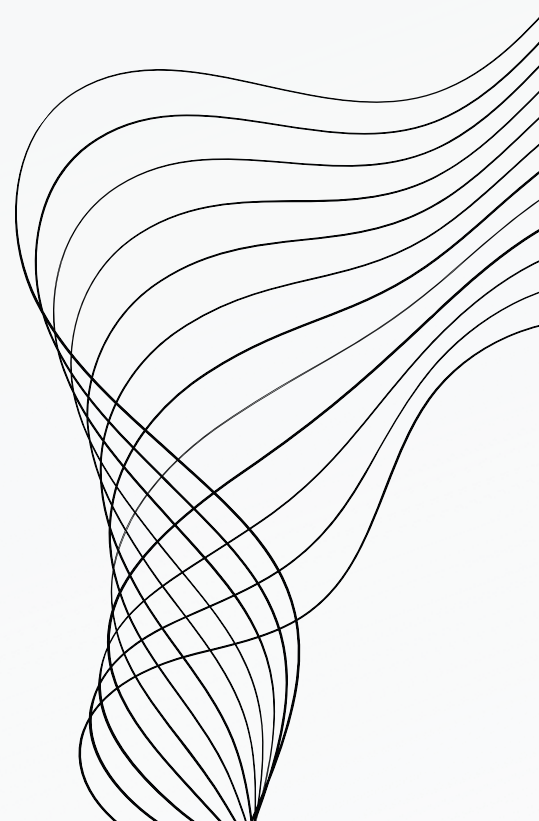


**DOES CHANGE  
EXIST?**

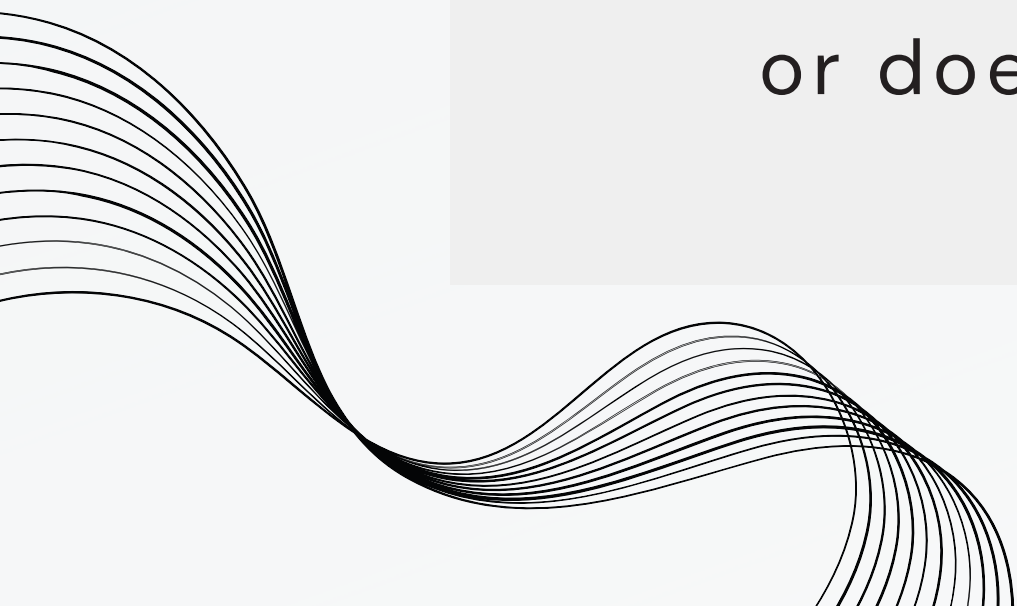


# COMMON SAYING

**“Nothing, including human suffering, happens by chance. God so regulates all things, that nothing happens but what He has knowingly and willingly decreed.”**

**John Calvin**

Is this statement biblical? Does the bible teach that events and situations can happen by chance or does God control and will ALL things?





# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH?

