

ISAIAH 45

All Poetry

Verse 1 **Thus saith the Lord, to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden:** (Anointed/Covenant Relationship)

(and) I will subdue nations before him,
I will loose the loins of kings. (disarm them)

(and) I will open before him the two leaved gates, (large palace gates)
I will open the gates; the gates shall not be shut.

Verse 2 (and) I will go before thee,
I will make the crooked places straight.

(and) I will break in pieces the gates of brass,
I will cut in sunder the bars of iron.

Verse 3 (And)
(and) I will give thee the treasures of darkness,
I will give thee the hidden riches of secret places.

That thou (Cyrus) mayest know that:

I, the Lord, which call thee by thy name,
I am the God of Israel.

Verse 4 (and) I have called thee by thy name, for Jacob my servant's sake,
I have called thee by thy name, for Israel mine elect's sake.

I have surnamed thee,
Though thou hast not known me.

Verse 5 ***I am the Lord and there is none else.
There is no God beside me.***

I girded thee,
Though thou hast not known me.

(Not knowing the Lord means not being part of the Covenant People – Cyrus was not of the Covenant of Israel however, he would be an instrument in the Lord's hands to help Israel.)

Verse 6 (and) **That men from (where) the sun rises (in the east), may know that
I am the Lord and there is none else.
That men from (where the sun sets in) the west, may know that
*I am the Lord and there is none else.***

(This all reflects "Suzerain/Vassel" imagery – calling of a steward by the Lord.)

Verse 7 I form the light and create darkness,
I make peace and create evil. (calamity)

I, the Lord, do all these things.

Verse 8 Drop down, ye heavens, from above and let the skies pour
down down righteousness.
Let the earth open and let (it) bring forth salvation and let
righteousness (and salvation) spring up together. (forthwith)

I, the Lord, have created it.

A Verse 9 **Woe unto (them) that striveth with (their) maker:**
(Maker) (They are - Mere shards of earthenware pottery!)

Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it,
“What makest thou?”

Shall thy work say,
“He hath no hands (skill)!”

B Verse 10 **Woe unto him that saith unto his father,**
(Father) “What begettest thou?”

B (and) **Woe unto him that saith unto the woman,**
(Mother) “What hast thou brought forth?” (begotten)

A Verse 11 **Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, (their) Maker:**
(Maker)

(Will you) ask me of things (signs) to come concerning my sons?
(Will you) ask me concerning the work of my hands; command ye me?

(In particular, the people of Israel seem to have questioned the Lord’s plan to use a gentile conqueror (Cyrus) to liberate them from their oppressors. Their logic told them that replacing one heathen ruler with another was not the way to freedom and self-rule. But the Lord, in his wisdom, sought to direct the affairs of his people in the way that would most bless them. Like those of ancient Israel, too often the Lord’s people, in their day, doubt and question him. UI Pg. 394)

Verse 12 I have made the earth,
(and) I have created man upon it.

(and) I, even my hands, have stretched out the heaven,
(and) All the hosts of heaven (planets & stars) have I commanded.

Verse 13 I have raised him up in righteousness,
(and) I will direct all his ways. (Cyrus)

(and) He shall build my city,
He shall let go my captives. (Like Moses)

Not for price, saith the Lord of Hosts,
Not for reward, saith the Lord of Hosts.

(Captives traditionally became property for the captor to use or sell as slaves or to trade for ransom. But Israel's deliverance from bondage (through Cyrus or at any other time) would not come because Israel made any payment; it would come as a gift from God. As Christ's gift - through grace. UI Pg. 396)

Verse 14

Thus saith the Lord:

The labour of Egypt and the merchandise of the Ethiopians,
shall come over unto thee and shall be thine,
The Sabeans, men of stature (tall in stature), shall come after thee.

(Egypt, Ethiopia (Cush), and Sabeans - Former oppressors of Israel - Gentile nations - In a broader sense all Gentile Nations UI Pg. 397)

**In chains, they shall come over and they shall make
supplication unto thee:**

(and) Saying, "Surely God is in thee!"
Saying, "Surely there is none else, there is no God (but thee)!"

Verse 15

Saying, "Verily, thou art a God that hidest thyself, "
Saying, "Verity, thou art the God of Israel, the Saviour."

(These mighty men of the earth will think that the men of Israel are god-like or that god is hiding himself in them and will plead to them as they might pray to an idol.)

Verse 16

They shall be ashamed and also confounded, all of them.
They shall go to confusion together, that are makers of idols.

Verse 17

But, Israel shall be saved in the Lord with an everlasting
salvation,
(They) shall not be ashamed nor confounded, "World_(s) without
end."

("world(s) without end". This remarkable phrase, "world(s) without end," essentially means "eternally." It is one word in the Hebrew, *olam*, which is also used in Isaiah 64:4, where it is translated "the beginning of the world," yet still with the basic meaning of "eternally." Thus these two verses assure us that from "past eternity" to "future eternity" we have the sure promises of God. Therefore, "unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Ephesians 3:21).

Verse 18 (For) **Thus saith the Lord, that created the heavens:**
God himself formed the earth and made it,
He hath established it. (Set it in the right place)

God created it, not in vain,
He formed it to be inhabited.

(and) ***I am the Lord,
There is none else.***

Verse 19 I have not spoken in secret,
I have not spoken in a dark place of the earth.

I said not unto the seed of Jacob, "Seek ye me in vain." (amid chaos)
I, the Lord, speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

Verse 20 Assemble ye yourselves and come,
Draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations.

(and) They have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image,
They have no knowledge that pray unto a god that cannot save.

Verse 21 Tell ye, and bring them near,
(yea) Let them take counsel together.

Who hath declared this from ancient time?
Who hath told it from that time?

(and) ***Have not I, the Lord (told it)?
There is no God else beside me.***

***A just God and a Saviour,
There is none beside me.***

Verse 22 (For) ***Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth,
I am God, and there is none else.***

Verse 23 I have sworn by myself,
The word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness and shall
not return.

(That) Unto me, every knee shall bow,
Unto me, every tongue shall swear. (swear allegiance)

Verse 24

Surely, shall one (people) say:

(even) “In the Lord, I have righteousness and strength.”
“To (the Lord), shall men come and all that are incensed against him
shall be ashamed.”

Verse 25

(and) In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified,
In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel glory.