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IT'S A MIRACLE!

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Almighty God is constantly performing miracles whether they are obvious or hidden. We are surrounded by them. It is impossible to know how many times He saves and protects us every day. We may become aware of one solitary miracle while remaining oblivious to others.

But there is one miracle that all peoples are expected to notice and respond to.

God has preserved Israel for 3,300 years!

Many verses in Psalms call upon the nations to praise The Almighty for His salvation of Israel.

All peoples have been aware that this family has a history like no other. God saved Israel from slavery in Egypt through miracles performed for all to see and physically experience. Everyone in the world saw (even without Facebook) what He did for the Jews.

All mankind is obligated to have a response to the Creator of the world and the miracles He performs to keep Israel alive through all the generations - against all odds!

“Thank You God for preserving Israel for 3,300 years!”

“Thank you Israel for preserving Torah so we have something to come home to!”

The Torah was given openly in front of millions of witnesses to be a source of peace and a common thread that unites all mankind.

It brought to the world values such as charity, brotherhood and forgiveness.

For the past 3,300 years, the Jewish tribes have lovingly referred to the first five books of the Jewish Bible as “The Torah” or “The Five Books of Moses”.

This book of all books has been likened to a marriage contract, a dance of life, a song of creation, and a guide for living.

King David said the Torah made him wiser than his enemies, it was his occupation all day long, and it is better than silver and gold.

This divine instruction, given to the nation of Israel at Mount Sinai, challenged man to live by the highest standards of morality and ethics, and continues to inspire countless Jews and non-Jews to this very day.

It is seen as a grave sin for man to change even one jot or tittle of the Divine Torah. Its preservation has been the priority of the Jewish people to the point of death for hundreds of years.

Any individual can choose to deepen his love relationship between him and his Creator by pursuing Torah’s wisdom and living accordingly.

According to Deuteronomy 4:6-8, the Nations will recognize the wisdom of the Torah and appreciate Israel for preserving it!

And you shall keep [them] and do [them], for that is your wisdom and your understanding in the eyes of the peoples, who will hear all these statutes and say, "Only this great nation is a wise and understanding people. For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the Lord our God is at all times that we call upon Him? And which great nation is it that has just statutes and ordinances, as this entire Torah, which I set before you this day?"

The starting place or minimal obligation to be in good standing with the Creator is to follow the Seven Universal Laws given to mankind after the flood.

1 Acknowledge that there is only one God who is Infinite and Supreme above all things. Do not replace that Supreme Being with finite idols, be it yourself, or other beings. This command includes such acts as prayer, study and meditation.

2 Respect the Creator. As frustrated and angry as you may be, do not vent it by cursing your Maker.

3 Respect human life. Every human being is an entire world. To save a life is to save that entire world. To destroy a life is to destroy an entire world. To help others live is a corollary of this principle.

4 Respect the institution of marriage. Marriage is a most Divine act. The marriage of a man and a woman is a reflection of the oneness of God and His creation. Disloyalty in marriage is an assault on that oneness.

5 Respect the rights and property of others. Be honest in all your business dealings. By relying on God rather than on our own conniving, we express our trust in Him as the Provider of Life.

6 Respect for God's creatures. At first, Man was forbidden to consume meat. After the Great Flood, he was permitted – but with a warning: Do not cause unnecessary suffering to any creature.

7 Maintain Justice. Justice is God's business, but we are given the charge to lay down necessary laws and enforce them whenever we can. When we right the wrongs of society, we are acting as partners in the act of sustaining the creation.

History proves that laws are needed to protect all peoples. The Seven Universal laws separated humanity from the lawless violence which brought God to the point of destroying the world. They are a sacred inheritance given to all of mankind after the flood.

Detailed, in-depth aspects are included within each basic law, making them a firm, reliable and comprehensive moral-code.

OUR BEST HOPE FOR ACHIEVING WORLD PEACE

Faith in Almighty God and His goodness has been passed down from father to son, father to son, ever since Abraham. Abraham worked to impress the belief in One God on to all human beings.

The requirement is not only to believe that He exists, but that He is good and that He desires good for His creations. Therefore, people too, must enforce goodness.

It is reasonable to conclude that part of every man's absolute belief in God and his renunciation of idolatry, which is one of the Universal Laws, includes recognizing God as the source of all good.

The purpose of the Seven Universal Laws is for mankind to make this world a civilized place.

In a Torah society existence will be perfect. It is a theocratic society like none other, where man is mandated by law to do things like look after the poor, visit the sick, honor one's father and mother and show hospitality to strangers.

A Torah society is governed by a higher law; a law written on one's heart.

God's Kingdom on earth prospers when it becomes united with His Kingdom in heaven; when the physical world becomes an expression of the spiritual world.

God's commandments bring holiness, peace, and harmony to all mankind; it is a world governed by the Master Designer and Father Who knows best!