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Psalm 83 – Future or Fulfilled?

By Pastor Alfred B. Davis

War in the Middle East invariably sparks speculation and questions regarding the prophesied invasion of Israel by the Gog-Magog coalition in Ezekiel 38. However, there is another prophesied war in the Middle East, found in Psalm 83, that is generally overlooked. It precedes the Ezekiel 38 invasion and explains why the countries that surround Israel, such as Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, and present-day Jordan, Iraq, and the Gaza Strip are not mentioned as a part of the Ezekiel 38 coalition.

Psalm 83 begins, in the first four verses, with the desire of Israel's enemies:

¹Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. ²For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. ³They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. ⁴They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

Verses 5-8 go on to identify those who plot to destroy Israel:

⁵For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: ⁶The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; ⁷Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; ⁸Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah.

The rest of the Psalm, verses 9-18, goes on to share Israel's prayer for deliverance from their enemies:

⁹Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison: ¹⁰Which perished at En-dor: they became as dung for the earth. ¹¹Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as

Zalmunna: ¹²Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession. ¹³O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind. ¹⁴As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire; ¹⁵So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm. ¹⁶Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD. ¹⁷Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish: ¹⁸That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.



**"O give thanks unto the LORD;
for he is good:
for his mercy endureth for ever."
(Psalms 118:29)**

Essentially, Psalm 83 identifies several nations that conspire together to utterly destroy Israel and the Jew's prayer to Jehovah God for deliverance and victory over their enemies, with God getting the glory in the end. So, then, the question becomes, has Psalm 83 already occurred or is it yet future? However, to answer that question, we must first identify who the enemies of Israel identified in Psalm 83:5-8 are in terms of today's geopolitical landscape.

The first mentioned is Edom in verse 6. Edom, also known as Idumea or Esau, stretched from the Dead Sea in the north to the Red Sea's Gulf of Aqaba in the south. Although Edom was conquered by King David in 2 Samuel 8:14 and the Edomites were put into servitude, the geo-

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Coming Events at the BBC

NOVEMBER 2023

5 - Daylight Savings Time ends
7 - Election Day
11 - Veterans Day
23 - Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER 2023

24 - Christmas Eve; Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service @6:00PM
25 - Christmas Day
31 - New Year's Eve

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Cowboy Missionary

By Baptist Bible Translators Institute

"I looked my guard over. He wore two belts of cartridges, a dirk knife and carried a rifle with a bayonet . . . I prayed, 'Lord, you can handle him better than I can. You just put the fear of God in him and make him leave me here alone.' Then I began staring at the guard as though I might eat him if he got too close. He began to get nervous; he twisted his hands and walked to and fro. In a few minutes, he started off. When he was about fifty yards away, he raised his rifle and cocked the hammer. I was looking at the shooting end. I could only pray, 'Lord, if you don't want him to kill me, just don't let him pull that trigger.' The Lord answered, for the bandit started off down the trail."1

Born in north central Texas in 1885, the eldest son of a ranching family, Rex Ray learned early to work hard, to persevere regardless of his circumstances, and to hold to his responsibilities "come wind, come weather." His father unexpectedly died at a young age, and Rex, at only fifteen years old, took over the responsibility of caring for his mother and younger siblings. Rex resisted the Gospel message as a teenager and entered college at the age of twenty intending to be a successful businessman. God had other ideas. Rex was saved during a revival meeting in a Baptist church. Later, after spending a week going to the cornfields every night to pray, he answered God's call to the mission field.

Rex and his wife, Janet, served the Lord in China through the waves of turbulent attacks by the Japanese during the Second Sino-Japanese War (1937-1945) and takeover of communism in 1949. During that time, not only was Rex kidnapped

by bandits, but he also ran blockades to provide supplies to the mission hospital and survived air raids and bombings. He buried his five-year-old daughter on the field. Through it all, he preached. Up and down the rivers and through the villages, thousands of precious souls heard the Gospel of Christ as he desperately gave the message of Christ while the doors were still open to do so.

