

God's great promises Part 1

Israel exalted

Nowadays fake news is so easily circulated.

This should spur us to ensure that God's genuine good news is being widely made known, including his great promises to Israel.

Let's not miss the way in which Israel has been honoured down the centuries.

First, God told Israel, “The Lord has chosen you to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.” Deuteronomy 14.2. What an amazing promise.

But, **second**, Israel could not therefore say, “We are the greatest!” No. God told them, “The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because you were more in number than any people; for you were the fewest of all people.” Deuteronomy 7.7.

Third, God nevertheless told Abraham, the father of Israel, “I will make you a great nation.” Genesis 12.2. Has he done that? Yes. Other ancient people groups who were Israel's contemporaries have all vanished! But Israel survives.

Fourth, when ancient Israel grossly sinned, disobeyed God, refused to repent, he had the whole nation deported from the land he had given them! Could any nation survive such drastic action?

In Israel's case, “Yes!” Remnants eventually returned from Babylon to resettle their land!

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**God's promise to disobedient Israel: “I will not make a complete end of you.”
Jeremiah 5.18.**

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