

ISAIAH 45

- Isaiah
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- 43:5**
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- Outline...
40-48 - Comfort:
people CAPTIVE in
Babylon...
49-55 -
Redemption: for a
people CAPTIVE to
- 56-66 -
Restoration: of
and the world
Choice...
 - Although
had promised to
His people out of
BABYLON – **Isaiah**
- Jacob did NOT call
[perfect] on the
- **Isaiah 43:22**
 - Instead they
BURDENED
[perfect] the LORD
their SINS...
NOW [וַעֲתָהּ] - the
commanded them
LISTEN [שִׁמְעוּ]
made Jacob – and
formed Israel – so
could be Jeshurun
right]
would do so by
pouring out His
upon them!
or the Lie...
gave them the
options of WHO
could put their
TRUST in...
LORD – who is
KING and their
REDEEMER...
ROCK [there is no
other] who can tell

them the END from the BEGINNING...

- Or the LIE – man made IDOLS [block of wood] that they made who CANNOT see ANYTHING...
- People do NOT stop and realized what they are holding in their hands is a LIE!
- Remember...
 - Therefore – remember the Lord who formed you – the one who can FORGIVE you...
 - The God who knows the FUTURE – the one who called out CYRUS [Medo-Persia]
 - Over a HUNDRED years before he was born – to send Israel back home – and rebuild the TEMPLE!
- 1ST – THE PLAN OF GOD... vs. 1-13
 - 1st – The Chosen... vs. 1-3
 - Cyrus... vs. 1
 - Thus says the LORD to His anointed - to Cyrus whose right hand I have held!
 - Having challenged Jacob to CHOSE – the LORD or the LIE...
 - Painting a powerful contrast between a block of WOOD – and the OMNISCIENT God...
 - Proven by the Lord calling out the leader of the Medo-Persian empire a century in advance...
 - The LORD went on to say to His ANOINTED [Cyrus]
 - ANOINTED [מָשִׁיחַ] – to pour out of smear OIL upon [Messiah or Christ]
 - The idea here is the one God had CHOSEN – He also strengthened [hiphil] his right hand!
 - When Samuel came to choose the NEW king over Israel – **I Samuel 16:13**
 - He poured oil over the head of David – anointing him as the one God has chosen...
 - In the same way God has CHOSEN Cyrus to be His tool to set Jacob free!
 - Fall of Babylon... vs. 1-3
 - To subdue nations before him and loose the armor of kings.
 - To open before him the double doors so that the gates will not be shut.
 - I will go before you and make the crooked places straight.
 - I will break in pieces the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron.
 - I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places!
 - Therefore – because God was the one who had CHOSEN Cyrus – God would [I will]
 - FIRST – God would beat down [subdue] the NATIONS [גוֹיִם] before him...
 - SECOND – God would [piel] disarm [loose the loins] the KINGS [מְלָכִים]
 - THIRD – God would OPEN the double doors [very specific] before Cyrus...
 - FOURTH – God Himself [אֲנִי] would level [piel] the CROOKED [קְדָר]
 - CROOKED [קְדָר] – translated at MOUNTAINS [LXX] – WALL [Targum] – LEADERS [Vulgate]
 - The idea consistently points to God leveling an impossible challenge...
 - FIFTH – God would SHATTER [piel] the bronze and iron bars [on the doors]
 - SIXTH – God would give Cyrus the HIDDEN treasure – in the DARK – SECRET places!
 - This very specific prophecy was fulfilled in the FALL of Babylon...
 - Cyrus diverted the Euphrates River that flowed through the city...
 - There were GATES that closed the city off from the river [Herodotus]
 - But the people were so busy having a PARTY [Belshazzar] – **Daniel 5:1**
 - They did NOT know RIVER had been diverted – and the BRONZE gates were left OPEN...
 - Cyrus was able to do the IMPOSSIBLE - take the city without a FIGHT [Cyrus Cylinder]
 - God of Israel... vs. 3
 - That you may know that I the LORD who call you by your name – I am the God of Israel!
 - Why did God have Isaiah write this down over a HUNDRED years before Cyrus was born...
 - So that when the city of Babylon fell – Cyrus would [imperfect] KNOW [יָדַע]
 - That the God who CALLED him by name – the God of Israel – had given him the VICTORY!