When the doors to China slammed closed, Rex and Janet (their children now grown) answered the call to take the Gospel to war-torn Korea.

This only scratches the surface of what happened during Rex Ray's forty-eight years on the mission field. His passion for the Gospel and his love for the Chinese and Korean people speak from every page of his autobiography.

In a letter to the Foreign Mission Board, published in the September 1928 Home and Foreign Fields, Rex Ray said, "Oh, that our voices could be multiplied into thousands to help rescue these millions who are lost, lost, lost! The Spirit of God is moving the hearts of the heathen. Oh, that He would awaken His children in Christian lands to the crying needs of this great harvest field! If Christian America fails to deliver God's message to the lost of earth, what shall we answer the Master as these poor souls turn away from the gates of Glory into outer darkness?"

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Rex Ray 1885-1958

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graphical area that made up Edom remains divided today between Israel on the west and Jordan on the east. Eventually, though, the people who were descendants of Jacob's brother Esau disappeared as a distinct people group.

Next in verse 6 are the Ishmaelites, the descendants of Abraham's first-born son, Ishmael. They appear to have spread from the area of present-day Jordan eastward and then circling south and west across the northern Arabian Peninsula to the Sinai Peninsula. In fact, Genesis 21:21 says, "And he [Ishmael] dwelt in the wilderness of Paran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt." The wilderness of Paran is the Sinai Peninsula, which is today a part of Egypt.

Moab is mentioned next in verse 6. Moab, along with Ammon in verse 7, make up the children of Lot referred to in verse 8. They were the descendants of Lot's two sons, which he bore to his two daughters after fleeing the destruction of Sodom (Genesis 19:30-38). They lived in parts of what is today Jordan.

Lastly in verse 6 are the Hagarenes, who appear to take their name from Ishmael's mother, Hagar. The Hagarenes are sometimes considered synonymous with the Ishmaelites. However, many believe that the Hagarenes more properly refer to the Egyptians, as Hagar was an Egyptian. As pointed out in Genesis 21:21, "And he [Ishmael] dwelt in the wilderness of Paran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt." As an Egyptian, she sought to link her son with her people in Egypt by providing him with an Egyptian wife. Consequently, the Hagarenes may refer to Hagar's family in Egypt and their descendants.

In verse 7 we find Gebal and Tyre, both cities of Phoenicia. Today we find Tyre in the south of Lebanon and Gebal, now known as Byblos, in the north of Lebanon.

Next in verse 7 is Ammon. As mentioned previously, Ammon, along with Moab, occupied part of present-day Jordan.

Amalek is also in verse 7. The Amalekites occupied a region between Edom and Egypt, putting them largely in the Sinai Peninsula, which today is in Egypt.

The Philistines of verse 7 are one of the easiest to describe. They were an ancient Hametic people that occupied a strip along the Mediterranean Sea be-

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Words Worth Considering...



"I believe that Scripture is very clear, that God is the one who raises up those in authority. I believe that each one of us has a huge responsibility today to use the gifts that God has given us to serve the extraordinary people of this great country and they deserve it."

—Mike Johnson, US Speaker of the House

"What might have been—what could have been. These are the saddest phrases in our English tongue."

—Daphne DuMaurier

"Our State Department maintains a list of countries that are the worst violators of religious liberty and human rights. They are almost always radical Islamic or godless communist countries. Of the 12 countries on that list, five are Islamic nations and four are communist nations. That's the same coalition that dominates our university campuses — Islamists and Marxists."

—Gary Bauer

"Moral equivalence has two purposes. One is to enable the morally confused to hide their confusion. The other is to enable the immoral to hide their immorality."

—Dennis Prager

"Americans need to understand that the massacre in Gaza is not only a foreign outrage. The same ethno-radicals who cheer Hamas's destruction of civilization abroad also want to commit civilizational suicide here at home."

