

1. What is your understanding of the “first, now, or next prophecies” (Elam, Damascus, Psalm 83)?

Isaiah 17

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Isa. 21:16-For thus the Lord said to me, “In **a year**, as a hired man would count it, all the splendor of **Kedar** will terminate

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Isa. 17:12-14-¹² Alas, the uproar of many peoples Who roar like the roaring of the seas, And the rumbling of nations Who rush on like the rumbling of mighty waters! ¹³ The nations rumble on like the rumbling of many waters, But He will rebuke them and they will flee far away, And be chased like chaff in the mountains before the wind, Or like whirling dust before a gale. ¹⁴ At evening time, behold, *there is* terror! Before morning they are no more. Such *will be* the portion of those who plunder us And the lot of those who pillage us.

Isa. 37:36-Then **the angel of the LORD went out and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians**; and when men arose early in the morning, behold, all of these were dead.

2 Kgs. 19:35-Then it happened that night that **the angel of the LORD went out and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians**; and when men rose early in the morning, behold, all of them were dead.

Isa. 14:28-In **the year that King Ahaz died** this oracle came:

Acts 9:2-and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at **Damascus**, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

Acts 9:8-Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; and leading him by the hand, they brought him into **Damascus**.

Acts 9:19-and he took food and was strengthened. Now for several days he was with the disciples who were at **Damascus**.

Acts 9:27-But Barnabas took hold of him and brought him to the apostles and described to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had talked to him, and how at **Damascus** he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.

Jer. 51:26-They will not take from you *even* a stone for a corner Nor a stone for foundations, But you will be desolate **forever**," declares the LORD.

Starting here on 8-28-22

Isa. 14:1-4-When the LORD will have compassion on **Jacob** and again choose Israel, and settle them in their own land, then strangers will join them and attach themselves to the house of **Jacob**.² The peoples will take them along and bring them to their place, and the **house of Israel** will possess them as an

inheritance in the land of the LORD as male servants and female servants; and they will take their captors captive and will rule over their oppressors. ³And it will be in the day when the LORD gives you rest from your pain and turmoil and harsh service in which you have been enslaved, ⁴that you will take up this taunt against the king of Babylon, and say, “How the oppressor has ceased, *And how* fury has ceased!”

Jer. 50:4-5-⁴“In those days and at that time,” declares the LORD, “the sons of **Israel** will come, *both* they and the sons of Judah as well; they will go along weeping as they go, and it will be the LORD their God they will seek. ⁵They will ask for the way to **Zion**, *turning* their faces in its direction; they will come that they may join themselves to the LORD *in* an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten.

Jer. 50:20-In those days and at that time,’ declares the LORD, ‘search will be made for the iniquity of **Israel**, but there will be none; and for the sins of Judah, but they will not be found; for I will pardon those whom I leave as a remnant.’

Jer. 51:50-You who have escaped the sword, Depart! Do not stay! Remember the LORD from afar, And let **Jerusalem** come to your mind.

Isa. 44:28-“*It is I* who says of **Cyrus**, ‘*He is* My shepherd! And he will perform all My desire.’ And he declares of Jerusalem, ‘She will be built,’ And of the temple, ‘Your foundation will be laid.’”

Acts 8:30-35-³⁰Philip ran up and heard him reading **Isaiah** the prophet, and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

³¹ And he said, “Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² **Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this:** “He was led as a sheep to slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He does not open His mouth. ³³ “In humiliation His judgment was taken away; Who will relate His generation? For His life is removed from the earth.” ³⁴ The eunuch answered Philip and said, “Please tell me, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself or of someone else?” ³⁵ Then **Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him.**

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Isa. 45:1-4-¹ Thus says the LORD to **Cyrus** His anointed, Whom I have taken by the right hand, To subdue nations before him And to loose the loins of kings; To open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: ² “I will go before you and make the rough places smooth; I will shatter the doors of bronze and cut through their iron bars. ³ “I will give you the treasures of darkness And hidden wealth of secret places, So that you may know that it is I, The LORD, the God of Israel, who calls you by your name. ⁴ “For the sake of Jacob My servant, And Israel My chosen *one*, I have also called you by your name; I have given you a title of honor Though you have not known Me.

Jer. 49

Jer. 49:23-27-²³ Concerning Damascus. “Hamath and Arpad are put to shame, For they have heard bad news; They are disheartened. There is anxiety by the sea, It cannot be calmed.

²⁴ “Damascus has become helpless; She has turned away to flee, And panic has gripped her; Distress and pangs have taken hold of her Like a woman in childbirth. ²⁵ “How the city of praise has not been deserted, The town of My joy! ²⁶ “Therefore, her young men will fall in her streets, And all the men of war will be silenced in that day,” declares the LORD of hosts. ²⁷ “I will set fire to the wall of Damascus, And it will devour the fortified towers of **Benhadad**.”

