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God Is Faithful and Consistent

In English there is no word specifically related to Torah, that is there is not a direct translation. The translators had to find a word that best described what Torah is. Unfortunately they chose nomos in Greek when translating it into the Septuagint, which in English is law.

Likewise, in Hebrew there is no word for coincidence. Coincidence is defined as:

- The state or fact of occupying the same relative position or area in space.
- A sequence of events that although accidental seems to have been planned or arranged.

Thus based on Hebrew being Adonai's language by which I believe He spoke everything into existence, there is no coincidence with Him. Thus, what I am about to share with you is not coincidence.

What terms can we use in place of coincidence when identifying something from Adonai...

- Faith / Trust
- Miracle
- Confirmation

For nothing is a surprise or unexpected with Him since he knows the beginning from the end and when we were born He revealed to us...

Psa 139:16 Your eyes could see me as an embryo, but in your book all my days were already written; my days had been shaped before any of them existed.

In this week's Parasha, Beshalach we read of how Adonai lead Israel out of the land of Egypt, guided them and protected them.

Exo 14:8 Adonai made Pharaoh hardhearted, and he pursued the people of Isra'el, as they left boldly.

Exo 14:9 The Egyptians went after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, with his cavalry and army, and overtook them as they were encamped by the sea, by Pi-Hachiroth, in front of Ba`al-Tz'fon.

Exo 14:10 As Pharaoh approached, the people of Isra'el looked up and saw the Egyptians right there, coming after them. In great fear the people of Isra'el cried out to Adonai

Exo 14:11 and said to Moshe, "Was it because there weren't enough graves in

Egypt that you brought us out to die in the desert? Why have you done this to us, bringing us out of Egypt?

Exo 14:12 Didn't we tell you in Egypt to let us alone, we'll just go on being slaves for the Egyptians? It would be better for us to be the Egyptians' slaves than to die in the desert!"

Exo 14:13 Moshe answered the people, "Stop being so fearful! Remain steady, and you will see how Adonai is going to save you. He will do it today—today you have seen the Egyptians, but you will never see them again!

Exo 14:14 Adonai will do battle for you. Just calm yourselves down!"

Exo 14:15 Adonai asked Moshe, "Why are you crying to me? Tell the people of Isra'el to go forward!

Exo 14:16 Lift your staff, reach out with your hand over the sea, and divide it in two. The people of Isra'el will advance into the sea on dry ground.

Exo 14:17 As for me, I will make the Egyptians hardhearted; and they will march in after them; thus I will win glory for myself at the expense of Pharaoh and all his army, chariots and cavalry.

Exo 14:18 Then the Egyptians will realize that I am Adonai, when I have won myself glory at the expense of Pharaoh, his chariots and his cavalry."

Exo 14:19 Next, the angel of God, who was going ahead of the camp of Isra'el, moved away and went behind them; and the column of cloud moved away from in front of them and stood behind them.

Exo 14:20 It stationed itself between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Isra'el —there was cloud and darkness here, but light by night there; so that the one did not come near the other all night long.

As they would travel from out of Egypt...

Exo 13:21 Adonai went ahead of them in a column of cloud during the daytime to lead them on their way, and at night in a column of fire to give them light; thus they could travel both by day and by night.

Exo 13:22 Neither the column of cloud by day nor the column of fire at night went away from in front of the people.

I am sharing this with you because a few weeks ago I met with Doug Hershey and had lunch together. We shared many things back and forth. It was a time of fellowship but also of iron sharpening iron.

He shared something with me that I had not heard happen. I asked him to send me the articles and he did. As he was sharing the news with me of events related to October 7th, this week's Parshah came to mind immediately. The manner by which Adonai watches over His people, guards them and protects them. We don't always see this or recognize when it is truly happening because many tend to look at what is transpiring with Israel absent of a Jewish mindset or perspective.

I had a call from a gentleman this past week asking if we were pro Zionist. His belief was that Israel was established by man and was not influenced at all by Adonai. He talked about the killing and how it does not represent Messiah nor the manner by which Israel is being governed. How they are not living according to Scripture. Many were from Europe and did not look like those from the Mediterranean. That it was all a fallacy and that Zionism was a lie promoted by the British in pursuit of their own self interest.

I have shared many things with you over the years...one of which being Deuteronomy 30...

