

# Divine Providence and Unpredictability

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## 1. Exodus 3:1-2

(1) Now Moses, tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian, drove the flock into the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. (2) An angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire out of a bush. He gazed, and there was a bush all aflame, yet the bush was not consumed.

א. שמות ג'א-ב'

(א) ומִשֶׁה הָיָה רֹעֵה אֶת־צֹאן יִתְרוֹ חֹתָנוּ  
כִּהְיוּ מִדְּבַר וַיִּנְהַג אֶת־הַצֹּאן אַחֲרֵי הַמִּדְבָּר  
וַיָּבֹא אֶל־הַר הָאֱלֹקִים חֹרֵב: (ב) וַיֵּרָא  
מִלְאָךְ ה' אֵלָיו בְּלֶבֶת־אֵשׁ מִתּוֹךְ הַסִּנֵּה  
וַיֵּרָא וְהִנֵּה הַסִּנֵּה בֹעֵר בְּאֵשׁ וְהַסִּנֵּה  
אֵינָנו אֹכֵל:

## 2. Exodus 20:15-16

(15) All the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the blare of the horn and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they fell back and stood at a distance. (16) "You speak to us," they said to Moses, "and we will obey; but let not God speak to us, lest we die."

ב. שמות כ'ט"ו-ט"ז

(טו) וְכֻל־הָעָם רֹאִים אֶת־הַקּוֹלֹת  
וְאֶת־הַלְפִידִם וְאֵת קוֹל הַשֹּׁפָר וְאֶת־הַהָהָר  
עֹשֵׂן וַיֵּרָא הָעָם וַיִּנְעוּ וַיַּעֲמְדוּ מֵרָחֵק: (טז)  
וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֶל־מֹשֶׁה דַּבֵּר־אֵתָהּ עִמָּנוּ  
וְנִשְׁמָעָה וְאַל־יְדַבֵּר עִמָּנוּ אֱלֹקִים  
פֶּן־נָמוּת:

## 3. Deuteronomy 5:21-22

(21) and said, "The LORD our God has just shown us His majestic Presence, and we

ג. דברים ה'כ"א-כ"ב

(כא) וַתֹּאמְרוּ הֵן הִרְאָנוּ ה' אֱלֹקֵינוּ  
אֶת־כְּבוֹדוֹ וְאֶת־גְּדֻלוֹ וְאֶת־קְלוֹ שְׁמַעְנוּ

have heard His voice out of the fire; we have seen this day that man may live though God has spoken to him. (22) Let us not die, then, for this fearsome fire will consume us; if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any longer, we shall die.

מִתּוֹךְ הָאֵשׁ הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה רָאִינוּ כִּי־יִדְבַר  
אֱלֹקִים אֶת־הָאָדָם וְחַי: (כב) וְעַתָּה לֵמָּה  
נָמוּת כִּי תֹאכְלֵנוּ הָאֵשׁ הַגְּדֹלָה הַזֹּאת  
אִם־יִסְפָּים | אֲנַחְנוּ לְשִׁמְעַתְּךָ ה'  
אֱלֹקֵינוּ עוֹד וּמָתָנוּ:

4. **Deuteronomy 29:13-14**

(13) I make this covenant, with its sanctions, not with you alone, (14) but both with those who are standing here with us this day before the LORD our God and with those who are not with us here this day.

ד. דברים כ"ט:י"ג-י"ד

(יג) וְלֹא אֶתְכֶם לְבַדְכֶם אֲנֹכִי כֹרֵת  
אֶת־הַבְּרִית הַזֹּאת וְאֶת־הָאֱלֹהִים הַזֹּאת:  
(יד) כִּי אֶת־אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁנֹו פֹה עִמָּנוּ עַמֵּד  
הַיּוֹם לִפְנֵי ה' אֱלֹקֵינוּ וְאֶת אֲשֶׁר אֵינָנו  
פֹה עִמָּנוּ הַיּוֹם:

5. **Exodus 19:16**

(16) On the third day, as morning dawned, there was thunder, and lightning, and a dense cloud upon the mountain, and a very loud blast of the horn; and all the people who were in the camp trembled.