- We live in a world that seems to be out of CONTROL...
- We see NATIONS [גוֹיִם] that are rouge – and LEADERS [kings] who seem unstoppable...
- But there was NEVER any doubt who is in CONTROL...
- God is the one who can do the IMPOSSIBLE – nothing can undo His sovereign purpose!
- **Ephesians 1:11** – “Who works all things according to the counsel of His will.”
- 2nd – The Reason... vs. 4-8
 - For Israel... vs. 4
 - For Jacob My servants sake - and Israel My elect - I have even called you by your name.
 - I have named you - though you have not known Me!
 - Why did God CHOSE Cyrus – give him the VICTORY [three reasons]
 - FIRST – for the sake of His servant JACOB – for the nation of ISRAEL that He chose...
 - Cyrus was to send them back to Jerusalem – to rebuild the Temple – **Isaiah 44:28**
 - For their sake God called Cyrus by NAME [שֵׁם] – given him the TITLE [anointed]
 - Even though Cyrus did NOT know [יָדַע] the LORD [not a believer]!
 - In a great house there are MANY different vessels – **II Timothy 2:20**
 - All of them are USED by the master – but NOT all of them are honorable!
 - God will use BELIEVERS and UNBELIEVERS to accomplish His purposes...
 - EVERYONE is going to be used by the LORD – but NOT everyone will be honored...
 - Although God used Cyrus – we have no guarantee he made it to heaven!
 - For the nations... vs. 5-7
 - I am the LORD and there is no other. There is no God besides Me.
 - I will gird you though you have not known Me.
 - That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting that there is none besides Me.
 - I am the LORD and there is no other. I form the light and create darkness.
 - I make peace and create calamity. I the LORD do all these things!
 - What the Lord says next will be repeated NINE times in this one chapter...
 - I am the LORD [יְהוָה] and there is NO [אֲיִן] other [1] – there are NO [אֲיִן] other [אֱלֹהִים] gods [2]
 - SECOND - God raised [girded] up Cyrus – even though he did NOT know [יָדַע] the Lord...
 - So that EVERYONE might KNOW [יָדַע] the LORD – from the rising [east] to setting sun [west]
 - That there are NONE beside Him [3] – He is the LORD and there is NO [אֲיִן] other [4]
 - He is the LORD who forms [יָצַר] the LIGHT – and creates [בָּרָא] the DARK...
 - Parallel: He makes [עָשָׂה] PEACE – but he also creates [בָּרָא] adversity...
 - The Lord is the one who can do ALL [כָּל] these things!
 - God is always working among the NATIONS [from the east to the west]
 - He is willing to do WHATEVER it takes to get our attention...
 - He will use LIGHT or DARK – give us PEACE or ADVERSITY...
 - Because in the end the most important thing for everyone is to KNOW the LORD!
 - **I Peter 4:12** – “Do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you.”
 - For salvation... vs. 8
 - Rain down you heavens from above - and let the skies pour down righteousness.
 - Let the earth open. Let them bring forth salvation and let righteousness spring up together.
 - I the LORD have created it!
 - THIRD – God raised up Cyrus so He could send down RIGHTEOUSNESS...
 - Isaiah used the imagery of a plants being watered by the RAIN...
 - Just as when the earth is WATERED – it bears FRUIT...
 - So also when people KNOW the Lord because of what God did with Cyrus...

