What happened on Saturday, October 7th in Israel? Hamas, a militant group that controlled the Gaza Strip, a densely populated coastal Palestinian area about the size of Washington, D.C., home to more than two million people. In an unprecedented surprise attack, Hamas fighters flew paragliders from Gaza and used bulldozers to poke gaping holes in a barrier fence to gain access to Israeli territory. They killed more than 1,000 people and seized at least 100 hostages. Hamas militants beheaded babies, burned children alive, shot and killed Holocaust survivors in their bed in a brutal display of pure evil. Hamas had ruled the Gaza strip since 2007, and has fought four wars against Israel since taking power. Hamas is regarded by the U.S. as a terrorist organization. Hamas has close ties to Iran. Iranian security officials helped plan Hamas's surprise attack and gave the green light for the assault at a meeting in Beirut according to senior members of Hamas and Hezbollah, another Iran-backed militant group. The literal meaning of the word "Hamas" means violence. The ultimate embodiment of Hamas in the Bible was a man by the name of Amalek. He was the first person in the Bible to attack the people of Israel while they camped in Rephidim. He attacked the women and children, and the stragglers. Amalek attacked the weak and the defenseless. Exodus 17:11-16 says, "And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. (12) But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. (13) So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. (14) Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write this for a memorial in the book and recount it in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven." (15) And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-Lord-Is-My-Banner; (16) for he said, "Because the Lord has sworn: the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation." God has said He will be at war with Amalek forever. And guess who is a descendant of Amalek? "Haman" in the book of Esther who tried to arouse the Persian empire (present day Iran) to destroy and to commit genocide of the people of Israel. And we are seeing history repeating itself right before our very eyes. We are experiencing the spirit of Amalek, this is not just a

physical war ongoing. As Israel prepares to engage in a ground offense against Hamas, recognize the spirit of Amalek will be striving to turn the people against God's chosen people, His covenant people Israel. There will be a great turning away from Biblical truth. God has never abandoned His people, nor will He abandon Israel now. We are witnessing not the end of the age, but a preview of the end of the age.

Now there are many Bible prophecy folk running around with all types of theories about what is happening since Israel was attacked by Hamas. Some suggests the Tribulation has started while others say we are in the "Gog Magog War" of Ezekiel 38-39. Well, neither of the aforementioned is true based on the Bible. The Tribulation occurs after the Rapture, it starts when a seven year peace treaty is signed with Israel allowing Israel to rebuild the temple brokered by the Anti-Christ (*Daniel 9:27*). If you are saved, the Tribulation CANNOT be occurring (read *Revelation 3:10*). But what may be occurring – either a precursor to it; or we're in the early phase of it...is the **Psalm 83** war. **Psalm 83** is more than a prayer or a plea to God for vengeance on Israel's enemies; it reveals that a 10-member confederacy wants to destroy the Chosen People and possess the Promised Land. This psalm, however, was not written during a time of war. It was written some 3,000 years ago by King David's worship leader Asaph, during a time of great prosperity, liberty, and peace. King David had decisively triumphed over Israel's enemies, and Israel could expand freely since the superpowers of Egypt and Assyria were both declining. David's kingdom, therefore, extended from the Red Sea to the Euphrates. *Psalm 83* was written by Asaph who was not just a worship leader; but according to 2 Chronicles 29:30, he was also a chozeh (seer or prophet). As a prophet, Asaph saw beyond this period of peace, to a time when this confederacy would seek the utter destruction of Israel. With what happened last Saturday in Israel, that time may become a reality. (Read *Psalm* 83:1-5). Psalm 83:4 says, "Come," they say, "let us destroy them as a nation, so that Israel's name is remembered no more." The Coalition's Motive: Break the Abrahamic Covenant – Psalm 83:5 says, "With one mind they plot together; they form an alliance against you." The ten-member coalition of Psalm 83 will form a covenant with each other against not only the nation of Israel, but the God of Israel. And the coalition is not satisfied to only destroy Israel as a nation; they want to wipe out the memory of the name of Israel; in effect, breaking the Abrahamic Covenant. In the Abrahamic covenant, God

pledges that a Chosen People will come through Abraham (*Genesis 22:17–18*), through Isaac (*Genesis 26:2–4*), and through Jacob (*Genesis 28:14*) and that God would give them the Promised Land (*Genesis 15:18*; *Joshua 1:4*).

