

ISAIAH – Chapter 45

Vs. 1 Cyrus, His anointed (God's shepherd, Isa. 44:28), same relationship Saul and David had with God. 1 Sam. 10:1; 16:6, also 1 Chron. 16:21-22; Lev. 4:3; Ezk. 28:14; Zech. 4:14 with Rom. 13:1-2

Would it not be in line with Pharaoh's relationship to God?

In Cyrus' case God chose to use him to:

1. subdue nations (Babylon; Belshazzar)
2. open doors...Ezra 1:1-3

Vs. 2-3 As Cyrus conquered, with God's help, he would receive great wealth from the nations he overcame. He would experience a "touched" life in all his endeavors.

God's choice of Cyrus preceded Cyrus' existence by almost 300 years (by eternity).

Vs. 4 Key verse! All that God did with and for Cyrus was for the benefit of His Chosen! A human life expended for ones who are the object of His love. Same truth is multiplied throughout the Bible. Isa. 41:8-9

Vs. 5 I am the Lord = Rom. 9:18-21

There is no other. Rom. 11:33-36; Isa. 45:14, 18, 21-22; 43:11; 46:9

Besides Me, there is no God. Isa. 44:6 with Rev. 22:12-13

What I will do is not dependent on a human with faith. Eph. 2:8-10

Vs. 6 Recognition of God is growing and will continue to do so until. Phil. 2:9-11

Who is Me? John 5:23; Mt. 28:19

Vs. 7 As the sovereign Lord of the universe, God works all things after the council of His Own will. The entire universe responds to God and not He to us!

Vs. 8 The Millennium. Isa. 11:9; 66:18-24

Vs. 9 If you don't respond to this verse as described in Rom. 9:14, 19; you are not "getting" that which is being said!

We are but one of many – nothing sets us apart from the other vessels.

We are but clay.

He is the potter.

How can the vessels say that the hands of God have nothing to do with what is. All of creation is the result of the work of His hands.

Vs. 10 A human has no input into his entrance into the world either before or after the birth.

Vs. 11 In the context already established, let Israel now assume the right to direct his Lord in the future plans for his existence.

Rather, is it not time for Israel to submit to the God who created him to fulfill His plan for them?

Vs. 12 It is I who created – Who is I? John 1; Col. 1; Heb. 1

All the hosts that occupy both the earth and the heavens were created by Christ. John 1:2-3

Vs. 13 God's plan for Cyrus:

Let Israel go back and rebuild Jerusalem.

Just as God used Assyria, so He will use Cyrus – an instrument of God carrying out God's purpose while God owes them nothing!

Vs. 14 Must look forward to the time of the kingdom age.

All the gentiles will be made to see that Israel's God is the only God. They will be subservient to Israel. Jer. 16:19-21; Zech. 8:20-23; 14:16-19

Vs. 15 There are times when the Lord seems to be hiding from Israel; yet truly, He is the God of Israel, their Savior.

Vs. 16-17 All the world has their god to serve. As a nation, only Israel has the God who is. The whole world will be put to shame and humiliated, all of them.

When the deliverer comes to Zion and saves Israel, Rom. 11:26-29 (with an everlasting salvation – emphasizes the length of time), they will never feel shame or humiliation to all eternity. Isa. 54:4-5; Rom. 9:33; 10:11

Vs. 18 Thus says the Lord:

1. who created the heavens.
2. who formed the earth and made it.
3. who is a creator and not a God who would bring into existence a universe that would fulfill no purpose.
4. formed it to be inhabited; formed it to fulfill the purpose of an omni God!
5. He is unique, higher than any of His created beings and standing alone as God with no other gods to even consider – they are all non-entities.

Note: Gap theory is built off this verse.

Vs. 19 God has not spoken in riddles or symbols for man to give meaning to. He has spoken openly, clearly and with a consistent self-confirming revelation. His Word, which is righteous and upright.

1. there is no other “religious revelation” that is worthy of considering when placed along side His Word.
2. His plan to save stands alone and opposite of all other plans found in the religions of man.
Grace - - - - Works
3. prophecy is unique to the religious writings of mankind and found only in the Bible.

Vs. 20-21 God throws out His often repeated challenge to the people of the earth and their many gods.

If you “want to be delivered,” think about what you have put your trust in – religion does not work; any of its forms.

Show where a piece of wood or stone has ever delivered a message to its worshipers, let alone a detailed plan for the future as the God of Israel has.

Only the God of the Bible has shown His capacity to tell of the future. No generalities, but specifics.

The God of the Bible is a class of His own.

Vs. 22 Invitation

Vs. 23 The God who has been speaking in the book of Isaiah is the Lord Jesus Christ. Phil. 2:10 “at the name of Jesus”

Isa. 9:6 One of Jesus’ names is “Eternal Father.”

Vs. 24 The world will be put right only when they see Jesus for who He is. The question has always been – “Who do people say that I am?” Man’s eternal destiny hangs on the answer they give!!!

Vs. 25 We can wonder how the nations of the world will come out when time comes to an end; never do we need to question where Israel will stand when that day comes.