- MANY would be SAVED by faith in the God of Israel – and become RIGHTEOUS [צַדִּיק]
- Not because of what they did – but because God did it [בָּרָא]!
- Fruit is NOT something that we PRODUCE – it is a BYPRODUCT...
- When we KNOW the LORD – then we will also bear FRUIT – we become RIGHTEOUS [צַדִּיק]
- **John 15:5** – “He who abides in Me - and I in him - bears much fruit.”
- 3rd – Do not question... vs. 9-13
 - Do not fight God... vs. 9
 - Woe to him who strives with his Maker!
 - Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth!
 - Having CHOSEN Cyrus as His anointed – to defeat Babylon...
 - And given the REASON – for Israel – for the nations – for salvation...
 - The LORD gives a WARNING – woe to ANYONE who fights his MAKER [יָצַר]
 - Men are just BROKEN piece of CLAY [potsherd] – lying among other BROKEN pieces!
 - People think they are SMART – assuming they have life figured out...
 - But people are BROKEN – not some of them – ALL of them...
 - Therefore all of their SOLUTIONS are bound to FAIL!
 - **Romans 1:22** – “Professing to be wise they became fools.”
 - Woe to you... vs. 9-10
 - Shall the clay say to him who forms it: What are you making?
 - Or shall your handiwork say: He has no hands?
 - Woe to him who says to his father: What are you begetting?
 - Or to the woman: What have you brought forth?
 - Should the POT say to the one who is MAKING it [יָצַר] – what are doing [עֲשֶׂה] – **Romans 9:20**
 - Can the POT say – You do NOT know what you are doing [literally You have no hands]
 - In the same way - WOE to the one says to their FATHER – why did you conceive me...
 - Or to their MOTHER – why did you give BIRTH to me!
 - **Jeremiah 18:6** - “As the clay is in the potters hand so are you in My hand - O house of Israel!”
 - God knows exactly who we are - He [potter] made us [clay]
 - How foolish to think that we can HIDE our motives from Him...
 - How dangerous [woe] to think that we know more than He does...
 - We might NOT like our circumstances - we may NOT enjoy our trials...
 - But we are WISE to trust the Lord knows what He is doing!
 - Ask the Lord... vs. 11-12
 - Thus says the LORD - the Holy One of Israel - and his Maker:
 - Ask Me of things to come concerning My sons.
 - And concerning the work of My hands you command Me.
 - I have made the earth and created man on it.
 - I - My hands - stretched out the heavens and all their host I have commanded!
 - Rather than QUESTIONING the WISDOM of the POTTER [Father]
 - The Lord SAYS [perfect] – the HOLY [קָדוֹשׁ] one – and the MAKER [יָצַר] of Israel...
 - Should we [imperative] ask the LORD about the work of His hands [His people]
 - He is the one who MADE [עֲשֶׂה] the earth – and CREATED [בָּרָא] man – **Genesis 1:26**
 - His hands stretched out the UNIVERSE [שָׁמַיִם] – and He commands all the stars [צִיּוֹתֵי]!
 - Many times I have gotten myself in trouble – because I ignore the INSTRUCTION manual...
 - I assume that I can figure out how something works – need to get put together...
 - But what in my PRIDE I neglect to remember – is the one who created it KNOWS best!

- Rather than guessing in life what is the best – what we should do...
- Why NOT got to the One who CREATED us – the One who made ALL things...
- The POTTER is always smarter than the POT – the Father than the child...
- Instead of FOOLISHLY thinking we know better – we should go back to the MANUAL [Bible]

▪ His Plan... vs. 13

- I have raised him up in righteousness and I will direct all his ways.
- He shall build My city and let My exiles go free.
- Not for price nor reward. Says the LORD of hosts!
- What was the PLAN that God for His people...
- God would RAISE [hiphil] up Cyrus – and He would direct [piel] ALL [כָּל] of his ways...
- Cyrus would set Israel [the exiles] free [piel] - to go and rebuild His city [Jerusalem]
- Not for a PRICE [money] – there would be no BRIBE [reward]
- Cyrus would do it because the LORD of Hosts [צְבָאוֹת] told him to!
- We need to remember that God always has a plan...
- We might NOT see it at the moment – and we might NOT like where we are at [captivity]
- But we can TRUST our creator – that He is working – we just need to WAIT on Him!
- Psalm 37:7 – “Rest in the LORD and wait patiently for Him.”

● 2ND – No OTHER GOD... vs. 14-25

○ 1st – Unseen God... vs. 14-15

▪ God is with you... vs. 14

- Thus says the LORD: The labor of Egypt and merchandise of Cush and of the Sabeans.
- Men of stature - shall come over to you - and they shall be yours.
- They shall walk behind you. They shall come over in chains and they shall bow down to you.
- They will make supplication to you saying: Surely God is in you and there is no other.
- There is no other God!
- Thus says the LORD again – He is not done with His work...
- The Medo-Persian Empire would move against Northeastern Africa...
- Egypt known for their LABOR – Cush and Seba for their WEALTH [merchandise]
- These LAST remaining kingdoms that remained unconquered...
- They would fall [belong to you] – they would walk behind in CHAINS – and BOW down...
- As they said TRULY [אֲמַר] God is in you – NOTHING [אֵין] else - there are NO other gods [5]!
- Cyrus conquered TWO of the THREE great empires of his day...
- He would defeat LYDIA [546 B.C.] – and BABYLON [539 B.C.]
- But he would die [530 B.C.] before he was able to conquer EGYPT...
- It would be his SON [Cambyses II] who would go on to defeat them [525 B.C.]
- And even the world could see the reason why – because the ONLY God was with them!

