

PRAYING PSALM 83

“Do not keep silent, O God... Your enemies...have take crafty counsel against Your people...They have said, ‘Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more’” (Psalm 83:1-2, 4).

This is a prayer against the enemies of Israel. 1. A PROTEST AGAINST ISRAEL’S ENEMIES (1-8). They hate Israel. They take counsel against them. They want to cut them off from being a nation. They form a confederacy against them. 2. A PETITION FOR DIVINE JUDGMENT (9-18). Destroy them like you did former enemies (9-12). Fill their faces with shame that they may seek Your name (14-16). Let them know You are the Most High over all the earth (17-18).

When you pray for Israel, pray against their enemies. Pray against those who want to drive them from the river to the sea. Add your prayers to this psalm that was written about 1,000 B.C. Israel’s enemies trace back to Esau. Israel’s enemies have been many, and there are many today. Israel’s enemies want no less than their annihilation. Antisemitism is a demonic hatred, with no explanation other than the Jews are God’s chosen people to bring salvation and world peace through Jesus Christ. To oppose Israel is to oppose God and His Christ. One day Jesus will rule the earth from the land of Israel. From Jerusalem He will bless the world. Antisemitism is the spirit of Antichrist. When you pray against Israel’s enemies you pray against the Devil and his Antichrist. “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.” Pray that others would understand the demonic force behind the hatred of Israel. The counsel against Israel today is a fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy (Read Psalm 2). Take every opportunity to protest against Israel’s enemies with your prayers.