

Isaiah Forty-five

Transcribed from tape of Jeremiah using the *Revised Standard Version* of the Holy Bible.

Introduction:

Now because of the wickedness of the jews, YAHWEH caused them to be conquered by the king of babylon, Nebuchadnezzar and Jeremiah wrote that they would be in captivity for 70 years and at the end of this time, YAHWEH would deliver them and they would return to their homeland. And true to the prediction, YAHWEH raised up Cyrus, the Persian. He was the one that was joined with the Medes, the Medes and the Persians, they were the kings of the east, and they conquered Babylon and permitted the Jews to return. Now this prophecy pertains to 200 years before this event actually took place. But it does extend and refer in many, many cases to the very last days.

Verse 1:

Thus says the LORD to HIS Anointed, to Cyrus whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and ungird the loins of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed;

"Thus saith the LORD to HIS Anointed, to Cyrus" Now Cyrus is the persian king, you notice HE calls him anointed. "Whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and ungird the loins of kings" or leaving them helpless. Now this literally happened. Cyrus, the persian, joined with the medes and conquered babylon and became the next world power. Now in so doing, in delivering the LORD'S People, even though he didn't know YAHWEH, He was not actually serving YAHWEH willfully, because he had accepted the Living GOD, but in destroying the enemy of Israel, he pictures Yahshua because He (Yahshua) is the greater King of the Kings of the east (Revelation 16:12). Now the Kings of the east, the fulfillment of these are Yahshua and the 144,000. Yahshua is known as the righteous man from the east (Isaiah 41:2). The 144,000 reigning with him, beginning their reign at the beginning of the 1,000 year reign --pictures the reign beginning in the east because the day dawns in the east. They begin at the beginning of the 1,000 year reign or the new day, so they are known as the kings of the east, and they were pictured or typified by the medes and the persians who were the kings of the east. Notice they are plural, kings, the medes and the persians were more than one, and the 144,000 are also more than one.

Now it says: "to open doors before him that gates many not be closed" and the Jerusalem translation says "to force gateways before him that their gates may be closed no more." In other words, the way is going to be open and it is going to be open forever. Now, here we see that Cyrus was only a type, because the way was open temporarily for the jews to come back to their homeland and to begin to rebuild the temple and to begin to restore Jerusalem. But here the prophecy goes on, it extends much further than that. It says "that their gates may be closed no more." So you see Cyrus, the greater of the kings of the east, pictured Yahshua. When He does open the way and destroys the wicked at the final battle, the gates will be closed no more.

Verse 2:

I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: i will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:

Now he did conquer israel's enemies, and in a typical sense he fulfilled this, but the real fulfillment is in Yahshua Himself, where YAHWEH goes before Him, and HE levels mountains. Now the mountains are the obstacles, that which prevent you from crossing over to the other side or getting to your destination. This is the opposition that the LORD'S People meet up with. So leveling the mountains means making the way easy or opening up a way.

"...I will break in pieces the gates of brass and cut asunder the bars of iron." These are all the things that prevent the LORD'S People from making progress, that hold them in captivity, that prevent the Kingdom from flourishing and prospering.

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Verse 3:

I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I the LORD, the GOD of Israel, who call you by your name.

"I will give the treasures of darkness" or the hidden secrets "and hidden riches of secret places.." or the secrets that are hoarded in secret places, or that which is not clear. I'll read this in the Jerusalem: "I will give you the hidden treasures, the secret hoards that you may know that I am YAHWEH." "I will give you the treasures from dark vaults hidden in secret places." What HE brings out is the things that are not understood will be given to this greater Cyrus. Cyrus actually didn't understand anything. He didn't even know YAHWEH. But, in a typical manner, he did open the way for the LORD'S People, he did cause them to go back. It was the beginning of a typical blessing, the beginning of a restoration, a typical restoration. But it was not the restoration that would actually last and bless all mankind, which is the final restoration of Israel, after the 6,000 years of satan's rule is over.

" That you may know that it is I, the LORD, the GOD of Israel, who call you by your name," now you see this was 200 years prior, and YAHWEH says HE calls him Cyrus. And who came up when Jerusalem was delivered? Cyrus. In fact I should have gotten a scripture on this and shown you, in Ezra 1:1-2 it states: "In the first year of Cyrus, king of persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of persia so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing. Thus saith Cyrus, king of persia, the LORD GOD of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and HE hath charged me to build HIM a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. " So true to prediction, 200 years before he even came on the scene, YAHWEH called him by name. Cyrus did come up and the prophecy was fulfilled.