—Christopher F. Rufo

"It was said, 'The sun never set on the British Empire.' After WWII, Britain's support for Israel ended; today, there is no British Empire. God calls Israel the 'apple of His eye.' If America abandons Israel, our nation will not survive. As Christians, we need to seek the God of Israel for His divine intervention at this critical time!"

—Roger Helle

"The Left's antisemitism is loud and proud at this moment. What is equally loud is the silence of some on the Right who are antisemites and silent now. Their silence is damning."

—Erick Erickson

"While it looks like things are out of control, behind the scenes there is a God who has not surrendered His authority."

—A.W. Tozer

"Are we willing to ride out the storm in order to find the blessing? The storm is often the beginning of the quiet to God's blessing and purpose. If you hold on through the wind and the waves, if you keep your eyes on Christ, if you will trust Him even when you can't see through to the other side, then you will find His blessing."

—Kris Minefee

"Sin forsaken is one of the best evidences of sin forgiven"

—J.C. Ryle

"Intimate knowledge of God is possible if we habitually search His Holy Scriptures and translate what we find into obedience."

—George Müller



MINISTRY FOCUS



Richfield Bible Baptist Church Says Goodbye to Another Dear Friend



"Hi, Pastor Davis? You probably don't remember me but..." And so began an unexpected phone call from a funeral home in Garfield Heights. The Funeral Director went on to say that the family of Martin Fierello was going to be in town and wanted to know if I would be able to do a graveside service for Martin since he had gone to our church. Needless to say, I was excited to get the call and said yes.

Marty had been coming to our church since the COVID lockdowns in 2020. He proved to be an interesting character who had travelled the world doing a variety of things. He worked as a guide in Alaska, filmed a major typhoon in Saipan, went in search of the remains of Amelia Ehrhart in the South Pacific, worked as a gunsmith in Wyoming, and engaged in church work in India and Australia, just to mention a few things. If you asked about someplace, he was likely to have been there. In fact, we were discussing the Great Pyramid in Egypt during Bible Study one Friday night and someone asked Marty if he had ever been there. "Oh, yeah," he said nonchalantly, "Three times."

More than that, Marty loved the Lord and loved talking about Him. We had many conversations about the assurance of salvation because he wanted to be sure of his eternal destination.

Although Marty went to be with the Lord on July 11 last year, it was not until this year that his family, all of whom lived out of state, were able to come to Ohio for a to lay his earthly remains to rest. Since the funeral director knew that Marty had gone to our church, he suggested that they have our church do the graveside service, which we did on Columbus Day of this year.

After the service, Marty's nephew began asking about Marty's salvation experience. He was saved himself and wanted assurance that his uncle was truly saved as well.

"The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is his delight."

—Proverbs 15:8

Watch Us Online

The Richfield Bible Baptist Church broadcasts its Sunday services and the Friday night Bible study online. We actually started doing this before COVID so that one of members who was became ill could watch. Eventually, he went to be with the Lord but we continued on broadcasting our services. Consequently, when COVID hit in 2020 we were already set up and broadcasting. Although we never closed down during COVID we did have several members and friends who were unable to attend services live from time to time who were able to watch online.

While our broadcasts are not meant to replace attending our services live, they do provide an opportunity for those who are ill or otherwise unable to attend in person to join with us online. You can find our Sunday morning and evening services on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@richfieldbiblebaptistchurc5211>

Our Friday night Bible study can be found at:

Rumble: <https://rumble.com/user/RichfieldBBC/live>

Eventually, we hope to have all our services on Rumble because YouTube occasionally deletes some of our videos. Sometimes they even put us in YouTube jail and ban us for several weeks. Rumble, on the other hand, is a true free speech platform.

Please pray for our internet broadcast ministry. We think we can do a lot more with, possibly even expanding to include some podcasts. However, that is dependent on getting someone in the church who feels God leading them to take that over as a ministry. Until then, we are endeavoring to do the best we can with what we have. So, tune in, enjoy, and pray that God will provide. 🙏

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tween Israel and Egypt. In other words, today's Gaza strip. Ironically, though I'm sure God had a hand in it, the present-day inhabitants of the Gaza Strip, who are predominately Arab, call themselves Palestinians, which is simply a variation of Philistine.

