Writing to share the “dunamis” (the power) of God over Israel is such a blessing for me. His miracles can be seen so clearly from here which shows God’s strength, His Mighty Ability, His Potency, His Might and capability as He truly is ABLE to do miracles. We read about God’s Hand being seen during the 1948 Arab-Israel War, the 1956 Suez Crisis, 1967-70 War of Attrition, the 1967 Six Day War, the 1973 Yom Kippur War, the 1982 Lebanon War, 1987-1993 First Intifada, 1992-2000 S. Lebanon Conflict, 2000-2005 Second Intifada, and in our lifetime in Israel we have seen His Mighty Hand in the Gulf War, Desert Storm, the Iraqi war, Operation Magic Carpet, Operation Nehemiah, Operation Ezra, and much more. There is no doubt THERE IS A GOD WATCHING OVER ISRAEL! Watchmen on the Walls are watching with God over His Beloved Nation and People. Here are a few more recent signs that God is with us! We must praise Him for it!

Last fall it was reported that a bus struck by a rocket/missile in the Shaar Hanegev Region near the Gaza border, badly injured one soldier but a much greater disaster was narrowly avoided. World Israel News reported it was being called a “miracle”. Only minutes before, 50 young Israeli soldiers had exited the bus just before it exploded... Russian-made Kornet anti-tank missile struck the back part of the bus. That particular attack set off a wave of violence in which Hamas launched 100’s of mortars and rockets at Israel. Israel’s air force responded with heavy strikes in the Gaza Strip, knocking out Hamas military and political installations... so it goes in Israel.

Another miracle reported by INN, Israel News Network, was a few months back when the IDF revealed that a bullet struck an IDF officer’s helmet but did not penetrate the helmet, saving his life. He nearly escaped death. Terrorists had broken through a security fence, sabotaged military equipment and returned to the Gaza Strip. “Amid growing anti-Semitism, more French Jews have made Aliyah according to the United With Israel Staff, in August, 2019. They were met by Israel’s Chief Sephardic rabbi and other dignitaries as well as family and friends. The flight passengers burst into applause and song upon landing in Israel. I remember the days when all Israelis sang on our El Al flight upon landing in Israel... They were waving flags and many of the French Jews cried and bent down to kiss the ground that their ancestors only dreamed of touching for 2,000 years. “It's hard to be saying goodbye to my family but I hope they will follow me... I'm confident they will” one man told the Jerusalem Post. "I know life in Israel will be better – I will be more free to be Jewish, and that's what I'm looking so forward to". It’s a big decision for everyone considering making Aliyah from the nations but they are fulfilling a Biblical commandment (a mitzvah, in Hebrew). “I can’t believe we finally made it. I’m here. I’m here. What a dream come true.” (French immigrant upon arrival in Israel).
Let us enter our place of prayer

• Pray that the 43% of French Jews, around 200,000 people still to come home, will make the right decision to come “now”. “For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land” (Ezekiel 36:24, NIV).

• Thank God for another miracle that foxes were seen recently walking near the Western Wall, fulfilling another Biblical promise, according to the prophecy, now that the Temple has become a walking ground for foxes, so it will be rebuilt. Lamentations 5:18, KJV, read on Tisha B’Av, that Mt. Zion, where the temples once stood, would one day have foxes walking on it. Jewish history sources reveal that if the prophecies of destruction are fulfilled, then so too Zechariah’s prophecy regarding the Third Temple’s construction will also be fulfilled.

• Pray for the Jewish people who wish to walk on Temple Mt. but even experience Jewish police preventing them from doing it. Recently a small Jewish boy was walking, bending down to pick up his phone, and was nearly arrested for “prostrating himself” on the Temple Mount Muslims have taken away from the Jewish people their holiest site. May God stop the lie that it is the Jewish people mistreating the Arab people, this is not true. The Arabs have taken away Jewish sovereignty, and freedom, to pray on Temple Mount, the holiest place in the Land of Israel. New legislation in the Knesset is working toward allowing Jewish people to worship on Temple Mount. “For on my holy mountain, the high mountain of Israel, declares the Sovereign LORD, there in the land all the people of Israel will serve me, and there I will accept them. There I will require your offerings and your choice gifts, along with all your holy sacrifices” (Ezekiel 20:40, NIV).

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• Thank God that in July, Israel welcomed over 200 olim from three continents in just one day. The Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rabbi Yosef, blessed the olim and reminded them that making Aliyah is a great mitzvah and that once they have lived in Israel, all mitzvot, all righteous deeds, grow in value and in the light they spread. He then reflected on Isaiah 2:3 and asked them to be strong and faithful. (Info from Mr. Danielle, Jewish Agency). “Many peoples will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.’ The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem”’ (Isaiah 2:3, NIV).

• Thank the Lord that the IDF has been preparing for the possibility of a escalation in the south of Israel in the “Negbah” (southern) part. Getting “ready” is a process the army has been involved with for some time...increasing the breadth of staff goals, empowering intelligence, linking field units with real-time intelligence, regional organization, training and extensive logistical effort. So different from wars as they used to be fought.

• Beseech the Lord for an easy shift from routine to emergency scenarios in the region which can happen so quickly here. “On that day they will say to Jerusalem, ‘Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp’” (Zephaniah 3:16).

Serving Him With Gladness,
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