Deu 30:1 "When the time arrives that all these things have come upon you, both the blessing and the curse which I have presented to you; and you are there among the nations to which Adonai your God has driven you; then, at last, you will start thinking about what has happened to you;

Deu 30:2 and you will return to Adonai your God and pay attention to what he has said, which will be exactly what I am ordering you to do today—you and your children, with all your heart and all your being.

Deu 30:3 At that point, Adonai your God will reverse your exile and show you mercy; he will return and gather you from all the peoples to which Adonai your God scattered you.

Deu 30:4 If one of yours was scattered to the far end of the sky, Adonai your God will gather you even from there; he will go there and get you.

Deu 30:5 Adonai your God will bring you back into the land your ancestors possessed, and you will possess it; he will make you prosper there, and you will become even more numerous than your ancestors.

Deu 30:6 Then Adonai your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your children, so that you will love Adonai your God with all your heart and all your being, and thus you will live.

The premise being if Adonai removed them from the land, then only he could bring them back to the land.

We have an historical account captured in Scripture. That being the destruction of the first Temple. Adonai would use a people, a nation to execute His judgment...

Jer 25:8 "Therefore, here is what Adonai-Tzva'ot says: 'Because you haven't paid attention to what I've been saying,

Jer 25:9 I'm going to send for all the families of the north,' says Adonai, 'and for my servant N'vukhadretzar the king of Bavel, and bring them against this land, against its inhabitants and against all the surrounding nations. I will completely

destroy them, making them an object of horror and ridicule, a perpetual ruin.

Jer 25:10 Moreover, I will silence among them the sounds of joy and gladness, the voices of bridegroom and bride, the grinding of millstones and the light of lamps.

Jer 25:11 This entire land will become a ruin, a waste; and these nations will serve the king of Bavel for seventy years.

Yet the nation used by Adonai was also judged for going beyond what was intended...

Jer 25:12 But when the seventy years are over, I will punish the king of Bavel and that nation for their sin,' says Adonai, 'and I will turn the land of the Kasdim into everlasting ruins.

Jer 25:13 I will inflict on that land all my words that I have decreed against it, everything written in this book, in which Yirmeyahu has prophesied against all the nations.

Jer 25:14 For they too will become slaves to many nations and to powerful kings; I will pay them back according to their deeds and the work of their own hands.'

For there was a time...70 years for which Adonai would elaborate further through the Prophet Yiremyahu...

Jer 29:4 "Here is what Adonai-Tzva'ot, the God of Isra'el, says to all those in exile, whom I have caused to be carried off captive from Yerushalayim to Bavel:

Jer 29:5 'Build yourselves houses, and live in them. Plant gardens, and eat what they produce.

Jer 29:6 Choose women to marry, and have sons and daughters. Choose wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage to men, so that they can have sons and daughters—increase your numbers there, don't decrease.

Jer 29:7 Seek the welfare of the city to which I have caused you to go in exile, and pray to Adonai on its behalf; for your welfare is bound up in its welfare.'

Jer 29:8 For this is what Adonai-Tzva'ot, the God of Isra'el, says: 'Don't let your prophets who are living among you and your diviners deceive you, and don't pay attention to the dreams you urge them to dream.

Jer 29:9 For they are prophesying falsely in my name; I have not sent them,' says Adonai.

Jer 29:10 "For here is what Adonai says: 'After Bavel's seventy years are over, I will remember you and fulfill my good promise to you by bringing you back to this place.

Jer 29:11 For I know what plans I have in mind for you,' says Adonai,'plans for well-being, not for bad things; so that you can have hope and a future.

Jer 29:12 When you call to me and pray to me, I will listen to you.

Jer 29:13 When you seek me, you will find me, provided you seek for me wholeheartedly;

Jer 29:14 and I will let you find me,' says Adonai. 'Then I will reverse your exile. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have driven you,' says Adonai, 'and bring you back to the place from which I exiled you.'

Thus, it has been my position that when Israel reappeared on the map, it was of Adonai and Adonai alone that allowed this to happen. Just as he used Bavel to execute judgment, He used Britain as one of the facilitators to bring them back. It did not happen over night, but just as there as a specified time for exile revealed by the prophet, there was a specified time for the nation to remain in exile a second time. That would end on May 14th 1948 when another prophecy became a reality...

Isa 66:8 Who ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things? Is a country born in one day? Is a nation brought forth all at once? For as soon as Tziyon went into labor, she brought forth her children.

So Adonai is faithful, yesterday, today and tomorrow.

So when Doug shared this information with me, I was reminded of what I have shared with you.

