

Biblical Evidence of God Working through Random Acts

Division of the land for the tribes of Israel (Num 26:55)

Eleazer using the Urim and the Thummim to inquire of the Lord (Num 27:21)

Inheritance of the land determined by lot (Num 33:53-54)

Israel inquiring who should go up against the Canaanites first (Judges 1:1)

Selecting who will attack Gibeah (Judges 20:8-10)

Ruth choosing to glean in a field belonging to Boaz (Ruth 2:3)

Philistines sending the ark back to Israel (1 Sam 6:7-12)

Samuel's sign, he asked God to send thunder and rain during the wheat harvest, when it was almost unknown (1 Sam 12:17-18).

Jonathan and his armor-bearer when attacking the Philistines (1 Sam 14:8-14)

Lots cast by Saul to determine who had sinned by disobeying his oath (1 Sam 14:31-42).

When David inquired of God whether the men of Keilah would surrender him to Saul (1 Sam 23:6-13)

Ahab, the king of Israel, killed in battle by a random arrow (1 Kings 22:34; 2 Chron 18:33)

Human life seems governed by chance (Ecc 9:11)

God governs chance when casting lots (Prov 16:33)

The Urim and the Thummim used to determine whether certain Israelites were descended from priestly families and could "partake of the most holy food" (Ezra 2:63).

Priests and Levites casting lots to determine who will bring the wood offering into the house of the Lord (Nehemiah 10:34)

Jonah swallowed by a great fish (Jonah 1:17)

The curtain of the temple being torn at the time of Jesus's death (Luke 23:44-45; Matt 27:45; Mark 15:33;

Disciples cast lots to select Matthias as a replacement for Judas (Acts 1:26).

The earthquake that loosened the bonds of Paul and Silas in prison (Acts 16:25-26)