

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

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. 38:15-You will come from your place out of the remote parts of the north, you **and many peoples with you**, all of them riding on horses, a great assembly and a mighty army.

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 Hamon-gog.

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.