ה. שמות י"ט:ט"ז

(טז) וַיְהִי בַיּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי בִּהְיוֹת הַבֹּקֶר וַיְהִי  
קֶלֶת וּבִרְקִיעַ וְעָנָן כָּבֵד עַל־הַהָר וְקוֹל  
שֹׁפָר חֲזָק מְאֹד וַיִּחַרַד כָּל־הָעָם אֲשֶׁר  
בַּמַּחֲנֶה:

6. **Exodus 4:1-3**

(1) But Moses spoke up and said, "What if they do not believe me and do not listen to me, but say: The LORD did not appear to you?" (2) The LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" And he replied, "A rod." (3) He said, "Cast it on the ground." He cast it on the ground and it became a snake; and Moses recoiled from it.

ו. שמות ד':א'-ג'

(א) וַיַּעַן מֹשֶׁה וַיֹּאמֶר וְהֵן לֹא־יֵאֱמִינוּ לִי  
וְלֹא יִשְׁמְעוּ בְקוֹלִי כִּי יֹאמְרוּ לֹא־נִרְאָה  
אֱלֹהֶיךָ ה': (ב) וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו ה' (מִזֶּה)  
[מִה־יָדְךָ] בִּידְךָ וַיֹּאמֶר מִטֶּה: (ג) וַיֹּאמֶר  
הַשְּׁלִיכֵהוּ אַרְצָה וַיִּשְׁלַכְהוּ אַרְצָה וַיְהִי  
לְנַחֲשׁ וַיִּנָּס מִפְּנֵיו:

7. **Exodus 4:6**

(6) The LORD said to him further, "Put your hand into your bosom." He put his hand into his bosom; and when he took it out, his hand was encrusted with snowy scales!

ז. שמות ד':ו'

(ו) וַיֹּאמֶר ה' לוֹ עוֹד הֵבֵא־נָא יָדְךָ  
בְּחִיקְךָ וַיִּבֵּא יָדוֹ בְּחִיקוֹ וַיּוֹצֵאֶהָ וְהִנֵּה יָדוֹ  
מִצְרַעַת כַּשָּׁלֵג:

8.

**Psalms 114**

(1) When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech, (2) Judah became His holy one, Israel, His dominion. (3) The sea saw them and fled,

Jordan ran backward, (4) mountains skipped like rams, hills like sheep. (5) What alarmed you, O sea, that you fled,

Jordan, that you ran backward, (6) mountains, that you skipped like rams, hills, like sheep? (7) Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob, (8) who turned the rock into a pool of water, the flinty rock into a fountain.

**תהילים קי"ד .ח**

(א) בְּצֵאת יִשְׂרָאֵל מִמִּצְרַיִם בַּיַּת יַעֲקֹב  
מֵעַם לֵעָז: (ב) הֵיטָה יְהוּדָה לְקֹדֶשׁוֹ  
יִשְׂרָאֵל מִמְשָׁלוֹתָיו: (ג) הַיָּם רָאָה וַיָּנֹס  
הַיַּרְדֵּן יָסַב לְאַחֹר: (ד) הַהָרִים רָקְדּוּ  
כְּאֵילִים גְּבֻעוֹת כְּבִנְיָצָאן: (ה) מֵהֶלֶךְ  
הַיָּם כִּי תָנוּס הַיַּרְדֵּן תָּסַב לְאַחֹר: (ו)  
הַהָרִים תִּרְקְדוּ כְּאֵילִים גְּבֻעוֹת כְּבִנְיָצָאן:  
(ז) מִלְפָּנֵי אָדוֹן חוּלֵי אֶרֶץ מִלְפָּנֵי אֱלֹהִים  
יַעֲקֹב: (ח) הַהַפְּכֵי הַצּוּר אֲגַם־מַיִם  
חֲלֹמֵי־שֵׁן לְמַעֲיֵנו־מַיִם:

9. **Genesis 37:25**

(25) Then they sat down to a meal. Looking up, they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, their camels bearing gum, balm, and ladanum to be taken to Egypt.