Now you notice HE says, "that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the GOD of Israel, who call you by your name." Is HE the GOD of anyone else? Is HE the GOD of the christians? HE is the GOD of Israel. If you want to meet with YAHWEH'S Blessing you must be Israel.

Verse 4:

For the sake of MY Servant Jacob, and Israel MY Chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.

"For the sake of MY Servant Jacob, and Israel MY Chosen, I call you by your name." In other words, why for the sake of Israel? Well HE shows us that HE knows the future, HE is giving us proof that HE knows the end from the beginning. HE calls him by name before he was even born, years before he came on the scene. Now HE says: "I surname you-- or I give you a title--though you do not know me."

Verses 5-7:

- 5. I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides ME there is no GOD; I gird you, though you do not know ME,
- 6. that men may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides ME; I am the LORD, and there is no other.
- 7. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe, I am the LORD, who do all these things.

"I form light and create darkness," now how does YAHWEH form light and create darkness? well HE does give the understanding, this is forming light. Now does HE really create darkness? In the world we find that the darkness, we find that the wicked hate the light and put all their efforts to put it out, and cause the light to go out. So YAHWEH takes the responsibility for this because the effects of HIS message, that it has on the wicked, that the light goes out. In other words, their hearts are hardened. Why? Because of the truth. If it wasn't for the truth they would not fight us. If it wasn't for the light they wouldn't trample upon us and cause us to stop speaking. But because of the truth they become very angry and put the light out. And where does the truth come from?

YAHWEH. So YAHWEH can be blamed for making darkness, because HE started the truth. HE says, "I make weal and create woe. I am the LORD who do all these things." In other words, YAHWEH makes HIMSELF accountable for everything. The earth is HIS, mankind is HIS, and HE permits wickedness on the earth. And it is actually an act of love because if man did not find what was wrong, he would never be satisfied in a beautiful kingdom, he would always wonder if there was not still a better way, and as long as his heart and mind is divided he would never be happy. I'm going to read verse 8 from *The New English Bible*.

Rain righteousness, you heavens, let the stars above pour down, let the earth open to receive it that it may bear the fruit of salvation with righteousness in blossom at its side. All this I the LORD have created.

Now you notice HE brings out the blessings from the heavens as though it were rain. The earth receiving the downpour of the rain of righteousness symbolizes the righteous-hearted people absorbing the truth, as the earth would absorb rain. And we pray for this; we crave it; we know that an all-righteous GOD does bring this about. HE has begun to bring this about. The end of the devil's system is here and before the devil's system goes down in its entirety, YAHWEH must save HIS People. The only way HE can save HIS People is by bringing the truth into the earth that they may be able to make a decision on whose side they will be on. HE does not leave them unattended; HE does not neglect them. HE provides them with that which is necessary to live--and it is "not bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of GOD." (Matthew 4:4) It is the truth. The truth will bring you life. The Truth will bring you joy. The Truth will make you GODly Creatures who know where you're going, who know the provisions of blessings that YAHWEH will give to HIS People everlastingly.

Verse 9:

Woe to him who strives with his MAKER, an earthen vessel with the potter! Does the clay say to him who fashions it, "What are you making?" or "Your work has no handles?"

"Woe to him who strives with his Maker, an earthen vessel with the potter! Does the clay say to him who fashions it 'What are you making'? Now these are all the people who are in one way or another opposing YAHWEH. To oppose YAHWEH means to disregard HIS word of truth, everything HE is doing. The more a person knows of the scriptures, the more guilty they are, that disregard. For instance we have the first witness now, they are opposing the Living GOD because they are rejecting HIS earthly organization, they are striving with their Maker as though they had the right to say what HE should do. They have no more right than a pot has to the one who is making it, the potter. They have absolutely no right because the entire plan is YAHWEH'S, the earth and mankind and the system, the blessings, the eternal blessings come from HIM alone. We can do nothing to make ourselves happy, we must be one with HIM and HE is All Righteous, All Wise, All Loving, All Just, and Almighty, and we have to be one with him in order to be truly blissfully happy forevermore. We cannot deviate one iota. Now the witnesses are rejecting the earthly portion of HIS Organization, they are rejecting the Prophets. And the disobedience starts even with the children of light and you can imagine how disobedient the rest are, when they know nothing about HIS Organization. They're going contrary to it all together, they are actually joining sides with HIS chief enemy, with satan the devil. "Does the clay say to him who fashions it, 'What are you making?' or 'Your work has no handles?' Actually other translations say "you have no skill, what are you making?" or 'Your work has no skill'. (New . English;). Now certainly the clay has nothing to say. And YAHWEH is telling us that we are like clay, we have nothing to say, to oppose HIM. We must understand that HE is an All Righteous GOD who does not do anything to harm us. The only harm that will fall upon mankind will be in disobedience to HIM, or in ignoring HIM. The true blessings can only come by strict adherence to HIS Will.

