

## *The LORD's Anointed*

(Isaiah 45, Preaching: Pastor Stephen Magee, April 18, 2021)

Intro: Isaiah 44:28

**1-13 One hundred and fifty years before Cyrus reigned, Isaiah wrote his name.**

- [1] Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him ...
- [2] "I will go before you ... I will break in pieces the doors of bronze ...
- [3] that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
- [4] For the sake of ... Israel my chosen, I name you, though you do not know me.
- [5] ... I equip you, though you do not know me,
- [6] that people may know ... that there is none besides me...
- [7] I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things.
- [8] Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit; ...
- [9] ... Does the clay say to him who forms it, 'What are you making?' [Romans 9:20]
- [10] Woe to him who says to a father, 'What are you begetting?' ... 'With what are you in labor?'"
- [11] Thus says the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and the one who formed him: ...
- [12] I made the earth and created man on it; ...
- [13] I have stirred him up in righteousness, ... he shall build my city and set my exiles free, not for price or reward," says the LORD of hosts.

**How did Isaiah know? Is there some other explanation here?**

**14-25 So many centuries more before Jesus came, Isaiah spread his fame.**

- [14] Thus says the LORD: ... Egypt ... Cush ... Sabeans ... they shall follow you; They will plead with you ... : 'Surely God is in you, and there is no other, no god besides him.'"
- [15] ... O God of Israel, the Savior.
- [16] All of them are put to shame and confounded; the makers of idols go in confusion together.
- [17] But Israel is saved by the LORD with everlasting salvation; ...
- [18] I am the LORD, and there is no other.
- [19] I the LORD speak the truth; I declare what is right.
- [20] Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you survivors of the nations!
- [21] ... And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; ...
- [22] Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.
- [23] By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.' (Phl. 2:10, Rom. 14:11)
- [24] Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength;
- to him shall come and be ashamed all who were incensed against him.
- [25] In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory.

**How did Isaiah know? Is there some other explanation here?**

**Key Verse:** Isaiah 45:22 Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

**THE POINT: God has great plans regarding His Anointed that He will surely accomplish.**

**Applying these verses:**

- 1 God uses men like Cyrus for His own purposes.
  - a) One hundred and fifty years, and b) thousands sent home...
- 2 He has a plan for salvation and judgment centered around His only begotten Son.
  - a) So many centuries more, and b) the nations set free...
- 3 All the ends of the earth need to turn to Israel's God through Jesus, the Lord's Anointed.

**Old Testament Reading—Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 – He Pays What He Vows**

**Gospel Reading—Matthew 9:18-26 – A Girl Saved, A Woman Healed**

**New Testament Reading—Philippians 1:1-11 – Yes, and I Will Rejoice!**

## 44:22 Turn To Me And Be Saved

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Isaiah wrote his name!

One hundred and fifty years, one hundred and fifty years—  
So how did Isaiah know the name of Cyrus,  
The one the Lord raised to set the captives free?

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!  
For I am God, and there is no other.  
Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!  
For I am God, and there is no other Lord.

2. So many centuries more before Jesus came  
Isaiah spread his fame.

So many centuries more before Jesus came  
Isaiah spread his fame!

So many centuries more, so many centuries more—  
So how did Isaiah know the fame of Jesus,  
The one the Lord gave to set the nations free?

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!  
For I am God, and there is no other.  
Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!  
For I am God, and there is no other Lord.