The Generation of Miracles

Israel's War Since October 7

in the Light of the Bible

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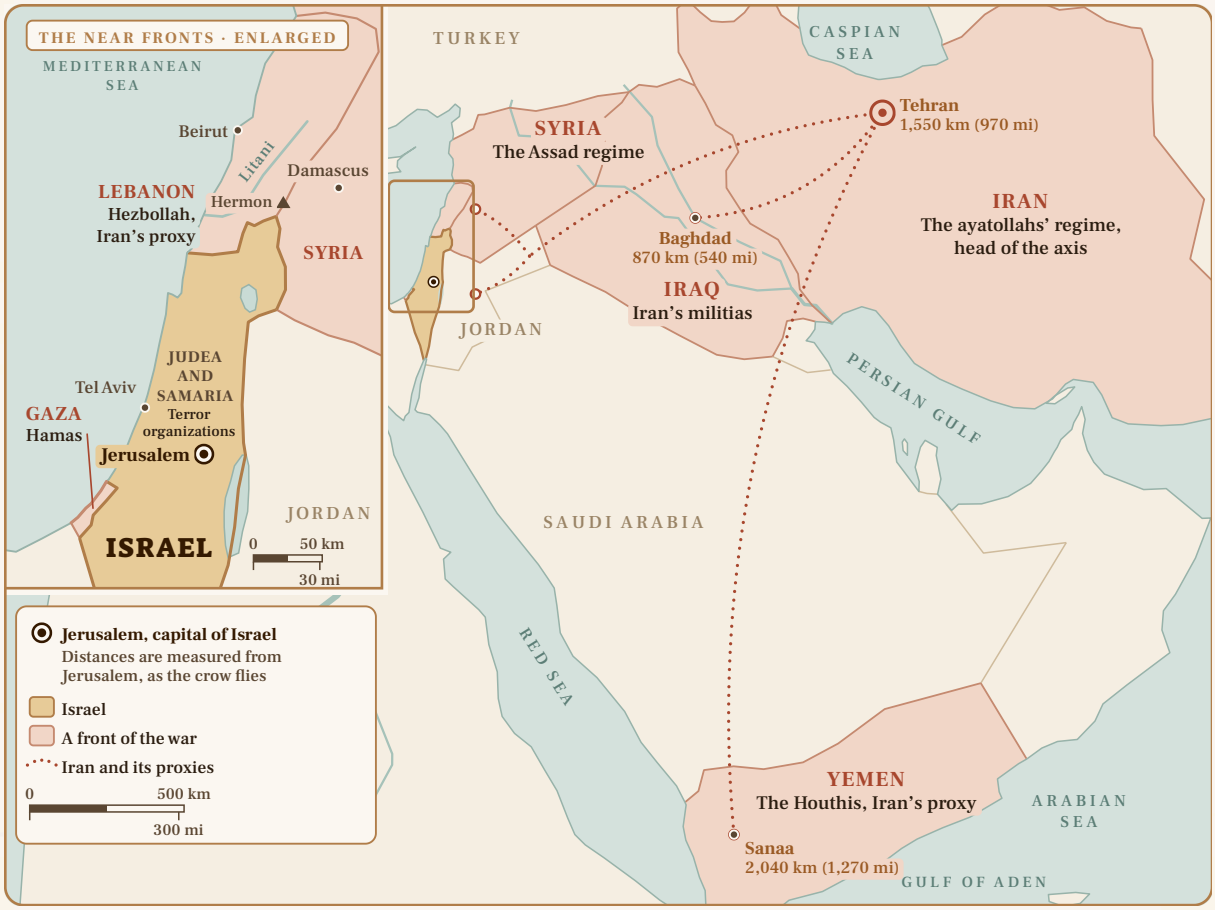
The War at a Glance

On the morning of Simchat Torah, October 7, 2023, Hamas attacked. Thousands of terrorists broke through the border fence at 114 points, stormed the Gaza border communities, murdered some 1,200 people, and kidnapped 251 hostages. So began the war Israel first called Swords of Iron and in 2025 named the War of Revival. The next day, Hezbollah opened fire from Lebanon. Over three years the fighting spread to seven fronts: Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Judea and Samaria, Yemen, Iraq, and Iran itself, head of the axis that sought our destruction. The combined blow Iran had planned never came. Our soldiers fought its proxies one front at a time, and a wounded Israel rose to defend itself and rebuild.



GAZA · Hamas
Our ground operation from October 2023: most Hamas battalions dismantled, every hostage home by January 2026.