**בראשית ל"ז:כ"ה .ט**

(כה) וַיֵּשְׁבוּ לֶאֱכֹל־לֶחֶם וַיִּשְׂאוּ עֵינֵיהֶם  
וַיֵּרְאוּ וְהִנֵּה אַרְחַת יִשְׁמַעֲאֵלִים בָּאָה  
מִגְּלָעָד וּגְמָלֵיהֶם נֹשְׂאִים נֹכָאת וְצָרִי וְלֹט  
הוֹלְכִים לְהוֹרִיד מִצְרַיִם:

10. **Genesis 43:11**

(11) Then their father Israel said to them, "If it must be so, do this: take some of the choice products of the land in your baggage, and carry them down as a gift for the man—some balm and some honey, gum, ladanum, pistachio nuts, and almonds.

**בראשית מ"ג:יא .י**

(יא) וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲבִיהֶם  
אִם־כֵּן וְאִפּוֹא נָאת עֲשׂוּ קַחּוּ מִזִּמְרַת  
הָאָרֶץ בְּכֻלֵּיכֶם וְהוֹרִידוּ לְאִישׁ מִנְחָה  
מֵעֵט צָרִי וּמֵעֵט דְּבַשׁ נֹכָאת וְלֹט בְּטָנִים  
וּשְׂקָדִים:

11. **Genesis 45:27**

(27) But when they recounted all that Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to transport him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived.

**בראשית מ"ה:כ"ז .יא**

(כז) וַיִּזְדַּבְּרוּ אֵלָיו אֵת כָּל־דְּבָרֵי יוֹסֵף  
אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר אֲלֵהֶם וַיֵּרְא אֶת־הָעֲגָלוֹת  
אֲשֶׁר־שָׁלַח יוֹסֵף לְשֵׂאת אֹתוֹ וַתְּחִי רוּחַ  
יַעֲקֹב אֲבִיהֶם:

12. **Deuteronomy 21:1-4**

(1) If, in the land that the LORD your God is assigning you to possess, someone slain is found lying in the open, the identity of the slayer not being known, (2) your elders and magistrates shall go out and measure the distances from the corpse to the nearby towns. (3) The elders of the town nearest to the corpse shall then take a heifer which has never been worked, which has never pulled in a yoke; (4) and the elders of that town shall bring the heifer down to an everflowing wadi, which is not tilled or sown. There, in the wadi, they shall break the heifer's neck.

יב. **דברים כ"א:א-ד'**

(א) כִּי־יִמָּצָא חָלָל בְּאֶדְמָה אֲשֶׁר ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן לְךָ לְרִשְׁתָּהּ נָפֵל בַּשָּׂדֶה לֹא נֹדֵעַ מִי הַכָּהוּ: (ב) וַיֵּצְאוּ זְקֵנֶיךָ וְשֹׁפְטֶיךָ וּמָדְדוּ אֶל־הָעָרִים אֲשֶׁר סְבִיבַת הַחָלָל: (ג) וְהָיָה הָעִיר הַקְּרֹבָה אֶל־הַחָלָל וְלִקְחוּ זֶקֶן הָעִיר הַהִוא עֲגֹלַת בָּקָר אֲשֶׁר לֹא־עָבַד בָּהּ אֲשֶׁר לֹא־מְשָׁכָה בְּעֵל: (ד) וְהוֹרְדוּ זֶקֶן הָעִיר הַהִוא אֶת־הָעֲגֹלָה אֶל־נַחַל אֵיתָן אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יַעֲבֹד בּוֹ וְלֹא יִזְרַע וְעָרְפוּ־שָׁם אֶת־הָעֲגֹלָה בַּנַּחַל:



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