"The Lord appeared to Isaac and said, ...'For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham. I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed." (Genesis 26:2–4). Of course, if through a human coalition the adversary could wipe out the name of Israel, that would effectively make the God of Israel look powerless and a liar in the face of the entire world. So guess what? They will not be successful; God will defeat them.

While Israel's many enemies have wanted to destroy the nation of Israel and the Jewish People, Asaph specifically identifies ten nations/groups that unite to form a coalition for this very purpose: *Psalm 83:5-8* says, "With one mind they plot together; they form an alliance against you—the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, of Moab and the Hagrites, Byblos [Gebal], Ammon and Amalek, Philistia, with the people of Tyre. Even Assyria has joined them to reinforce Lot's descendants." While these groups are no longer identifiable by their ancient names, Bill Salus, author of Israelistine and Psalm 83: The Missing Prophecy Revealed ascertains the modern-day equivalents/descendants of these coalition members as the following:

Tents of Edom: Palestinians and Southern Jordanians

**Ishmaelites:** Saudis (Ishmael is the father of the Arabs)

**Moab:** Palestinians and Central Jordanians

**Hagrites:** Egyptians (Hagar is the matriarch of Egypt)

**Gebal (Byblos):** Hezbollah and Northern Lebanese

**Ammon:** Palestinians and Northern Jordanians

Amalek: Arabs of the Sinai area

Philistia: Hamas of the Gaza Strip

*Tyre:* Hezbollah and Southern Lebanese

Assyria: Syrians and Northern Iraqi's

Hamas is already engaged in the declaration of war with Israel and don't be surprised with Iran, who is really coordinating all these attacks, to unleash Hezbollah (and/or other members of this 10 nation/people group confederacy) right after Israel starts it's ground attacks.

In *Psalm 83:9-18* the Prophet appeals for victory as he asks God to make the coalition members perish in disgrace. In fact, *Obadiah*, *Ezekiel 25–27, 37:10*, and *Jeremiah 49:1–6* prophesy that these coalition members will indeed perish and be cursed as *Genesis 12:3* predicts: "I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." Read *Zechariah 2:8 – Psalm 122:6* just in case you need to know which side of this war you and America need to be standing.

The Taliban just announced they are ready to go liberate Jerusalem if the neighboring countries give them access to their sovereign land to travel through it to Israel. The Egyptian army is on its highest alert. One of Israel most noted theologians and Bible prophecy experts Amair Tsarfati said on October 11th "all of northern Israel was under massive drone attacks from the area near Lebanon and Syria, by Iranian proxy countries. The drones were supplied by Israel's most hated enemy Iran. Radical Islamists believe that the current upheaval is a prophetic sign their long-awaited ruler called the Madhi or 12 Imman is at hand. The Madhi, a descendant of Mohammed, is the Islamic messiah whom Muslims believe will enable Islam to destroy Israel, the United States, and conquer the world. The leaders of Iran believe that it is their destiny to usher in the Madhi. They believe that his coming will be preceded by great war and bloodshed...this is a primary reason, they have interfered with the Israel and Saudi Arabia peace accord and it is believed they are the reason this peace accord that would normalized and encouraged other Arab nations to normalize relations with Israel was fought against and it is no longer on the table to be signed by Saudi Arabia.

After Israel is victorious in the Psalm 83 War...if Syria join in this war, we could see on TV the prophecy of *Isaiah 17:1* come to fruition (read *Isaiah 17:1*); and after this war then another war is coming – *Ezekiel 38-39*.