"chance"  
occurs 6 times in 6 verses in the KJV.

- TOOLS** [Deu 22:6](#) If a bird's nest **chance** to be before thee in the way in any tree, or on the ground, *whether they be* young ones, or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the dam with the young:
- TOOLS** [1Sa 6:9](#) And see, if it goeth up by the way of his own coast to Bethshemesh, *then* he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that *it is* not his hand *that* smote us: it *was* a **chance** *that* happened to us.
- TOOLS** [2Sa 1:6](#) And the young man that told him said, As I happened by **chance** upon mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon his spear; and, lo, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him.
- TOOLS** [Ecc 9:11](#) I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race *is* not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and **chance** happeneth to them all.
- TOOLS** [Luk 10:31](#) And by **chance** there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

The word “chance” occurs 6 times in the bible.

- TOOLS** [1Co 15:37](#) And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may **chance** of wheat, or of some other *grain*:

# WHAT IS THE DEFINITION?

## Old Testament Definition

Brown-Driver-Briggs Lexicon [?]

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STRONGS H7122:

Abbreviations

SHOW ALL

II. [קָרָא] <sup>137</sup> **verb** encounter, befall (|| form of קָרָה, which see.; SI<sup>4</sup> לקרת to meet, opposite; Arabic كَرَى put part to part; Minaean קרא set opposite, Hom<sup>Chrest.</sup> 127); —

**Qal** <sup>131</sup> Perfect<sub>5</sub> 3rd person masculine singular suffix קָרָאֵי Jeremiah 13:22; Job 4:14; 3rd person feminine singular קָרָאת Deuteronomy 31:29; Jeremiah 44:23, etc; Imperfect<sub>4</sub> 3rd person masculine singular יִקְרָא Genesis 49:1, suffix יִקְרָאֵנוּ Genesis 42:4; 3rd person feminine plural וַתִּקְרָאֵנָה Leviticus 10:19; Exodus 1:10 read 3rd person feminine singular suffix תִּקְרָאֵנִי (Sam Vrss Di Ges<sup>§ 47 k</sup> So<sup>Kau</sup> Baen): Infinitive construct<sub>171</sub> לִקְרֹאת (Ges<sup>§ 19 k</sup> Ol<sup>§ 137</sup>).

### Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

I. to encounter, befall, meet

A. (Qal)

i. to meet, encounter

ii. to befall (fig)

B. (Niphal) to meet, meet unexpectedly

C. (Hiphil) to cause to meet

### Strong's Definitions [?]

(Strong's Definitions Legend)

קָרָא qârâ', kaw-raw'; a primitive root; to encounter, whether accidentally or in a hostile manner:—befall, (by) chance, (cause to) come (upon), fall out, happen, meet.

### Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon [?]

II. קָרָא i. q. קָרָה TO MEET, hence TO HAPPEN, TO OCCUR to any one (whether good or bad), followed by an acc. of pers., Gen. 42:4, 38; 49:1; Lev. 10:19. Inf. קָרָא (of the form יִרָא) a meeting, hence לִקְרֹאת which every where (in the Syriac manner) is contracted into לִקְרֹאת, with suff. לִקְרֹאתִי, לִקְרֹאתְכֶם prep. —(1) towards, to meet, Gen. 46:29; Exod. 4:27; 18:7; in a hostile sense, Jud. 7:24; pregn., Josh. 11:20, “that their hearts should be hardened לִקְרֹאת הַמִּלְחָמָה to go into battle.”

(2) opposite to, over against, Genesis 15:10; 1 Sa. 4:2.

NIPHAL—(1) to be made to meet, to meet any one, followed by על Ex. 5:3; לִפְנֵי 2 Sa. 18:9; used of things, Deu. 22:6.

(2) to be by chance, to happen, 2 Sam. 1:6; 20:1.

HIPHIL, to cause to happen (evil to any one), with two acc., Jer. 32:23.