Pay careful attention to the dates and those involved.

This was reported by the Jerusalem Post on October 7th, the day of the attack against the nation by Hamas...

The Taliban has reportedly asked Iran for passage to Israel to help Hamas continue it's terror against the Jewish state, according to multiple foreign media reports from October 7.

The Taliban has allegedly asked for passage to 'conquer Jerusalem' if Iran, Jordan and Iraq are willing to support their troops.

<https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-763159>

This was reported by the Guardian on October 8th

Afghanistan earthquake has killed more than 2,400, Taliban say

This article is more than 3 months old

Magnitude-6.3 earthquake struck near Herat on Saturday, injuring more than 10,000 and destroying hundreds of houses

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- The death toll from a series of earthquakes in western [Afghanistan](#) has risen sharply to more than 2,400 people, according to the Taliban government, as rescuers searched for survivors among the ruins of razed villages.

A government spokesperson said that more than 10,000 had been injured,. "Many more people are still under the rubble" he told the Guardian.

[Saturday's magnitude-6.3 quake](#) – followed by eight strong aftershocks – jolted hard-to-reach areas 19 miles (30km) from the provincial capital of Herat, toppling rural homes and sending panicked city dwellers into the streets.

"Twelve villages in Zindah Jan and six in Ghoryan district are completely reduced to rubble. We expect the death toll will rise and efforts are under way to take people out," the official added. "Rescue teams from Helmand and Kandahar have arrived in Herat.

"The survivors have nothing in the area. They need food, clothes, tents and medicine. The earthquake hit very remote and poor areas. Many of them are refugees who recently arrived back from Iran and Pakistan. We definitely need international help.

"We call on all international aid groups to help us at this time to rescue our countrymen and women's lives," another [Taliban](#) official said. "Help us in whatever means you can."

As night fell on Saturday in Sarboland village of Zindah Jan district, an AFP reporter saw dozens of homes ruined near the epicentre of the quakes, which shook the area for more than five hours. Men shoveled through piles of crumbled masonry as women and children waited in the open, with gutted homes displaying personal belongings flapping in the harsh wind.

Herat regional hospital was flooded with injured people from across Herat and nearby provinces. Dozens of people were being treated outside the hospital after the 600-bed hospital reached capacity by the afternoon local time Saturday and the Taliban officials have built a makeshift hospital.

"Vans filled with dead bodies are arriving here each minute," a medic at Herat hospital told the Guardian. "We are struggling with the very high number of injured people. I have not counted dead bodies. Our morgue is out of capacity."

[Dozens of people killed after powerful earthquakes hit Afghanistan, UN says](#)

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Public parks and streets were packed with residents on Saturday night in Herat city after rumors of another powerful earthquake spread on social media.

“People were terrified last night after rumors of another earthquake spread,” Firooz, a resident of Herat, told the Guardian over the phone. “My family and I stayed in a park until five in the morning. Thousands of people spent the night outdoors last night. Only two men in our street stayed there for the safety of people’s belongings. Everyone else was in the park. It was like a nightmare.”

Footage coming out from Herat province shows apocalyptic scenes with villages reduced to rubble and people taking their dead loved ones out of the rubble.

“Dozens of villages are completely destroyed and hundreds of people are under the rubble,” Dawood, a resident of the severely hit Zindah Jan district, told the Guardian. “I took nine dead bodies of my relatives to Herat and I’m on the way back. Roads to many of the villages are damaged. Lots of people would die under the rubble tonight.”

“I can tell you only 50 people are alive in the village of my relatives,” Dawood added. “More than 400 people were living there until this morning. A catastrophe is unfolding here.”



Men clear debris after an earthquake in Zindah Jan district, Herat province.
Photograph: Omid Haqjoo/AP

The local governor said “a high number” of people in the district died after more than 10 villages were reduced to rubble. “We call on the people to go and help the [affected] people in these villages,” Noor Ahmad Islamjar said in a clip.

The World Health Organization (WHO) said more than 600 houses had been destroyed or partly damaged across at least 12 villages in Herat province, with 4,200 people affected.

“It was around 11am, and I was shopping at a market when it began,” Esmail, a resident of Herat city, said. “People hurriedly rushed outside. I had barely stepped

out, and then another earthquake struck. It was shorter in duration than the previous one. And then yet another followed. That's when I decided to head home. The next quake hit while I was outside my house, causing a wall to collapse on my 12-year-old cousin."

