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### *“What God Says, God Does”*

Have you ever had a situation that caused you to question God's existence or faithfulness? I think most of us have, and in fact, some have even abandoned their faith because God didn't do what

they asked Him to do. What can you say to a person who finds themselves in that situation? That's the question I want to address in this article.

I want to do this by looking at the most outstanding example of God's faithfulness in the history of the entire world: His promises to Israel. These promises date back thousands of years, with some being fulfilled during Bible times and others not being fulfilled until our lifetime.

Let's start by looking at one that God fulfilled in Bible times. I am sure you all know the story of Nebuchadnezzar's conquest of Israel. Israel was carried into Babylonian captivity, but God promised that after 70 years, they would return and rebuild the walls of the city and the temple.

#### **Jeremiah 29:10 KJV**

10 For thus saith the LORD, That **after seventy years** be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

#### **Jeremiah 30:3 King James Version**

3 For, lo, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the Lord: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

It may have seemed impossible to the people of Jeremiah's day, but God's ways are truly beyond our understanding. Seventy years and three kings later, God stirred the heart of a pagan king named Cyrus to not only allow the Jews to return but also to finance the rebuilding of the temple. What God said, He did, in a way that was nothing short of miraculous.

Even though this was an amazing example of God's faithfulness, it was eclipsed by what we have seen happen in our lifetime. As you know, God promised that after the diaspora, Israel would return from the four corners of the earth, and the nation of Israel would experience a rebirth.

#### **Amos 9:14-15 Amplified Bible**

14 “Also I shall bring back the exiles of My people Israel, And they will rebuild the deserted and ruined cities and inhabit them:

They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, And make gardens and eat their fruit.

15 “I will also plant them on their land, And they shall never again be uprooted from their land which I have given them,” says the Lord your God.

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**Isaiah 66:8 Amplified Bible**

8 "Who has heard of such a thing? Who has seen such things? Can a land be born in one day? Or can a nation be brought forth in a moment? As soon as Zion was in labor, she also brought forth her sons.

Seventy-six years ago, we saw an unprecedented event in world history. Never before had a decimated ancient people managed to retain their identity through almost twenty centuries of dispersion, only to reestablish their nation in their original homeland—all of this despite surrounding nations vowing to eradicate the young state.

With these examples of God's faithfulness as a backdrop, I want to examine why we often cannot see such faithfulness extended to us. First, I want to point out that God's promises often do not come to pass for many years. In the case of Israel's return from Babylon, it was 70 years, and in the case of Israel's rebirth, it was 2000 years. I am not saying you will need to wait 2000 years to see God's faithfulness, but I am saying that you shouldn't charge God with unfaithfulness just because you have waited a few months or even a few years.

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Then there is the question of, what has God said? In modern-day Christianity, we have the strange idea that somehow God is duty-bound to do whatever we say instead of trusting Him to do what He has said. There is a vast difference between those two positions. He is not obligated to do what you tell Him, nor what someone else claims He told them. Learn to hear His voice by being still before Him; soon, you will begin to see He is faithful and will do whatever He has spoken. He has been doing this for thousands of years, and He is not

about to stop now.

Speaking of that, let's take a look at Israel's future. Right now, there are many calling for the destruction of Israel and the annihilation of the Jewish people. But what does God say?

**Jeremiah 31:35-36 EXB**

35 The Lord makes the sun to shine in the day and the moon and stars to shine at night. He stirs up the sea so that its waves crash on the shore. The Lord All-Powerful is his name.

**This is what the Lord says:**

36 "Only if these laws that uphold the natural order should ever fail" says the Lord, "will Israel's descendants ever stop being a nation before me forever."

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**Numbers 23:19 CJB**

19 God is not a human who lies or a mortal who changes his mind. When he says something, he will do it; when he makes a promise, he will fulfill it.



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