Verse 10: I'm going to read verse 10 from *The New English Bible*.

Will the babe say to his father, "what are you begetting?" or to his mother "what are

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you bringing to birth?"

In other words, you have no more right to question HIM than a new born baby asking its parents "what are you begetting?" or "what are you bringing to birth?" The baby doesn't question anything. But it starts out that way, and it will continue that way. We don't question, that is we don't oppose, we seek to understand and to obey. The reason we want to understand is because we want to obey. We don't want to understand in order to prove HIM wrong. We want to understand to see what HIS Will is that we may be accurate in our devotion to HIM. Now the older we get, the more we understand and the more obedient we can be.

Verse 11:

Thus says the LORD, the HOLY ONE of Israel, and HIS MAKER: "will you question ME about MY Children, or command ME concerning the work of MY Hands?"

Okay, HE is speaking to HIS People. Now the reason HE says this is because HE has people who are disobedient. In their conduct they are questioning HIM to understand, questioning HIM to prove HIM wrong. All of us as Israel, as the LORD'S People, know we have people who question us to understand us, to understand the truth. And then we have people who use sly questions to try and trip us. Of course we don't worry about that--YAHWEH has armed us well with the knowledge. We can answer them. But the ones that YAHWEH is referring to here are those who are trying to find an excuse to do their own will and disregard HIM. This is a selfish individual, this person does not give credit to his GOD who has given him everything, with out YAHWEH he wouldn't even be alive. And yet he is going to oppose HIM, and tell HIM what HE should do or the way that he would like for things to be. Now the way he would like things to be is not the way YAHWEH wants it. BEcause being a selfish individual it would end up in that he would like to be everything, and not necessarily care whether others were blessed or not. So with this type of unjust desire, with this individual, YAHWEH has nothing in harmony.

Verse 12:

I made the earth, and created man upon it; it was MY Hands that stretched out the heavens, and I commanded all their host.

"I made the earth, and created man upon it" HE starts from the very beginning. "It was MY Hands that stretched out the heavens and I commanded all their host."

Verse 13:

I have aroused him in righteousness, and I will make straight all his ways; he shall build MY City and set MY Exiles free, not for price or reward, says the LORD of Hosts.

"I have aroused him in righteousness and I will make straight all his ways." Now I'll read verse 13 in *The New English Bible*:

I alone have aroused this man in righteousness, I will smooth his path before him.

Now HE still is referring to Cyrus, but the full application is on the greater Cyrus, on Yahshua. "He shall rebuild MY City and let MY Exiles go free. Not for a price nor for a bribe says the LORD of Hosts." Now, in a measure, Cyrus did. But in the complete fulfillment Yahshua does it all. In other words, people who think they are free are still in bondage because they do not have the truth. HE says, "know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). Now the one who has the absolute understanding of the truth is Yahshua, and He is the one who gives it to His people, and through the truth He delivers His people from bondage, and not only in a symbolical sense, but He delivers them literally, because He will free them completely from all opposition by destroying the wicked forever.

Verse 14:

Thus says the LORD: "the wealth of egypt and the merchandise of ethiopia, and sabeans, men of stature, shall come over to you and be yours, they shall come over in chains and bow down to you. They will make supplication to you saying: "GOD is with you only, and there is no other, no GOD besides HIM."

I'll read this in *The New Jerusalem Bible*, it's better, clearer.