We are well on our way to conclusion of this age; Jesus is coming back first <u>for</u> His church in the *Rapture* and then <u>with</u> His church in the  $2^{nd}$  Coming at the end of the Great Tribulation. No other generation but our generation has seen

as many of the birth pang signs that Jesus gave us at the same time found in *Matthew 24-25* and *Luke 21* like our generation. Eventually, the whole world is going to come up against the Jewish people as stated in *Zechariah 12:3* over the land whereby Jerusalem sits. The temple mount is the most coveted piece of real estate in all the world. And though there will be many nations come up against Israel to destroy it and take this land, the prophet Joel let's know they WILL NOT BE SUCCESSFUL. It is God who owns the title deed to the land of Israel; and He neither slumber nor sleeps. Please read *Joel chapter 3* regarding what God will do those who come against Israel to attempt to destroy it and take the land.

We are watching the prophetic "birth pangs" and "wake up" calls...they MUST happen; and we should not be afraid, they are foretold by Jesus when He said what would occur during the end times. The primary wake-up calls would occur on 3 levels: wars, pandemics, and earthquakes. For the believer this is not a time to be afraid; it is a time for us to understand...it is a time for us to watch and pray...it is a time for us to engage in the Great Commission like never before. And authentic worship and fervent prayer will be the fuel to help us navigate these times.

Israel experienced 8 days ago an unprecedented terror attack; thus, an unprecedented terror attack demands an unprecedented response, and we are about to see that in Gaza as Israel will begin a ground attack in Gaza. Their plans are to eliminate Hamas in Gaza; there may be immense loss of life (from all those who failed to yield to Israel's warning to leave Gaza and go south) and most buildings and infrastructure will be destroyed. Cracks in the support of Israel is already occurring in America. From some in Congress to pro-Hamas rallies that are occurring on college campuses nationwide including the nation's most prestigious, the leading academic light in America Harvard. 31 student organizations signed a petition ALL supporting Hamas. A professor at the university of Virginia is promising her students extra credit to go attend a "pro-Hamas" rallies. Anti-Israel rallies are and will be occurring all over the country and they will increase after Israel engages in their ground invasion of Gaza. The seeds of even America turning its back on Israel are already forming. In the end based on Zechariah 12:3, all nations will turn their back on Jerusalem and Israel. Soon no one may be able to sit on the fence regarding their support of Israel or their denouncing of Israel. What is happening in Israel will affect the ENTIRE WORLD based on God's

word. Again, what is currently happening in Israel could be the start of the prophetic war of Psalm 83 or a precursor to that war.

As Israel warns over a million Palestinian civilians to leave northern Gaza immediately, Iran vows to escalate the war against Israel. And with Hezbollah in Lebanon claiming responsibility for firing at Israeli military locations, is the great northern border war about to begin? Watch and pray, don't be afraid, be prayerful and faithful. God has everything under control (Isaiah 41:10); the war is already won; Israel will NEVER BE DESTROYED, and all Christians have won...we have God's assurance of that; read *Revelation 21-22*. We've won, and Heaven will be our eternal home. So, share the Gospel and point people to Jesus. Remember God says He will bless those who bless Israel, and curse those who curse Israel in *Genesis 12:3*. And *Zechariah 2:8* says, "For thus says the Lord of hosts: "He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye." Israel is God's prophetic time piece. The existence of Israel is symbolic to the world God still exist and His promises are true. If the people of Israel were to be destroyed, that would be equivalent to "God no longer exist" and His promises are not true. Israel will ultimately be victorious and will NEVER be DESTROYED because they are God's chosen and covenant people. We must watch and pray; pay close attention to what is happening in the city of Jerusalem and the state of Israel. Don't live in fear; live in faith.

Now on a different subject...please read about a potential end times scenario...In 2021, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman revealed the country's plans to build "The Line" - a smart linear city that will be constructed vertically, have no roads or cars and run purely on renewable energy.

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To God be the Glory,

"Growing Stronger – Going Deeper – Reaching Higher"

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