Moving to verse 8 we find Assur, which is also easy to describe. Assur, a variant of Assyria, is essentially the same as Syria today.

The last people group mentioned in verse 8 is the children of Lot, which, as noted above, is a reference to Moab and Ammon. As such it refers to Jordan today. It is mentioned here in verse 8 with the notation that "they", as in the aforementioned people groups, "have holpen the children of Lot" in this conspiracy to destroy Israel.

Essentially, then, the enemies of Israel in Psalm 83 conspire to totally destroy Israel by encircling Israel and launching a coordinated attack from the north, east, south, and west. This would mean, in terms of today's geopolitical map, an attack from Lebanon and Syria from the north, Jordan and Iraq from the east, Jordan and Egypt from the south, and the Gaza Strip from the west.

Now, those who believe that Psalm 83 has already been fulfilled fall into several groups. One group believes that it was fulfilled centuries ago during the Old Testament era as Israel defeated most of these nations in various wars. Another group believes that it was fulfilled in 1948, and still others that it was fulfilled in the culmination of Israel's wars of 1948, 1967, and 1973. But has it?

Claiming that Psalm 83 has already been fulfilled presents several problems. For instance, the claim that it was fulfilled in ancient times is often based on 2 Chronicles 20:1-30. However, the passage in 2 Chronicles only deals with Ammon and Moab. Some would counter that the other nations mentioned were defeated by Israel at other times so, when taken in total, Psalm 83 has been fulfilled. Nevertheless, Psalm 83 strongly indicates that all of the nations mentioned will come against Israel simultaneously, united in their desire "that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance" and that

they will all be destroyed at the same time.

Consequently, since the fulfillment of Psalm 83 cannot be found in the Old Testament, some believe that it has been fulfilled in more recent times. In 1948 Israel declared its independence. Almost immediately the Arab countries of Egypt, Transjordan, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen surrounding Israel attacked, attempting to destroy the nascent state before it could get established. Essentially saying, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance."

Now, while the 1948 war, and/or the 1967 and 1973 wars, may seem good candidates for fulfilling Psalm 83, they fail to fully account for the destruction of Israel's enemies as detailed in Psalm 83. Remember, verses 9-12 say:

⁹Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison: ¹⁰Which perished at En-dor: they became as dung for the earth.

¹¹Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna:

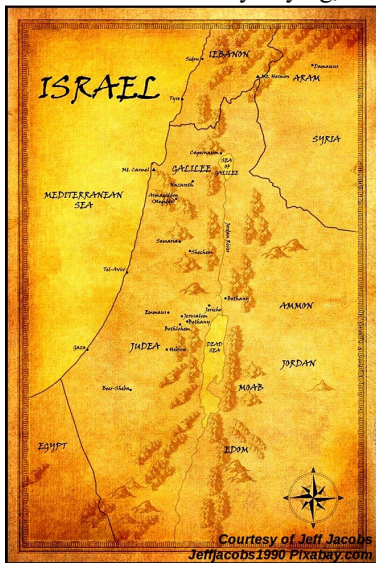
¹²Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession.

This passage refers to the defeat of the Canaanite King Jabin and his general, Sisera, by Deborah and Barak in Judges chapters 4 and 5 as well as the defeat of the Midianites by Gideon in Judges 7 and 8. Though there were other battles between Israel and both the Canaanites and the Midianites, in both of these cases Israel's enemies were soundly defeated and it was some time before they were able to regain either the strength or the will to come after Israel again. Though this may seem to be fulfilled in Israel's wars, Psalm 83:13-15 indicates otherwise:

¹³O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind. ¹⁴As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire; ¹⁵So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm.