LEBANON · Hezbollah, Iran's proxy
Fire from October 8; pagers and Nasrallah's elimination in 2024; in 2026, we crossed the Litani.

SYRIA · The Assad regime
Assad fell; we destroyed most of the Syrian army's strategic weapons and took the Hermon summit.

JUDEA AND SAMARIA · Terror organizations
Night after night our forces raided terror hubs; 1,040 serious attacks were foiled in 2024 alone.

YEMEN · The Houthis, Iran's proxy
Missiles at Israel and Red Sea ships; our jets struck Hodeida port and the Houthi government.

IRAQ · Iran's militias
Stockpiled large arsenals, but were hit hard and stayed almost silent when we struck Iran.

IRAN · The ayatollahs' regime, head of the axis
After its 2024 barrages, two wars: Rising Lion (June 2025) and Roaring Lion (February 2026).

Key Dates

October 7, 2023 Hamas's Simchat Torah attack: thousands of terrorists break through the Gaza border fence, murder our people, and kidnap hostages. Miracles 3, 4

October 27, 2023 Our troops go into Gaza, the start of Israel's longest ground campaign since the founding of the State. Miracles 8, 16

Night of April 13–14, 2024 Iran's first direct attack: more than 300 missiles and drones; with the U.S., Britain, France, and Jordan, we intercept 99%. Miracles 40, 59

September 17, 2024 The pager strike: thousands of pagers explode at once in the pockets of Hezbollah commanders and operatives. Miracle 21

September 27, 2024 Our air force strikes Hezbollah's underground headquarters in Beirut, eliminating Hassan Nasrallah and his top command. Miracles 22, 30

October 16, 2024 In Rafah, soldiers of the IDF's Bislamach training brigade eliminate Yahya Sinwar, the Hamas leader behind the massacre. Miracle 30

December 8, 2024 The Assad regime collapses within 11 days as rebels take Damascus; our soldiers capture the Hermon summit. Miracles 26, 27

June 13, 2025 Operation Rising Lion opens the Twelve-Day War with Iran; on June 22, our American allies bomb its nuclear sites. Miracles 34, 35

October 13, 2025 The last 20 living hostages come home; by January 2026, every hostage, living and dead, has been brought back. Miracles 13, 14

February 28, 2026 Operation Roaring Lion, with the United States: Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei and the top ranks of Iran's regime are eliminated. Miracles 33, 36

June 26, 2026 In Washington, Lebanon signs a framework agreement toward peace and affirms Israel's right to exist. Miracles 22, 24

September 30, 2026 On a Flydubai flight to Tel Aviv, the copilot attacks the captain; Israeli passengers overpower him, and all are saved. Miracle 79

Who's Who

Hamas Carried out the Simchat Torah massacre from Gaza. Its leaders included Yahya Sinwar and military chief Mohammed Deif.

Palestinian Islamic Jihad An Iran-backed terror group in Gaza that joined the Simchat Torah attack; hundreds more stood ready in Lebanon.

Hezbollah Iran's proxy in Lebanon, once armed with 150,000 rockets and missiles; leader Hassan Nasrallah was eliminated in 2024.

Iran Armed and funded the proxies that attacked us. Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei was eliminated in February 2026.

The Houthis Iran's proxy in Yemen. They fired missiles at Israel and made more than 190 attacks on ships.

The Assad regime Ruled Syria for fifty-four years and was Iran's main supply line. It collapsed in December 2024.

The IDF (Israel Defense Forces) Our soldiers, conscripts and reservists alike. More than 300,000 reservists reported within 48 hours.

The Shin Bet Israel's internal security service. With the Mossad, it runs the Nili center, which hunts down the massacre's perpetrators.

The Mossad Israel's foreign intelligence agency. The ingenuity and daring of its agents brought about the pager strike on Hezbollah, as well as successful eliminations and strikes inside Iran.

The United States Our great ally. Under President Trump, it fought beside us against Iran in 2025 and 2026.

The Abraham Accords countries Chiefly the UAE, Bahrain, and Morocco. Our accords held through the war; trade with the UAE kept growing.

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Introduction

We are living in an age of miracles. The war that broke out on Simchat Torah, October 7, 2023, was first called Swords of Iron, and in 2025 Israel's government officially named it the War of Revival. It is a hard and painful war, and through it all, great things are happening. Many of us already realize that God has done one miracle after another for us. But the flood of news, updates, and commentary makes the whole picture hard to see.

The challenge for a generation surrounded by miracles is that it gets used to them. We must not. **Our staying power depends on remembering the miracles.** A long war calls first of all for faith and patience, and when we see how closely God walks with us, we stand on firmer ground.

