

Only a Miracle Could Explain This Israeli Phenomenon

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When former Israeli National Security Advisor Yossi Cohen was named head of the *Mossad*, Israel’s intelligence agency, he noted that Israel was only established because of the help of God and that God’s help is just as needed today. And Cohen was right. It has often been said that Israel’s secret weapon is faith. More accurately, Israel’s greatest weapon is God, yet it is our faith in Him that activates His intervention.

In Deuteronomy, after Moses had concluded blessing each of the 12 tribes of Israel, just prior to his death, Moses gave a general blessing to the entire nation. He said: “Blessed are you, Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord, the shield of your help, who is the sword of your majesty! Your enemies will cringe before you, and you will tread upon their high places” (Deut. 33:29).

The Jewish sages explain that it is precisely because Israel looks to God as “the shield of [our] help” that God becomes the “sword of our majesty,” allowing us to overcome our enemies. Indeed, our faith is what has helped Israel overcome overwhelming odds and the reason why we are still here.

In the 1800s, the Kaiser of Prussia asked his head adviser if he could prove the existence of God. Otto Von Bismarck replied, “The Jews, sir, the Jews.” There is no natural explanation for how a tiny group of people, twice exiled from their land, and persecuted repeatedly for millennium, could still be around today.

Moreover, the fact that the Jewish people have returned to their homeland, a feat never accomplished by any other nation, is nothing less than miraculous. As Moses said, “Who is a like you, a people saved by the Lord?” (Deut. 33:29b). The only explanation for the miracle of the existence of the Jewish people and the state of Israel is the existence of God.

However, what I love most about this verse is that it instills hope and inspires faith for the future. Just as God has helped Israel beat the odds for the past 70 years, we can be sure that He will continue to do so for the next 70 years—and longer! Even as Israel faces unprecedented challenges today, we can trust in God for unparalleled salvation.

We are watching history unfold before our very eyes. We are watching ancient prophecies come to fruition. And like Israel, when we activate our faith, we can activate God’s intervention during these tumultuous times. The God of Israel is great. The God of Israel lives. And the God of Israel will protect and guide all who call to Him.

As Scriptures say: “The Lord is near to all those who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth” (Ps. 145:18). Let us say amen!