This passage indicates that Israel's enemies will be reduced to stubble, like a field that has been completely reaped, and re-

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Rev. Obadiah Holmes Persecuted American Baptist

The Baptist Encyclopedia, 1881

Rev. Obadiah Holmes, was born at Preston, Lancashire, England, about 1606, and came to this country, as is supposed, about 1639. His religious connections were with the Congregationalists. At first, in Salem, Mass., from which he removed to Rehoboth, where for eleven years more he continued in the church of his early choice. He there became a Baptist, and united with the Baptist church in Newport, R. I. In the month of July, 1651, in company with Dr. John Clarke and Mr. Crandall, he made a visit to William Witter, a Baptist, who resided at Lynn, Mass., about twelve miles from Boston. The day after their arrival being the Sabbath, they arranged to have a religious service at the house of their host. In the midst of the discourse which Dr. Clarke was preaching two constables presented to him the following warrant: "By virtue hereof, you are required to go to the house of William Witter, and to search from house to house for certain erroneous persons, being strangers, and them to apprehend, and in safe custody to keep, and to-morrow morning at eight o'clock to bring before me. Robert Bridges." The three "erroneous persons, being strangers," were at once arrested and carried, first to "the ale-house or ordinary," and then forced to attend the meeting of the day. At the close of the meeting they were carried back to the "ordinary."

The next morning they were taken before Mr. Bridges, who made out their mittimus, and sent them to prison at Boston. Having remained a fortnight there, they were brought before the Court of Assistants for trial, which sentenced Dr. Clarke to pay a fine of twenty pounds, Mr. Holmes thirty pounds, and Mr. Crandall five pounds, and in default of payment they were to be publicly whipped. Unknown to Mr. Clarke some one paid his fine, and Mr. Crandall was released on promise that he would appear at the next court. Mr. Holmes was kept in prison until September, when, his fine not having been paid, he was brought out and publicly whipped. Mr. Holmes says, "As the strokes fell upon me I had such a spiritual manifestation of God's presence as the like thereof I never had nor felt, nor can with fleshly tongue express; and the outward pain was so removed from me that indeed I am not able to declare it to you; it was so easy to me that I could well bear it, yea, and in a manner felt it not, although it was grievous, as the spectators said, the man striking with all his strength (yea, spitting in his hand three times, as many affirmed) with a three-corded whip, giving me there with thirty strokes." - (Backus, i.

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duced to ash as if subjected to a fire storm. This connotes a level of destruction beyond what Israel has previously inflicted upon her enemies. It also suggests that Israel may unleash a devastating nuclear attack upon her enemies.

Before discounting that suggestion, consider the prophesied destruction of Damascus and Syria in Isaiah 17 where Damascus is reduced to rubble overnight in verses 1 and 14:

¹The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap. ...²And behold at eveningtide trouble; and before the morning he is not.

In Isaiah 17 and Ezekiel Egypt is also prophesied to be destroyed as well. In fact, Ezekiel 29:10-12 says that the destruction will be so devastating that Egypt will actually be abandoned for 40 years:

¹⁰Behold, therefore I am against thee, and against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate, from the tower of Syene even unto the border of Ethiopia. ¹¹No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years. ¹²And I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities among the cities that are laid waste shall be desolate forty years: and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.

Babylon, located in present day Iraq, is also prophesied to be destroyed in Isaiah 13 in a fashion strongly suggesting a nuclear attack in verses 19-20:

¹⁹And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. ²⁰It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.

Israel going nuclear against its enemies is not beyond the realm of possibility. They possess a size-

able nuclear arsenal which they have indicated they would use should they believe that they are about to be overwhelmed and destroyed by their enemies, especially if subjected to chemical, biological, and nuclear attacks. Nuclear retaliation by Israel would help explain Isaiah 19:16-17:

¹⁶In that day shall Egypt be like unto women: and it shall be afraid and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which he shaketh over it. ¹⁷And the land of Judah shall be a terror unto Egypt, every one that maketh mention thereof shall be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of the LORD of hosts, which he hath determined against it.