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Let us say it right at the start: so much good is happening to the Jewish people in these years that it is hard to take in. It is happening in the middle of a war, and it comes with suffering and struggle. But it is happening. Despite the hardship and pain, we can hardly name another period in the history of the State of Israel with such a run of good developments.

At the Bnei Zion Movement, we realized that these events cannot be read in political or military terms alone. **These are biblical times, and they call for a biblical perspective.** Only in that light can we see how events that began in crisis are growing into national revival. The Prophets describe redemption as a process: the people of Israel return to their land, are rebuilt there, and draw closer to God, stage by stage. That is what moved us to write this book on the miracles of the war.

We do not know why this suffering has come upon us, and we do not mean to make light of the loss. The pain is so close, and that is exactly why we gather the miracles. **If all we see is the birth pangs and not the birth itself, we will miss the whole picture.**

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We need to define what we mean by a "miracle." What makes us look at an event and call it one?

To begin with, this book covers only events and developments on a national scale, those affecting the whole nation, not individuals. And a miracle need not be as open as the Ten Plagues or the splitting of the Red Sea. Gideon defeated an entire army with just three hundred men. He used clever tactics, and other factors helped him, yet anyone can see it was a miracle from Heaven. The same goes for Jonathan and his armor-bearer, who defeated the Philistine force alone. So what makes them miracles?

Put simply, **a miracle is an event in which we can clearly see the hand of Providence working on our behalf.** Two conditions must be met: **first, the odds of it happening were very low, sometimes close to zero, and yet it happened; and second, it was for the good of the people of Israel, or in keeping with the will of God.** So we ask of every event: before it happened, would experts in the field have given it a chance? If they rated its chances very low and it happened anyway, we count it a miracle.

In an ordinary year, developments this miraculous are very rare. When one or two come along, we understand that God's providence has stayed within the natural order. That is life: sometimes better, sometimes worse. **But when dozens of such events come thick and fast in a single war, we see Providence clearly.** An event here and there is one thing; so many miracles together are something else entirely.

Let us also remember that **even in the Bible, a miracle did not make the world perfect.** After the astonishing victory of Jonathan and his armor-bearer, the Philistines fought on against Israel until Saul and Jonathan fell on Mount Gilboa. And after the splitting of the Red Sea came Amalek. Calling an event a miracle does not mean the war is over or that peace has already come.

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When we began this book, we expected to collect twenty or thirty striking miracles. To our surprise, we ended up with eighty. We realized how important it is to keep an orderly record of every shade of the kindness we have been blessed with. Each miracle in these pages takes a single event of the war and reads it in the light of the Bible. Together they trace the great process now under way in Jewish history.

This book reflects what our people have lived through in the war up to the time it went to press. The war goes on, and so do the miracles. God willing, we will bring this book up to date. **We are part of a story of miracles that is still being written.**

"הֹדוּ לַה' כִּי טוֹב, כִּי לְעוֹלָם חַסְדּוֹ. יֹאמְרוּ גְּאוּלֵי ה', אֲשֶׁר גְּאָלָם מִיַּד צָר"
(תהלים ק"ז)

"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His kindness endures forever. So let the redeemed of the LORD say, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the adversary" (Psalm 107:1–2).

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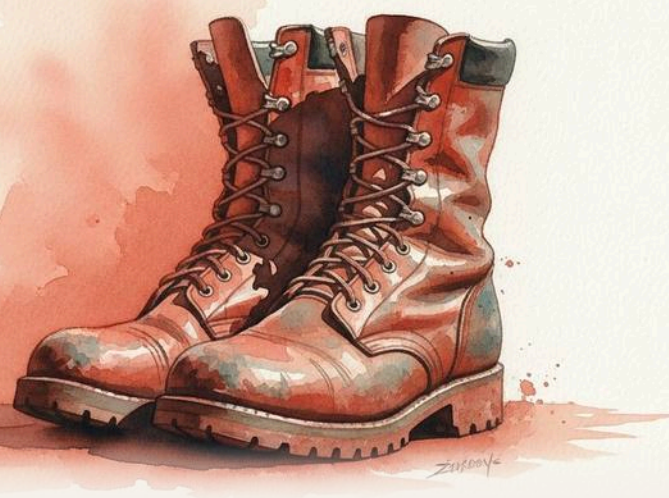

The Wonder of the Turnout: Brotherhood at 150%

Early in the morning a reserve pilot walks to his squadron at an air base. No one has called him yet. Just a few months earlier, he signed an open letter with other aircrew, announcing that they would refuse to report for duty. **Now the sirens are sounding, and he simply shows up. Like him, they all came.**

After 39 weeks of dispute over the judicial reform, we were in a deep crisis. Calls to refuse reserve service and warnings from defense chiefs filled the air. **Internal Hamas documents show the enemy watching the crisis and factoring it into its plans for the attack.** Hamas believed we were too divided and that when the call-up came, reservists would stay home. In fact, had we known an attack was coming, we would have been deeply worried that the threats to break up the army would seriously weaken it.

