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Asleep at the Wheel

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We have all heard about miracles in the distant past including the *Ten Plagues*,¹ the *splitting of the Red Sea*,² and *God's Revelation at Mount Sinai*.³

One would think that those events would have made every single Jew of the time a fervent believer. But how could it be that forty days after the Sinai Revelation in 1312 BCE, the most live-witnessed event in human history,⁴ the *Golden Calf* idol was made?⁵ I guess a large group of them just couldn't recognize those miracles for what they were.

What about modern-day miracles? Has anything changed? Do we recognize them now when we see them? Sadly, most people don't.

It is a mathematical fact that the probability of a single, fair coin flip landing on heads is 50% because a coin has two sides. When multiple independent "flips" occur, their individual probabilities are multiplied to find the *joint probability* of all outcomes occurring in sequence.

What do you think the probability is of flipping a fair coin 300 times and having it land on heads 295 times of the 300 flips? Wouldn't you see this as something way out of the ordinary and a miracle? The likelihood is so small that the decimal value approaches zero.

It is also a mathematical fact that the probability of rolling a "6" on a single, fair six-sided die is one in six, or approximately 16.7%, because there is only one "6" out of six equally likely, possible outcomes. As with the coin, when multiple independent "rolls" occur, their individual probabilities are multiplied to find the *joint probability* of all outcomes occurring in sequence.

What do you think the probability is of rolling a fair six-sided die 300 times and having it land on "6" 295 times of the 300 rolls? Wouldn't you see this as something way out of the ordinary and a miracle? The likelihood in this case is so infinitesimally minuscule that the decimal value is basically zero.

Now consider Israel's *Iron Dome* missile defense system, which has intercepted over 5,000 rockets and drones since 2011. According to official Israeli figures and defense analysis, the system has a time-tested interception success rate of 90%.⁶

At least that was the case until Saturday, April 13, 2024, when Iran fired 300 missiles and drones at Israel and 295 of them were shot down.⁷ That was a success rate of nearly 99%.⁸ If the Iron Dome operated as it normally does, 10%, meaning thirty missiles, would have gotten through their defenses, likely causing an untold amount of destruction and loss of life. But this was not the case. Reports state that there were only four or five missiles, causing hardly any damage and no loss of life.

And what happened? Most people just yawned, as if it were nothing out of the ordinary and an everyday occurrence, rather than seeing this as a modern-day miracle. It's clear that nothing has changed from ancient times. It seems like most people are still "*asleep at the wheel*."⁹

Footnotes:

- 1) The verses that discuss the Ten Plagues (or Ten Miracles) are in the Book of Exodus and are detailed in Chapters 7 through 12. The specific verses are as follows:
 - Blood (Exodus 7:14-24)
 - Frogs (Exodus 8:1-15)
 - Lice (Exodus 8:16-19)
 - Pestilence (Exodus 8:20-32)
 - Wild Animals (Exodus 9:1-7)
 - Boils (Exodus 9:8-12)
 - Hail (Exodus 9:13-35)
 - Locusts (Exodus 10:1-20)
 - Darkness (Exodus 10:21-23)
 - Death of the Firstborn (Exodus 12:29-30)
- 2) The primary verses that discuss the splitting of the Red Sea are in the Book of Exodus from Chapter 14, Verse 1 through Chapter 15, Verse 21.
- 3) The most detailed account of God's Revelation at Mount Sinai is in the Book of Exodus within Chapters 19 through 24. Further details on this event appear in the Book of Deuteronomy within Chapter 4, Verses 10–13 and Chapter 5, Verses 4–22, where Moses recounts the events at Mount Sinai as he prepares the Jews to enter the Promised Land.
- 4) In order to make it clear to everyone that the Sinai Revelation was legitimate, the Almighty did something unprecedented. He revealed Himself to a nation of three million people, and they all survived to tell the tale, and to perpetuate it to their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and so on until today so we know for sure that this event happened. There were more in-person, eyewitnesses to this event than to any other in world history. Therefore, there is no event that has as much reliability as this one.

Of course, modern technology has enabled many more people now to "view" events taking place via telecommunications, such as the finals of the 2022 World Cup in France, or in 1986, in the most famous episode in the "Dallas" TV show's history, where Bobby Ewing (played by Patrick Duffy) was discovered in the shower after his supposed death—but no event has ever been witnessed "live and in-person" by more people than the Sinai Revelation.
- 5) The main passage that discusses the Golden Calf is found in Exodus Chapter 32, where the Israelites create an idol to worship while Moses is on Mount Sinai receiving the two tablets containing the Ten Commandments. Moses later recalls the Golden Calf incident when addressing the Israelites in Deuteronomy, Chapter 9, as a reminder of their past transgressions.

6) The Iron Dome Missile Defense System intercepts short-range rockets and artillery shells. It is able to function night or day and under all conditions, including fog, rain, dust storms and low clouds. The system doesn't use algorithms to prevent its own missiles from colliding with each other; instead, it uses "shoot-look-shoot" engagements where it launches multiple interceptors for each threat if necessary to ensure destruction and prevent one missile from accidentally hitting another. Israel is protected by ten Iron Dome batteries, functioning to protect the country's infrastructure and citizens, saving lives since 2011. It was developed for Israel by Rafael Advanced Defense Systems and Israel Aerospace Industries, with additional support from Raytheon. The project was headed by Rocket Scientist, Iron Dome Development Team Leader, Ari Sacher.

7) NBC News

<https://www.nbcnews.com > politics > national-security>

April 18, 2024 — Out of 300 missiles and drones Iran fired, only four or five hit Israel, and none caused major damage, William Burns said.

Israeli military officials stated that 99% of the projectiles were intercepted.

NBC News

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/national-security/cia-director-iranian-attack-israel-was-spectacular-failure-rcna148461>

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8) The fraction represented by 295 out of 300 is $295/300$. This can also be expressed as a decimal as 0.98333...%.

9) The phrase, "*asleep at the wheel*" is a metaphorical expression that means someone isn't paying attention when they should be or isn't doing their job properly. It can also mean that someone is negligent or unaware of important events happening around them.