Thus says YAHWEH, "The peasants of egypt, the traders of Cush and the tall men of Seba will you and be yours. They will follow you in chains, they will bow down before you, they will pray to you, 'With you alone is GOD and HE has no rival. "

There is no other God, in other words. "The wealth of Egypt, the merchandise of Cush or Ethiopia, the Sabeans, men of stature shall come over to you." Now this is all the strangers, these are all non-Israelites. This pictures the stranger class, that they will come over to Israel when they realize that YAHWEH is truly with Israel, when they wake up to the fact that YAHWEH is with Israel alone. "They shall come over to you and be yours, (they shall follow you), they shall come over in chains and bow down to you. They will make supplication to you, saying: 'GOD is with you only, there is no other. " or GOD is with you alone, HE isn't with anybody else. The GOD of Israel is with Israel and anyone that wants to be blessed must come over to Israel. So when these strangers wake up they will even (in a symbolic sense) bow down to us, they will be submissive to us all together. They will recognize us as the truly blessed of YAHWEH. And this is quite a find, quite a discovery for the stranger class, to see that there is a blessed people on the face of the earth whom the Almighty GOD is dealing with. I remember the fascination I felt when at six years of age when I saw a priest, supposedly speaking to GOD, I said, "this man has made contact with GOD! Amazing! I want to be a priest!," this is what I thought at six years of age. But the strangers will suddenly wake up to the fact that there's a blessed class of people that YAHWEH is really dealing with! No jokes, there's no gimmicks, no false interpretations, no deceit of any kind, HE is really dealing with Israel. HE has made contact and HE is governing HIS People. Now the strangers wake up to this fact and they will come over to this fact and they will come over to Israel. "The LORD will have compassion on Jacob and will again choose Israel. And strangers shall join them and cleave to the House of Jacob." (Isaiah 14:1,2) Okay now these are the strangers, these are the Egyptians and the Ethiopians and the Sabeans, they'll come over to Israel when they wake up to the fact that YAHWEH has a blessed class of people on earth. Now remember this, GOD is with you only! Okay now what's the New Jerusalem say? "with you alone is GOD," with you alone. In other words, YAHWEH is with no one else but Israel. And out of all these 1200 religions, the strangers will come to realize that YAHWEH is with Israel alone.

Now what is going to help it out a lot is the collapse of the abomination. When the papacy forms the abomination of desolation, we'll have all these eager beaver religionists join hands with him in order to get a share of the glory of making this wonderful one world, one government with one religious head to bring everlasting peace to mankind. So they all want to have their hand in the pot and get some of the glory and the blessings, and they will be quick to follow the papacy and support him in his schemes for world peace, under the supervision of satan. With the collapse of the papacy, all those who joined hands with him collapse with him. The world will realize they are all the same breed. The great whore is the mother of harlots, all her children have her characteristics, they do the same thing, they follow in the same profession. They all go down together. Religion will be exposed and finished. The only thing that will be left, the only one that will not be exposed, will not be judged, will come through this honorably, will be Israel. When everything else that has the name of GOD on their lips goes down, the strangers can truly say "YAHWEH is with Israel alone" (see Psalm 147:19,20). For HE is only with Israel, no one else, because Israel is not part of that final judgment. Israel survives.

Verse 15:

Truly, thou art a GOD who hidest thyself, O GOD of Israel, the SAVIOR.

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This is clearer in the New Jerusalem; "Truly GOD is hidden with you." HE hides with Israel, only Israel can bring HIM to you. Do you realize the blessings and the importance of you people tonight? You alone have YAHWEH'S Spirit, you alone have the understanding, you alone can open up the keys of understanding to the rest of the world. No one else can do it. I don't care how hard they try, the pope, Bill Graham, or Oral Roberts, or anybody else, they can't do it. In fact they don't want to anyhow, they're making out pretty well. I was watching a program, it said Billy Graham saves and saves and saves. I guess they were referring to the 23 million dollars.

Verses 16,17:

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; you shall not be put to shame or confounded to all eternity.

"But Israel is saved by the LORD with everlasting salvation." Now the makers of idols are anyone who neglects YAHWEH and serves something else. It doesn't have to be a statue, the abomination of desolation is an idol, they worship that, all will worship this idol whose names were not written in the book of life (Revelation 13:8). Anything that's not YAHWEH'S doing is an idol, anything that's fabricated by man is an idol. You worship the Almighty GOD who is not. (end of tape) "But Israel is saved by the LORD with everlasting salvation; You shall not be put to shame or confounded to all eternity." Never be put to shame, you'll never have anything to be ashamed of. You'll be silenced by force but you'll never give into them. But religion will have much to be ashamed of. It will be revealed that they have sold their birthright for pecuniary gain, for blessings, earthly blessings, for glory, for selfish gains, for the praise of men. They have failed YAHWEH completely and failed HIS People.

Verse 18:

For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (HE is GOD !), who formed the earth and made it (HE established it; HE did not create it a chaos, HE formed it to be inhabited!) : "I Am the LORD, and there is no other."