But when the time came, the people of Israel showed their strength. **Within just 48 hours, more than 300,000 reservists reported for duty.** It was one of the fastest reserve mobilizations in Israel's history, outpacing even the one in the Yom Kippur War. **Overall turnout exceeded 100 percent, and some units reached 150 percent.** Thousands drove to the staging areas without equipment or emergency call-up orders. A mighty wave of self-sacrifice and real unity swept the whole country.

So many people turned out that there were not enough weapons for the crowds who arrived before their orders had even come.

✡ This is a miracle because few other nations, if any, have so many people ready to drop everything and rush to the front with such self-sacrifice, without even being called. Given the disputes of those months, it is a double wonder. God's providence worked through the simple devotion of ordinary people. In the hundreds of thousands who left it all and came, we saw the inner strength of the generation of national revival. **Our partnership and our covenant proved far greater than any argument.**

> "...בְּהִתְנַדֵּב עָם בָּרְכוּ ה'" (שופטים ה').
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> "... when the people offer themselves willingly, bless the LORD" (Judges 5:2).

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Diaspora Jews Draw Closer to Israel

Normally, when war breaks out and missiles are flying, people try to leave and find somewhere peaceful. It is hard to imagine anyone choosing to move to a country under missile threat, where sirens are part of daily life.

When the war came, many Jews across the West felt that Israel's fight was their own. Since October 7, more than 13,500 new applications for aliyah, immigration to Israel, have been filed in North America, and more than 7,000 new immigrants have already arrived. In France, too, aliyah applications soared fourfold or more. **Israel absorbed thousands of new immigrants who packed up their lives and landed here even during the war years.**

These new immigrants leave material comfort behind and choose to share Israel's destiny at the hardest of times.

That tens of thousands make aliyah to the Land of Israel every year is one of the wonders of redemption. In 2025, aliyah from the United States, France, Britain, and Canada grew by 25 percent, **and from France alone it jumped by 45 percent.** More than 1,000 doctors have immigrated in the past two years. Even in the thick of Operation Roaring Lion, more than 330 aliyah applications were filed in a single week, and fifty new immigrants from France landed here as sirens sounded. Yet the greatest wonder of all is broader: across the Diaspora, many Jews feel that their destiny is bound up with Israel's and are drawing closer to it, and for some that closeness is already turning into plans for aliyah.

✡ This is a miracle because wars send people looking for a safe refuge far away, yet **God stirred the hearts of Diaspora Jews, and just when times are hard in the Land, they have drawn closer to it.** So it was in the days of the Return to Zion. When Cyrus king of Persia issued his declaration, he called on the Jews of Babylon to leave settled, comfortable lives, and offered them the chance to go up to Jerusalem, which then lay in ruins, surrounded by enemies. Those who chose to go up did so out of faith. They heard the call and came home to the Land of Israel in spite of the hardships.

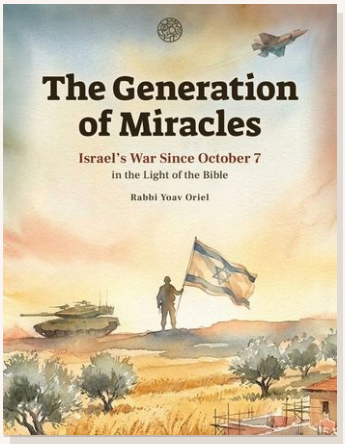
🎟 "שְׂאִי סָבִיב עֵינַיִךְ וּרְאִי כֻּלָּם נִקְבְּצוּ בָאוּ לָךְ בָּנַיִךְ מֵרָחוֹק יָבֹאוּ וּבְנֹתַיִךְ עַל צַד תֵּאָמַנָה" (ישעיהו ס').

"Lift up your eyes all around and see: they all gather together and come to you;
your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried at the side" (Isaiah 60:4).

THANK YOU FOR READING

Seventy-eight more miracles are waiting for you

The full book tells eighty stories in ten parts, from the first days of the war to the return of the Gaza border communities and the north. It also includes a timeline of the war and a glossary of names and terms.



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