▪ Hidden... vs. 15

- Truly You are God who hide Yourself - O God of Israel - the Savior!
- YES [כֵּן] – the God [אֱלֹהִים] who chooses to remain HIDDEN [hithpaal]
- Is the God [אֱלֹהִים] of Israel who causes them [hiphil] to be SAVED...
- If people just looked at the circumstances – they saw a POWERFUL nation [Medo-Persia]
- But the POWER behind the nation was none other than the LORD...
- Who raised up Medo-Persia to do His will – and save Israel from captivity!
- The Book of Esther is unique – the ONLY book of the Bible where God is NEVER mentioned...
- Yet it POWERFULLY shows the HAND of God at work to save...
- Esther becoming queen – Mordecai hearing the plot against the king...

- The invisible HAND of God can be seen moving throughout the BOOK!
 - People often complain because they do NOT see God in their lives...
 - But what they are missing is His HIDDEN hand at work in EVERY aspect of their lives...
 - God never stops moving – He is always working – if we are just willing to LOOK!
 - **Romans 8:28** – “We [will see] that all things [are working] together for good.”
- 2nd – The Contrast... vs. 16-19
- Ashamed... vs. 16
 - They shall be ashamed and also disgraced - all of them.
 - They shall go in confusion together who are makers of idols!
 - Those who put their TRUST in IDOLS will be DISAPPOINTED [בוש]
 - EVERYONE [כָּל] who puts their CONFIDENCE there will be HUMILIATED [כָּלֵם]
 - Because the ONLY thing that comes from those who carve IDOLS [צִיר] is SHAME [כְּלִמָּה]
 - We may NOT be able to see the LORD moving [hidden]
 - But if we put our TRUST in ANYTHING else [manmade]
 - Then there is NO movement – what we are TRUSTING in will fail us...
 - Waiting on the LORD might seem FOOLISH – but looking to this world brings SHAME!
 - Never ashamed... vs. 17
 - Israel shall be saved by the LORD with an everlasting salvation.
 - You shall not be ashamed or disgraced forever and ever!
 - Israel will be SAVED [niph] by the LORD...
 - Not just from their current CAPTIVITY in Babylon...
 - They would be SAVED eternally – they would go to HEAVEN...
 - Therefore – they would NOT [niph] be DISAPPOINTED [בוש] – both NOW and FOREVER!
 - The HOPE we have in the HIDDEN work of the LORD is TWO fold...
 - We have CONFIDENCE we will NOT be disappointed NOW...
 - But we also BELIEVE we will NOT be disappointed [niph] in the END...
 - We KNOW that we will be with the LORD forever and EVER [עַד-עוֹלָמִי עַד]
 - No other God... vs. 18
 - For thus says the LORD who created the heavens.
 - Who is God who formed the earth and made it. Who has established it.
 - Who did not create it in vain. Who formed it to be inhabited.
 - I am the LORD and there is no other!
 - Their CONFIDENCE in the LORD was built on a solid FOUNDATION...
 - Because [כִּי] – the LORD is the One who is the CREATOR [בּוֹרֵא] of the UNIVERSE [הַשָּׁמַיִם]
 - The God [הֵאֱלֹהִים] who FORMED [יָצַר] the EARTH [הָאָרֶץ]
 - He did NOT create [בָּרָא] it for NO reason – He formed [יָצַר] it to be INHABITED [by men]
 - He [אֲנִי] is the LORD – and there is NO [אֲנִי] other [6]!
- People will believe almost ANYTHING they are TOLD...
 - Someone will post something on Social Media – and people accept it as TRUTH...
 - They do NOT require proof – they will NOT stop to verify if it is CORRECT...
 - But when the LORD says something – that is VERIFIABLE – people will NOT believe it!
 - Our FAITH is NOT founded on rumors or speculation...
 - We have all the EVIDENCE we could ever ask for to VERIFY God is real...
 - The God who CREATED the world – to be INHABITED [and we are still here]
 - Is the same God who says He has a PLAN – and we can TRUST in Him!

