

ISAIAH –Lesson 52

Learn: Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word has gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all the incensed against him shall be ashamed. In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory. Isaiah 45:22- 25

Read: Isaiah 45:1-25

In Isaiah 45, God continues to lay out His plan for Israel. His plan involves the Promise of His SALVATION.

1. What do we learn of salvation in verse 17?
2. Use the following verses to give some insight as to “salvation?”
 - Psalm 14:7
 - Isaiah 46:13
 - Psalm 3:8
 - Jonah 2:9
 - John 4:22; Isaiah 45:21

NOTE: Cyrus was born over 100 years after this prophecy of Isaiah 45. He came to power in 550 BC. He was raised by shepherds after his grandfather, Astyages, king of Media, ordered him to be killed.

He organized the Persians into an army and revolted against his grandfather and his father (Cambyses I) and defeated them. He launched an attack against Lydia, capital of Sardis and riches of king Croesus.

He conquered from the Aegean Sea all the way to India. After defeating the Babylonian army, the people in the capital received him as a liberator, not a conqueror. He gave Egypt to his son Cambyses II.

Cyrus was declared “the ruler of the world.” Cyrus is noted for his famous decree in 539 BC after the conquest of Babylon in which he freed all the captives that Babylon had taken during the days of its empire and conquests.

Not only did he free the Jews, but he restored the treasures of the temple that were taken by Babylon. Many Jews who thrived financially in Babylon did not want to return to their land so Cyrus made them pay a tax for the trip of those who would return to rebuild.

Because of his kindness to the Jews and his worship of Yahweh, he is referred to as the Lord’s “anointed.” COMFORT MY PEOPLE P 293 Dr. David Hocking

3. Find phrases in the following verses that show that what Cyrus did for the Jewish people was a result of the sovereign work of God.

v 1-

v 2-

v 3-

v 4-

v 5-

v 13-

4. What did the Lord predict in verses 1, 2 that showed He is sovereign?

5. How was one of the prophecies of Isaiah 45:1 fulfilled? Daniel 5:3-6

Note the phrase “to open before him the two leaved gates” in verse 1. This phrase describes the double gate of the city of Babylon. On the night the Persians captured Babylon some of the men entered on the dry river bed and opened the gates to their armies from the inside. -Ryrie Bible commentary-

6. There are other “so called prophecies” such as those of Nostradamus, but they are vague and can be interpreted in many ways. What is different about the prophecies of God’s Word, as seen in these prophecies of Isaiah concerning Cyrus?

7. What did God promise to Cyrus in verse 3a?

8. What did God give as His reason for doing all this for Cyrus in verse 4?

9. How did the Lord show His specific plan was for Cyrus? vv 3b, 4b

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10. Remembering Cyrus's history, how his grandfather's plan was to kill him, what do we see of the Lord's overriding care for Cyrus in verse 5? See Psalm 18:39

11. What was the purpose of God toward Cyrus in naming him and using him in His plan? vv 3b, 5-6 See also Psalm 102:15.

12. How do we see God's power displayed in verses 7-12?

13. What project did the Lord give to Cyrus? v 13

14. What was one of the rewards that the Lord gave to Cyrus for his service? v 14

Why did these peoples submit to Cyrus?

15. The Lord is writing to Israel constantly, telling them the consequences of

making and serving idols, because they were continually drawn to the idols and away from their God. What contrast is given between those who trust God and idol makers in verses 16, 17?

16. Back in verse 15 we see the phrase “thou art a God that hidest thyself.” Is there a contradiction with verse 19?

Use II Chronicles 15:2 to help explain.

17. Was the appearance of the earth, and the fact that people live in an environment perfectly adapted to their needs a product of chance and time? v 18

18. If people who call themselves Christians say that the earth and all that pertains to it came about by evolution, what are they calling God?

What are they saying about the Bible?

Then, what good is a “salvation” and “promise of heaven” based on such a God and such a Bible?

19. What are three reasons that we CAN TRUST the promise of salvation and God’s care over us?

v 18

v 19

v 21

20. What is the problem of those who deny the God of the Bible? v 20

21. What does the Lord offer? v 22

22. Describe the Person who brings salvation to Israel and to us? vv 22-24

23. What is God's intent for His people Israel? v 25

24. How many times is the phrase "I am God, there is none else," found in this chapter?

What does that signify?