Afghanistan is already suffering in the grip of a dire humanitarian crisis, with the widespread withdrawal of foreign aid after the Taliban's return to power in 2021. In June 2022, a powerful earthquake struck a rugged, mountainous region of in the east of the country, flattening stone and mud-brick homes.

"Some of the injured people are currently housed in a hotel and two schools, which are also accommodating those who have lost their homes and loved ones," said Herat's governor, Noor Ahmad Islamjar, during an interview with state TV on Sunday. "Local people helped the affected people very much."

"We have reached out to some Islamic countries for assistance, and so far only Turkey has promised to provide us with a plane filled with medicine and tents. Iran has also expressed its readiness to assist us," he said.

"With winter approaching, the affected areas will soon experience extremely cold conditions. Many families not only have lost their homes but also their main breadwinners. They are in urgent need of immediate aid and suitable shelters," he added.

The quake was Afghanistan's deadliest in two decades, killing at least 1,000 people and injuring about 1,500. The country is frequently struck by earthquakes, especially in the Hindu Kush mountain range, which lies near the junction of the Eurasian and Indian tectonic plates.

Herat province – home to more than 3 million people on the border with Iran – has also been hit by a years-long drought that has crippled many already hardscrabble agricultural communities.

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<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/oct/08/afghanistan-earthquake-has-killed-almost-2000-taliban-say?ref=upstract.com>

Iran, the facilitator of the attack on October 7th, using its proxies would have had one additional proxy, the Taliban. Who knows what additional devastation could have happened had this earthquake occur in the timely manner it did.

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moved away and went behind them; and the column of cloud moved away from in front of them and stood behind them.

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If you don't see Adonai as the facilitator of Israel's return and ultimately their protection, considering this is the ninth declared war they are facing since 1948, then I don't know what to tell you. A nation under constant attack from its enemies, vastly outnumbered, whereby miracles continue to happen, such as that of 1967 and the regathering of Jerusalem for the first time since Bavelonian captivity is now under the control of the Jewish people, leading to another promise being fulfilled at that time...

Luk 21:24 Some will fall by the edge of the sword, others will be carried into all the countries of the Goyim, and Yerushalayim will be trampled down by the Goyim until the age of the Goyim has run its course.

Many don't truly understand this verse where it is ultimately talking about Gentile control over Jerusalem. Over 2500 years of foreign control over the city of Adonai, the city where a throne will be established, an eternal throne of the one who's Kingdom will not end...

2Sa 7:1 After the king had been living in his palace awhile and Adonai had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies,

2Sa 7:2 the king said to Natan the prophet, "Here, I'm living in a cedar-wood palace; but the ark of God is kept in a tent!"

2Sa 7:3 Natan said to the king, "Go, do everything that is in your heart, for Adonai is with you."

2Sa 7:4 But that same night the word of Adonai came to Natan:

2Sa 7:5 "Go and tell my servant David that this is what Adonai says: 'You are going to build me a house to live in?'

2Sa 7:6 Since the day I brought the people of Isra'el out of Egypt until today, I never lived in a house; rather, I traveled in a tent and a tabernacle.

2Sa 7:7 Everywhere I traveled with all the people of Isra'el, did I ever speak a word to any of the tribes of Isra'el, whom I ordered to shepherd my people Isra'el, asking, "Why haven't you built me a cedar-wood house?" '

2Sa 7:8 "Therefore say this to my servant David that this is what Adonai-Tzva'ot says: 'I took you from the sheep-yards, from following the sheep, to make you chief over my people, over Isra'el.'

2Sa 7:9 I have been with you wherever you went; I have destroyed all your enemies ahead of you; and I am making your reputation great, like the reputations of the greatest people on earth.

2Sa 7:10 I will assign a place to my people Isra'el; I will plant them there, so that they can live in their own place without being disturbed any more. The wicked will no longer oppress them, as they did at the beginning,

2Sa 7:11 and as they did from the time I ordered judges to be over my people Isra'el; instead, I will give you rest from all your enemies. " 'Moreover, Adonai tells you that Adonai will make you a house.

2Sa 7:12 When your days come to an end and you sleep with your ancestors, I will establish one of your descendants to succeed you, one of your own flesh and blood; and I will set up his rulership.

2Sa 7:13 He will build a house for my name, and I will establish his royal throne forever.

If you don't believe any of this is of God but of man, then you need to reconsider how you view Scripture for there is too much that has happened to state otherwise.