# WHAT IS THE DEFINITION?

## New Testament Definition

KJV Translation Count — Total: 1x

The KJV translates Strong's G4795 in the following manner: [chance](#) (1x).

### Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

*l.* accident, by chance

### Strong's Definitions [?]

(Strong's Definitions Legend)

**συγκυρία** *synkyría*, soong-koo-ree'-ah; from a comparative of G4862 and κυρέω *kyréō* (to light or happen; from the base of G2962); concurrence, i.e. accident:—chance.

### Thayer's Greek Lexicon [?]

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#### STRONGS G4795:

**συγκυρία**, **συγκυρίας**, **ἢ** (**συγκύρειν**, to happen, turn out), **accident**, **chance**: **κατά συγκυρίαν**, by chance, accidentally, [Luke 10:31](#). (Hippocrates; ecclesiastical and Byzantine writings; Greek writings from Polybius down more common use **συγκυρησις** and **συγκυρημα** (Winer's Grammar, 24).)

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#### CHANCE, n.

1. An event that happens, falls out or takes place, without being contrived, intended, expected or foreseen; the effect of an unknown cause, or the unusual or unexpected effect of a known cause; accident; casualty; fortuitous event; as, time and chance happen to all.

By chance a priest came down that way.  
Luke 10.

2. Fortune; what fortune may bring; as, they must take their chance.

3. An event, good or evil; success or misfortune; luck.

4. Possibility of an occurrence; opportunity.

You ladyship may have a chance to escape this address.

**CHANCE**, v.i. To happen; to fall out; to come or arrive without design, or expectation.

Webster's  
1828  
Dictionary

# GOD DOES NOT WILL OR DECREE EVIL

5 And have built the high places of Baal to burn their sons in the fire as burnt offerings to Baal, **which I commanded not nor spoke of it, nor did it come into My mind and heart—**

**Jeremiah 19:5 AMPC**

5 and have built the high places of Baal to burn their sons in the fire as burnt offerings to Baal, **which I did not command or decree, nor did it come into my mind—**

**Jeremiah 19:5 ESV**

# SCRIPTURE USING CHANCE

9 And see, if it goeth up by the way of his own coast to Bethshemesh, then he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that smote us: it was **a chance that happened to us.**

**1 Samuel 6:9 KJV**

9 and watch. If it goes up on the way to its own land, to Bethshemesh, then it is he who has done us this great harm, but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that struck us; **it happened to us by coincidence.**”

**1 Samuel 6:9 ESV**

# SCRIPTURE USING CHANGE

6 And the young man that told him said, As **I happened by chance** upon mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon his spear; and, lo, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him.

**2 Samuel 1:6 KJV**

6 And the young man who told him said, “**By chance** I happened to be on Mount Gilboa, and there was Saul leaning on his spear, and behold, the chariots and the horsemen were close upon him.

**2 Samuel 1:6 ESV**



# JESUS USING THE WORD CHANCE

31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

**Luke 10:31 KJV**

31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.

**Luke 10:31 ESV**

# TWO WITNESSES

6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, **as often as they will.**

**Revelation 11:6 KJV**

6 They have the power to shut the sky, that no rain may fall during the days of their prophesying, and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague, **as often as they desire.**

**Revelation 11:6 ESV**



# DO YOU BELIEVE WHAT YOU READ?

- Or do you believe what you have been told but never tested it out like the bible teaches us to do?

21 But test and prove all things [until you can recognize] what is good; [to that] hold fast.

**1 Thessalonians 5:21 AMPC**



# WE BELIEVE WHAT WE CAN



# READ

We **choose** to have child like faith as Jesus tells us in **Matthew 18:1-3** and **believe what we read**. We **choose to not doubt** what we see in the bible but we have confidence in the word of God over any human reasonings or teachings of men.

We believe that **God does not will or control all things** but has given mankind **freewill**. We believe all things work together for the good of those who **LOVE** God. God can turn a bad situation that He did not will to happen into good.