It would also help to explain the close of Psalm 83, in verses 16-19:

¹⁶Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD. ¹⁷Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish: ¹⁸That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.

Clearly, none of the wars that Israel has been involved in have resulted in her enemies recognizing that Jehovah is "the most high over all the earth." In fact, as recent events have shown, the enemies of Israel still launch their attacks with cries of "Allahu Ackbar!" This is an Islamic phrase meaning that Allah, the false god of the Quran, is greatest of the gods. This alone indicates that Psalm 83 war is yet future.

Of course, that brings up another question: Is the current war that started with the October 7 attack on Israel the Psalm 83 war? If it is, time is short, and the Rapture is likely right around the corner. Time will tell but, as of this writing, not all the Psalm 83 combatants are involved. However, that could change at any time, especially if Egypt and Jordan should scrap their peace deals with Israel. In the meantime, God's people need to wake up, redeem the time, and reach as many with the gospel as we can while we still can. ☩☩☩

**"So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand."
(Luke 21:31)**

The First National Thanksgiving Proclamation

The first national Thanksgiving Proclamation, issued by the revolutionary Continental Congress on November 1, 1777, expressed gratitude for the colonials' October victory over British General Burgoyne at Saratoga. Authored by Samuel Adams, its one sentence of 360 words reads in part: "Forasmuch as it is the indispensable duty of all men to adore the superintending providence of Almighty God; to acknowledge with gratitude their obligation to him for benefits received...together with penitent confession of their sins, whereby they had forfeited every favor; and their humble and earnest supplications that it may please God through the merits of Jesus Christ, mercifully to forgive and blot them out of remembrance...it is therefore recommended...to set apart Thursday the eighteenth day of December next, for solemn thanksgiving and praise, that with one heart and one voice the good people may express the grateful feeling of their hearts and consecrate themselves to the service of their Divine Benefactor...acknowledging with gratitude their obligations to Him for benefits received....To prosper the means of religion, for the promotion and enlargement of that kingdom which consisteth 'in righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost'."

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94. Newton.) Such was the charity of New England Congregationalists of that day. Gov. Joseph Jenks has left on record the following: "Mr. Holmes was whipped thirty stripes, and in such an unmerciful manner that in many days, if not some weeks, he could take no rest, but as he lay upon his knees and elbows, not being able to suffer any part of his body to touch the bed whereon he lay."

Mr. Holmes soon after removed to Newport. In 1652 he was ordained to preach the gospel, and took Dr. Clarke's place as pastor of the Baptist church in Newport. He died in 1682. He left eight children, one of whom, Obadiah, was a judge in New Jersey.

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<p>GOD'S SIMPLE PLAN OF SALVATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO IS GOOD? "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one." (Romans 3:10) • WHO HAS SINNED? "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) • WHERE DID SIN COME FROM? "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." (Romans 5:12) • WHAT IS THE PENALTY FOR SIN? "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23) • WHAT IS OUR HOPE? "But God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) • WHAT SHOULD WE DO? "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Romans 10:9) • "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13) 	<p>SERVICES OF THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School 10:00 AM • Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 AM • Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:00 PM • Wednesday Evening Prayer Service 7:00 PM • Friday Bible Study 7:00 PM <p>MINISTRIES OF THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Studies & Expository Preaching • World Missions & Local Evangelism • Internet Outreach: BBCRichfield.com • LiveWithPastorAl.com • Radio Outreach Ministry on WHKW 1220 AM: Late Night Live with Pastor Al — Sunday, 11:00 PM Live With Pastor Al — Friday 1:30 PM <p>LOCATION OF THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bible Baptist Church meets in the Richfield Commons Plaza at the corner of Wheatley and Brecksville Roads, in Richfield, Ohio. • Our meeting location is at: 4174 Wheatley Rd., Suite 200
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*"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
(Romans 10:17)*