

TEHILLIM TALKS

Psalms 83

A Song.

A Psalm of Asaph.

1-8 O God, do not [be] silent; do not be deaf and do not rest, O God [לֹא, *EA*]! ² For – behold! – Your enemies make an uproar, and those who hate You lift their heads. ³ They lay crafty plans against Your people in secret. They consult together against Your sheltered ones. ⁴ They say, “Come, let us cut them off as a nation. Let the name of Israel be remembered no more!” ⁵ For they conspire with a single heart; against You they make a covenant – ⁶ the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, Moab and the Hagrites, ⁷ Gebal and Ammon and Amalek, Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; ⁸ Asshur also has joined them; they are the strong arm of the children of Lot. *Selah*

9-12 Do to them as You did to...

[a] **Midian** [Judges 7:1-23], as to...

[b] **Sisera and Jabin** [Judges 4-5] at the river Kishon, ¹⁰ who were destroyed at En-dor, who became dung for the ground. ¹¹ Make their nobles like...

[c] **Oreb and Zeeb** [Judges 7:24-25], all their princes like...

[d] **Zebah and Zalmunna** [Judges 8:10-12], ¹² who said, “Let us take possession for ourselves of the pastures of God.”

[a] Victory via small and ‘insignificant’ things

[b] Deliverance by means of a woman

[c] Victory by means of the resentful

[d] Victory through conventional means

13-18 O my God, make them like whirling dust, like chaff before the wind. ¹⁴ As fire consumes the forest, as the flame sets the mountains ablaze, ¹⁵ so may You pursue them with Your tempest and terrify them with Your hurricane! ¹⁶ Fill their faces with shame, that they may seek Your name, O Adonai. ¹⁷ Let them be put to shame and dismayed forever; let them perish in disgrace, ¹⁸ that they may know that You alone, whose name is Adonai, are the Most High over all the earth.

REFERENCES:

Verse 1

Isaiah 3:13 Adonai has taken His place to contend; He stands to judge peoples.

Verse 3

Psalms 27:5 For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble. He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.

Psalms 31:19 Oh, how abundant is Your goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear You and worked for those who take refuge in You, in the sight of the children of mankind!

Verse 9

Judges 4:8-9 Barak said to [Deborah], "If you will go with me, I will go, but if you will not go with me, I will not go." And she said, "I will surely go with you. Nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for Adonai will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh.

Judges 5:19-21 "The kings came, they fought; then fought the kings of Canaan, at Taanach, by the waters of Megiddo; they got no spoils of silver. From heaven the stars fought, from their courses they fought against Sisera. The torrent Kishon swept them away, the ancient torrent, the torrent Kishon. March on, my soul, with might!"

Judges 7:22 When they blew the 300 trumpets, Adonai set every man's sword against his comrade and against all the army. And the army fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel-meholah, by Tabbath.

Verse 11a

Judges 7:24-25 Gideon sent messengers throughout all the hill country of Ephraim, saying, "Come down against the Midianites and capture the waters against them, as far as Beth-barah, and also the Jordan." So all the men of Ephraim were called out, and they captured the waters as far as Beth-barah, and also the Jordan. And they captured the two princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. They killed Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb they killed at the winepress of Zeeb. Then they pursued Midian, and they brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon across the Jordan.

Verse 11b

Judges 8:10-12 Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor with their army, about 15,000 men, all who were left of all the army of the people of the East, for there had fallen 120,000 men who drew the sword. And Gideon went up by the way of the tent dwellers east of Nobah and Jogbehah and attacked the army, for the army felt secure. And Zebah and Zalmunna fled, and he pursued them and captured the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and he threw all the army into a panic.