

The future foreseen!

Here is a history lesson to show that the Bible is not mythological nonsense.

First, the ancient Assyrians deported a large section of Israel from their land. A bit later the remainder were deported by the Babylonians. (The Bible records that God allowed this because Israel turned her back on God).

Second, after 70 years exile, the Persian Empire permitted Israel to return to her land.

But could a nation retain its identity if exiled, not just 70 years, but for hundreds of years?

That would be a miracle. Yet it happened to Israel!

Third, here's a further miracle of prevision: in the 8th century BC God knew and foretold through his prophet Isaiah that (1) Israel would be exiled a second time, (2) this time scattered worldwide, but (3) remain intact as a nation -

“It shall come to pass . . . that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people . . . and will assemble the outcasts of Israel . . . from the four corners of the earth.” Isaiah 11.11-12.

When God restored Israel to her land in 1948 - *after 2000 years of dispersion!* - he demonstrated his foreknowledge, his control of human destiny, and the total accuracy of his Word.

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**God blesses us through Jesus, his Saviour born in Israel.
He will bless Israel too when she acknowledges her Saviour.**

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