

Isaiah

“The Evangelical Prophet”

VI. Isaiah’s Divine *Prophecies* of Consolation for **Israel** (40:1-48:22)

- A. The *Pronouncement* of **Judah’s** time of Comfort (40:1-11)
- B. The *Proclamation* of the Greatness of God (40:12-31)
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- 1. The *Elevation* of King Cyrus (45:1-4)
- 2. The *Excellence* of the Sovereign God (45:5-13)

3. The *End-time Conversion* of the Gentiles (45:14-25)

a. The *Submission* of the **Northeast African Nations** (45:14-15)

¹⁴ Thus says the LORD,
“The products of **Egypt** and the merchandise of **Cush**
and the **Sabeans**, men of **stature**,
will **come over** to you and will **be yours**;

They will **walk behind you**, they will come over **in chains**
and will **bow down to you**;
they will make **supplication** to you:
‘Surely, **God is with you**, and there is **none else, no other God.**’”

¹⁵ Truly, **You are a God who hides Himself,**
O God of Israel, Savior!

b. The *Shame* of the Idol-makers (45:16-17)

¹⁶ They will be put to **shame** and even **humiliated**, all of **them**;
the **manufacturers of idols** will go away together in **humiliation**.

¹⁷ **Israel** has been **saved by the LORD**
with an **everlasting salvation**;

You will **not** be put to **shame** or **humiliated** to all eternity.

c. The **Superiority** of our **God and Savior** (45:18-25)

- 1) **Who** has “formed” the earth to be inhabited (45:18)
- 2) **Who** has revealed *openly* His righteous will (45:19)
- 3) **Who**, unlike dumb idols, has **predicted** what will be from long ago (45:20-21)
- 4) **Who** desires that all men **repent** and be **saved** (45:22)
- 5) **Who** has “sworn” that all will **submit** to **Him** (45:23)
- 6) **Who** has declared that, “only **in the Lord**,” will men receive **righteousness, strength, justification, and glory** (45:24-25)

¹⁸ For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens

(He is the God who *formed* the earth and *made it*,
He *established it* and did **not** create it a waste place,
but formed it to be inhabited),

“I am the LORD, and there is none else.

¹⁹ “I have **not** spoken in **secret**, in some dark land;
I did **not** say to the offspring of Jacob,
‘Seek Me in a waste place’;

I, the LORD, speak **righteousness**,
declaring things that are **upright**.

²⁰ “Gather yourselves and come;
Draw near together, you fugitives of the **nations**;

They have **no knowledge**, who carry about their wooden idol
and pray to a god who **cannot save**.

²¹ “Declare and set forth **your case**; indeed, let them **consult together**.

Who has announced this from **of old**?

Who has long since **declared it**?

Is it not I, the LORD?

And there is **no other God** besides Me,
a **righteous God** and a **Savior**;
there is **none except Me**.

²² “**Turn to Me** and **be saved**, all the **ends** of the earth;
for I am God, and there is **no other**.

²³ “I have **sworn by Myself**,
the word has gone forth from **My mouth** in righteousness
and will **not turn back**,
That to **Me every knee** will **bow**, every tongue will swear **allegiance**.

²⁴“They will say of Me,
Only in the LORD are righteousness and strength.
Men will come to Him,
and all who were angry at Him will be put to *shame*.

²⁵“**In the LORD all the offspring of Israel
will be justified and will glory.**”

Our God and Savior—An Intertextual Study

Tonight we read in **Isaiah**:

And there is **no other God** besides Me,
a **righteous God** and a **Savior**;
there is **none except Me**.

²²“**Turn to Me and be saved, all the **ends** of the **earth**;
for I am **God**, and there is **no other**...**”

²⁴“They will say of Me,
Only in the LORD are righteousness and strength...”

²⁵“**In the LORD all the offspring of Israel
will be justified and will glory.**”
(Isaiah 45:21b-22, 24a, 25)

Our text tonight in **Isaiah** sure **sounds** a lot like
New Testament teaching, where we read about our **need** for
repentance, salvation, righteousness, and justification
by **faith** in **Jesus our Savior**.

“You yourselves know, from the **first day** that I (**Paul**) set foot in **Asia**,
how I was with you the whole time,..
solemnly **testifying** to both **Jews** and **Greeks** of **repentance toward God**
and **faith** in our **Lord Jesus the Messiah**. (Acts 20:18, 21)

They said, “**Believe in the **Lord Jesus**, and you will be **saved**,
you and your household.”(Acts 16:31)**

For I am not ashamed of the **gospel**,
for it is the **power of God** for **salvation** to everyone who **believes**,
to the **Jew first** and also to the **Greek**.

For ***in it the righteousness of God*** is revealed from **faith to faith**;
as it is written, “**BUT THE RIGHTEOUS *man* SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.**”
(Romans 1:16-17)

**He (God) made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf,
so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**

(II Corinthians 5:21)

Therefore, having been **justified by faith**,
we have **peace with God *through* our Lord Jesus the Messiah**, (Romans 5:1)

**A Jewish Question—If God is our Savior, *why* is it that we
have to **believe in Jesus** as our Savior? A **twofold** answer:**

- 1) **Jesus the Messiah** is the **means** by which **God** would bring
salvation to the world, for both **Jews** and **Gentiles**.

“For **God so loved** the world, that **He gave His only begotten Son**,
that whoever **believes in Him** shall **not perish**, but have **eternal life**.” (John 3:16)

In this is **love**, *not* that we **loved God**, but that **He loved us** and
sent His Son to be the ***propitiation*** for our sins. (I John 4:10)

For the **grace of God** has ***appeared***, bringing **salvation** to **all men**, (Titus 2:11)

- 2) **Jesus, the eternal Son of God**, is the **manifestation** of **God our Savior**.

For the **grace of God** has ***appeared***, bringing **salvation** to **all men**,
instructing us...to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

looking for the **blessed hope** and the ***appearing*** of the **glory**
of our **great God and Savior, Messiah Jesus**, (Titus 2:11-13)

Now all these things are **from God**,
who ***reconciled us*** to **Himself *through* Messiah** namely,
that **God** was **in Messiah reconciling** the world to **Himself**,
not counting their **trespasses** against them,
and **He** has committed to us the **word of reconciliation**. (II Corinthians 5:19)

For **in Him (Jesus)** all the **fullness of Deity** dwells in **bodily form**,
(Colossians 2:9)

In the **beginning** was the **Word**, and the **Word** was **with God**,
and the **Word was God**...

And the **Word** became **flesh**, and **dwelt among us**,
and we saw **His glory, glory** as of the **only begotten** from the **Father**,
full of **grace** and **truth**. (John 1:1, 13)