Jer. 46:2-To **Egypt**, concerning the army of **Pharaoh Neco** king of Egypt, which was by the Euphrates River at Carchemish, which **Nebuchadnezzar** king of Babylon defeated in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah:

Jer. 46:13-*This is* the message which the LORD spoke to Jeremiah the prophet about the coming of **Nebuchadnezzar** king of Babylon to smite the land of **Egypt**:

Jer. 46:25-26-²⁵ The Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, says, “Behold, I am going to punish **Amon of Thebes**, and Pharaoh, and **Egypt** along with her gods and her kings, even Pharaoh and those who trust in him. ²⁶ I shall give them over to the power of those who are seeking their lives, even into the hand of **Nebuchadnezzar** king of Babylon and into the hand of his officers. Afterwards, however, it will be inhabited as in the days of old,” declares the LORD.

Jer. 49:28-Concerning **Kedar** and the kingdoms of **Hazor**, which **Nebuchadnezzar** king of Babylon defeated. Thus says the LORD, “Arise, go up to Kedar And devastate the men of the east.”

Jer. 49:30-“Run away, flee! Dwell in the depths, O inhabitants of **Hazor**,” declares the LORD; “For **Nebuchadnezzar** king of Babylon has formed a plan against you And devised a scheme against you.

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Ezek. 38:22-With pestilence and with blood I will enter into judgment with him; and I will rain on him and on his troops, **and on the many peoples who are with him**, a torrential rain, with hailstones, fire and brimstone.

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Ps. 83

A. Not exhaustive

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B. Imprecatory prayer

Ezek. 38:10-Thus says the Lord GOD, “It will come about **on that day,** that thoughts will come into your mind and you will devise an evil plan

Ezek. 38:14-“Therefore prophesy, son of man, and say to Gog, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “**On that day** when My people Israel are living securely, will you not know *it*?’

Ezek. 39:11-“**On that day** I will give Gog a burial ground there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by east of the sea, and it will block off those who would pass by. So they will bury Gog there with all his horde, and they will call *it* the valley of Hamongog.

Dan. 11:40-“**At the end time** the king of the South will collide with him, and the king of the North will storm against him with chariots, with horsemen and with many ships; and he will enter countries, overflow *them* and pass through.

C.No specific war described

Ezek. 39:11-12-¹¹““On that day I will give Gog **a burial place** in Israel, in the valley of those who travel east of the Sea. It will block the way of travelers, because Gog and all his hordes will be buried there. So it will be called the Valley of Hamon Gog.
¹² ““For **seven months** the Israelites will be burying them in order to cleanse the land.

Ezek. 39:14-16-¹⁴People will be continually employed in cleansing the land. They will spread out across the land and, along with others, they will **bury any bodies** that are lying on the ground. ““After the **seven months** they will carry out a more detailed search. ¹⁵ As they go through the land, anyone who sees a human bone will leave a marker beside it until the gravediggers bury it in the Valley of Hamon Gog, ¹⁶ near a town called Hamonah. And so they will cleanse the land.’

Ezek. 39:9-10-⁹““Then those who live in the towns of Israel will go out and use the **weapons for fuel and burn them up**—the small and large shields, the bows and arrows, the war clubs and spears. For **seven years** they will use them for fuel. ¹⁰ They will not need to gather wood from the fields or cut it from the forests, because they will use the weapons for fuel. And they will plunder those who plundered them and loot those who looted them, declares the Sovereign Lord.

D. Nations existed in Asaph's era

2 Sam. 10:6-Now when the sons of **Ammon** saw that they had become odious to **David**, the sons of **Ammon** sent and hired the Arameans of Beth-rehob and the Arameans of Zobah, 20,000 foot soldiers, and the king of Maacah with 1,000 men, and the men of Tob with 12,000 men.

1 Kgs. 5:18-So **Solomon's** builders and Hiram's builders and the **Gebalites** cut them, and prepared the timbers and the stones to build the house.

E. Other imprecatory prayers?

Ps. 6:10-All my enemies will be ashamed and greatly dismayed; They shall turn back, they will suddenly be ashamed.

Ps. 7:6-Arise, O LORD, in Your anger; Lift up Yourself against the rage of my adversaries, And arouse Yourself for me; You have appointed judgment.

Ps. 25:2-O my God, in You I trust, Do not let me be ashamed; Do not let my enemies exult over me.

Ps. 25:19-Look upon my enemies, for they are many, And they hate me with violent hatred.

Ps. 31:15-My times are in Your hand; Deliver me from the hand of my enemies and from those who persecute me.

Ps. 56:2-My foes have trampled upon me all day long, For they are many who fight proudly against me.

Ps. 56:9-Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call;
This I know, that God is for me.

Ps. 69:18-Oh draw near to my soul *and* redeem it; Ransom me
because of my enemies!

Ps. 102:8-My enemies have reproached me all day long; Those
who deride me have used my *name* as a curse.