- No secrets... vs. 19
 - I have not spoken in secret - in a dark place of the earth.
 - I did not say to the seed of Jacob: Seek Me in vain.
 - I the LORD speak righteousness. I declare things that are right!
 - While we may NOT be able to see the LORD [hidden]
 - His WORD was not SPOKEN [piel] in SECRET – in some DARK corner...
 - He did NOT command [imperative] Jacob to SEEK Him without reason...
 - His WORD [spoke] is RIGHTEOUS – telling them [hiphil] what is RIGHT!
 - We do NOT need to guess where we can FIND the PLAN of God...
 - He did NOT hide it – He wrote it down for EVERYONE to see...
 - What we MUST [imperative] do is SEEK His will in His WORD...
 - Take the time to STUDY our Bibles so we KNOW the RIGHT things to do!
- 3rd – The End... vs. 20-25
 - Cannot save... vs. 20
 - Assemble yourselves and come. Draw near together you who have escaped from the nations.
 - They have no knowledge who carry the wood of their carved image.
 - And pray to a god that cannot save!
 - GATHER [imperative] – COME [imperative] – DRAW near [imperative]
 - The Lord commanded His people who had ESCAPED from the NATIONS [Babylon]
 - Having NOTHING to do with those NATIONS – because they KNOW nothing [לֹא יָדְעוּ]
 - They CARRY around carved images from TREES [עֵץ]
 - And PRAY [hithpael] to a god [אֱלֹהִים] that CANNOT save [hiphil] them!
 - **II Corinthians 6:17** – “Come out from among them and be separate.”
 - We do NOT want to share in the NONSENSE of this world...
 - What they are HOLDING up – what they are TRUSTING in – cannot HELP them...
 - Therefore – GATHER together – COME out – and DRAW near the LORD!
 - Can Save... vs. 21-22
 - Tell and bring forth your case. Yes let them take counsel together.
 - Who has declared this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time?
 - Have not I the LORD? And there is no other God besides Me - a just God and a Savior.
 - There is none besides Me. Look to Me and be saved - all you ends of the earth!
 - For I am God and there is no other!
 - STATE [imperative] what you know – BRING [imperative] your ADVISE and compare...
 - WHO [מִי] else can PROCLAIM what has happened from ANCIENT time [the beginning]
 - It is NOT the LORD [אֱלֹהֵי יְהוָה] – there are NO [אֲחֵרִים] other gods [אֱלֹהִים] beside Him [7]
 - The JUST God – the [hiphil] SAVIOR [participle] – there [אֲחֵרִים] is NO other [8]
 - Therefore EVERYONE [כָּל] must [imperative] TURN to Him and be SAVED [niph'al]
 - Because [כִּי] He is God [אֱלֹהֵי אֱלֹהִים] – and there is NO [אֲחֵרִים] other [9]!
 - The scope here moves BEYOND Israel – to the WHOLE world...
 - There is ONE hope – ONE salvation – ONE God that EVERYONE must look to!
 - Every knee... vs. 23
 - I have sworn by Myself.
 - The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness and shall not return.
 - That to Me every knee shall bow - every tongue shall take an oath!
 - God has taken an OATH [sworn] by Himself – **Hebrews 6:13**
 - The TRUTH [righteous Word] has gone out of His mouth – and will NOT come back...

- Every [כָּל] knee will [imperfect] BOW – Every [כָּל] tongue will [niph'al] CONFESS [שָׁבַע]
- **Philippians 2:10-11** – “At the name of Jesus every knee should bow... and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.”
- This is what the whole chapter has been building to...
- There is only ONE God – and we will ALL stand before Him one day – **Revelation 20:12**
- The CHOICE we have is WHEN will be BOW and CONFESS...
- Today in SALVATION – or on the LAST day in JUDGEMENT– **Romans 14:11**
- Two ends... vs. 24-25
 - He shall say: Surely in the LORD I have righteousness and strength.
 - To Him men shall come and all shall be ashamed who are incensed against Him.
 - In the LORD all the descendants of Israel shall be justified - and shall glory!
 - Which just leaves us with TWO possible endings...
 - While all [כָּל] who were ANGRY [niph'al] with the LORD – will be ASHAMED...
 - In that day the person who says – I have RIGHTEOUSNESS and STRENGTH in the Lord...
 - The LORD shall JUSTIFY [צַדִּיק] them – and they will GLORY [הָלַל]!
 - People want EVIDENCE – they are looking for the PROOF...
 - But the answer is the Lord has given it to them – He is the ONLY God – there is NO other...
 - Therefore we MUST come to Him – BOW down and CONFESS Him today...
 - Because only then will we KNOW His PLAN – and be set FREE!