

Chapter 2 **Amazing predictions**

About 4000 years ago, through amazing predictions to Abraham (father of Israel), God put his character at stake with seven extravagant promises: Genesis 12.1-3.

First, he said, *“I will make of you a great nation.”* No other nation has survived worldwide dispersion after 2000 years!

Second, God promised, *“I will bless you.”* Against fierce opposition and persecution, Abraham's descendants have been – and still are – preserved, protected, blessed!

Third, God said, *“I will make your name great.”* Today about three billion people (Jews, Christians, Moslems) – that's half the world population – revere Abraham!

Fourth, God said, *“You shall be a blessing.”* Abraham's greatest descendant is Jesus, the world's saviour!

Fifth, God said, *“I will bless those who bless you.”* God blesses Israel's friends!

Sixth, God said, *“I will curse him who curses you.”* This happened to Hitler's fierce promotion of anti-Semitism!

Seventh, God said, *“All peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”* Nations that honour God's name have spread peace, prosperity, founding of universities, stable government, world leadership in science and technology, promotion of basic human rights and the world's highest code of ethics.

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Who is honouring Abraham's descendants? The God of creation.