Edom? *Wilt* not thou, O God, *which* hadst cast us off? and *thou*, O God, *which* didst not go out with our armies? Give us help from trouble: for vain *is* the help of man. Through God we shall do valiantly: for he *it is that* shall tread down our enemies.

Psalms 108:7-13 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth. Gilead *is* mine; Manasseh *is* mine; Ephraim also *is* the strength of mine head; Judah *is* my lawgiver; Moab *is* my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; over Philistia will I triumph. Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom? *Wilt* not *thou*, O God, *who* hast cast us off? and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts? Give us help from trouble: for vain *is* the help of man. Through God we shall do valiantly: for he *it is that* shall tread down our enemies.

### **When?**

Obadiah 1:15 For the **day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen**: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.

### **Why?**

What will cause Jordan to attack Israel? (Ps.83:6 indicates Jordan will head up the war) It is likely to have something to do with Israel and their desire to rebuild the Temple.

Jordan claims the Temple Mount area as theirs. They trace their Kingly line (by succession) back to King Herod, the Edomite! If Israel decides to rebuild the Temple, Jordan would take this as a personal affront as they consider Jerusalem and Temple Mount as their domain. Below are some current articles that reflect this.

AMMAN — His Majesty King Abdullah told Palestinian President Yasser Arafat in Rabat on Monday that Jordan will reject any Israeli sovereignty over East Jerusalem.

The Palestinians want full sovereignty over East Jerusalem as the capital of the independent state they plan to declare this year. The Israelis say Jerusalem is their indivisible capital.

“Jerusalem was at the centre of the King Abdullah-Arafat talks in Rabat,” reported the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

Petra said the King underscored “the importance of Jerusalem to us (the Jordanians), for the Palestinians and for the Arab and Islamic worlds.”

King Abdullah reiterated Jordan’s “unequivocal backing of the Palestinian stand in rejecting Israeli sovereignty over East Jerusalem, notably the Islamic shrines.”

<http://www.jordanemassyus.org/08012000001.htm>

The history of Hashemite leadership in the Arab and Islamic world finds Jordan’s current monarch, King Abdullah bin Al-Hussein, at the head of a family which represents over a

thousand years of rule in the region, and with a long history as guardian of the Islamic faith and the holy city of al-Quds al-Sharif (or Jerusalem).

By the late 1980s, the dome was again beginning to dull in brightness, and damage resulting from regional violence could be seen in both the interior and exterior. King Hussein again initiated actions towards preserving the holy sites. Under his instruction, Jordan's Ministry of Awqaf commissioned the Irish construction firm Mivan for the unprecedented job of gilding the dome with 5000 glittering new gold plates, as well as rebuilding the roof supports, repairing the basic structure of the building and fireproofing the compound. Special attention was also paid to the restoration of the Salah Eddin's minbar and to the selection of the materials, which most closely resembled those initially used. The late King Hussein spent more than US\$ 8 million of his personal wealth to finance the project, which was widely acclaimed as one of the most ambitious religious restoration jobs in history.

[http://www.kinghussein.gov.jo/islam\\_restoration.html](http://www.kinghussein.gov.jo/islam_restoration.html)

### **Bible Verses that may refer to this attack against the Temple.**

Ezekiel 35:1-15 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against mount Seir, and prophesy against it, And say unto it, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O mount Seir, I *am* against thee, and I will stretch out mine hand against thee, and I will make thee most desolate. I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate, and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD. Because thou hast had a perpetual hatred, and hast shed *the blood of the children of Israel* by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time *that their iniquity had* an end: Therefore, *as I live*, saith the Lord GOD, I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee: sith thou hast not hated blood, even blood shall pursue thee. Thus will I make mount Seir most desolate, and cut off from it him that passeth out and him that returneth. And I will fill his mountains with his slain *men*: in thy hills, and in thy valleys, and in all thy rivers, shall they fall that are slain with the sword. I will make thee perpetual desolations, and thy cities shall not return: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD. **Because thou hast said, These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess it; whereas the LORD was there:** Therefore, *as I live*, saith the Lord GOD, I will even do according to thine anger, and according to thine envy which thou hast used out of thy hatred against them; and I will make myself known among them, when I have judged thee. And thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD, *and that* I have heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, they are given us to consume. Thus with your mouth ye have boasted against me, and have multiplied your words against me: I have heard *them*. Thus saith the Lord GOD; When the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make thee desolate. As thou didst rejoice at the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee: thou shalt be desolate, O mount Seir, and all Idumea, *even* all of it: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Ezekiel 36:1-3 Also, thou son of man, prophesy unto the mountains of Israel, and say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD: Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because the **enemy hath said against you, Aha, even the ancient high places are ours in possession:** Therefore prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because they have made *you* desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a possession unto the residue of the heathen, and ye are taken up in the lips of talkers, and *are* an infamy of the people: