

# Six-Day War Miracles

Reference material for “*Song of Moses*” sermon series

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The phrase “*Six-Day War miracles*” refers to the widespread belief—especially among Israelis and the Jewish community—that Israel’s rapid victory in the 1967 war against larger Arab forces was due to divine intervention (Encyclopaedia Britannica, 2025).

## Events often described as “miraculous”:

- **Surprise Air Strike:** On 5 June 1967, the Israeli Air Force launched *Operation Focus*, a low-altitude attack that destroyed most of Egypt’s planes while they were still on the ground. This decisive strike gave Israel complete air superiority. Some leaders later described Egypt’s failure to detect the attack as “the finger of God” (Wikipedia, 2025).
- **Enemy Retreats Without Reason:** In several battles, Israeli soldiers reported that Egyptian and Jordanian troops abandoned fortified positions and equipment without much fighting. Foreign military experts found this behaviour inexplicable (Israel My Glory, 2017).
- **Perfect Equipment Performance:** Accounts describe old Israeli planes with mechanical issues performing flawlessly, while enemy shells sometimes failed to explode even on direct hits (CBN Israel, 2017).
- **Low Israeli Casualties:** Despite being outnumbered, Israel’s losses were far lighter than expected. About **776 Israelis were killed compared to 18,300 Arab soldiers**. For every Israeli plane lost, roughly 11 Arab planes were destroyed (Jewish Virtual Library, 2025; United Nations OCHA, 2025).
- **Reunification of Jerusalem:** On 7 June, Israeli paratroopers captured the Old City of Jerusalem, including the Western Wall and Temple Mount, after 19 years of Jordanian control. This moment was seen as spiritually significant and even prophetic (Six-Day War.org, 2025; Jerusalem Post, 2017).
- **Speed of Victory:** The war lasted only six days, during which Israel defeated multiple neighbouring nations and tripled its territory. The sheer speed of success reinforced the sense of a miraculous outcome (FFOZ Messiah Magazine, 2017).

## Military vs. Miraculous Explanations

Military analysts highlight Israel’s superior planning, intelligence (including a tip from Morocco), and execution as the main reasons for victory (IDF Archives, 2017). Yet many participants and observers continue to believe that the extraordinary combination of events points to supernatural intervention (Jewish Virtual Library, 2025).

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