"For thus says. . .inhabited!" HE did not create it in chaos or in vain, HE formed it to be inhabited, or to be lived in. Now this is plain, HE is not going to burn it up and send everybody to heaven and make another one, as though HE made a mistake. No, no the earth didn't disobey HIM, the earth never did a thing out of the way, it's man who has hearkened to the devil and it's wickedness that HE wipes off the face of the earth, no the earth, the planet, is a beautiful place, and when it's handled properly it will be a paradise, from one end to the other.

"I am the LORD and there is no other."

Verse 19:

I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, 'seek me in chaos.' I the LORD speak the truth, I declare what is right.

"I did not speak in secret in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, 'seek me in chaos.'" In other words, HE didn't speak in confusion. HE spoke the truth, it should have been understood. But the devil and his agents twisted everything. In other words, any interpretation which would make YAHWEH a bully, or an unjust GOD, a GOD of hate, a stupid GOD who didn't even know the end, who doesn't know the outcome, who didn't know that Adam would disobey, who didn't know anything. We're really in sorry shape if HE doesn't know the end, if HE doesn't know the future. Anyone who would try to say these things is actually making the entire word of YAHWEH very confusing to anyone who is trying to seek for information. It is the devil and his agents who have done thIsaiah But YAHWEH makes HIS plan very clear. Now HE is going to forcefully gather HIS Israel from wherever they're scattered, not one true kernel of Israel is going to

be lost (Amos 9:9 Living Bible). HE is going to gather them from one end of the earth to the other. This HE does with HIS Spirit and HE does this with the truth spoken by HIS Israel.

Now you must remember that the first portion of the 200 million gathers the 200 million, a portion of the 144,000, the apostles and some of the others, began to gather the 144,000, they gathered themselves. Okay but it's all YAHWEH'S Spirit that does it all. HE gives the understanding to Israel and Israel opens it's mouth in wisdom and understanding and those who are HIS accept HIM. "MY sheep hear MY voice and they come follow ME " (John 10:27). They recognize the truth. This is what's in their hearts, this is what they are longing for, this is the answer to their prayers and they follow gladly. The wicked will try to stamp it out. "I the LORD speak the truth, I declare what is right" Now the truth is what is understandable. The truth fulfills the desires that's in your heart. You are created in YAHWEH'S Image. The fulfillment must correspond, must be in harmony with the attributes that HE has created in you. The system must be that of love and justice and wisdom, and backed by the almighty power of YAHWEH, so they can never get out of hand again.

Verse 20:

Assemble yourselves and come, draw near together, you survivors of the nations! They have no knowledge who carry about their wooden idols, and keep on praying to a god that cannot save.

Now HE is speaking to all those who do not know the truth, who do not understand.

Verse 21:

Declare and present your case; Let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the LORD? and there is no other GOD besides ME, a righteous GOD and a SAVIOR; there is none besides ME.

Now we 're living in the days when we have seen the fulfillment of HIS prophesying that Cyrus would come up. But we also have lived beyond that and we see the greater Cyrus, and we see a greater fulfillment which will be a lasting fulfillment. That the mountains will truly be leveled, that the bronze doors will be broken down, and the iron bars will be removed (verse 2) that Israel may proceed in righteousness, receiving HIS blessings. So in other words, HE told you that what I have predicted has come to pass. I did it. This proves that I am YAHWEH. But HE has even more proof for Israel because we see greater fulfillment today.

Verses 22, 23:

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 forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: To ME every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

Now what it means to swear is to trust in HIM implicitly, this is what this means. YAHWEH prophesied that this will come about, "to ME every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear," or trust in HIM completely. Now we know this is true, we understand that all the righteous will live, will trust in HIM implicitly, the others will not be here. They will destroy themselves. YAHWEH doesn't destroy them, they destroy themselves, so we know they won't be here. But YAHWEH doesn't try to destroy them, all the time HE is sending out Israel to stick their necks out to try to save these wicked individuals. HE is pleading with them continuously. They hear the message of the truth. They see the fulfillment of the prophecy of Israel, they see all these things. YAHWEH continuously pleads with them to the very end. And when then bombs are coming down, this is still pleading, "you're destroying yourself, will you wake up now!?" They'll go down fighting. Okay, but this is actually an act of love. YAHWEH tells them beforehand. They're forewarned. They know what's coming. They know from the mouth of Israel. They know that YAHWEH has blessed Israel; they continue to fight.

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Verse 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.

All righteousness, all strength is in YAHWEH. All who were angry against HIM will be ashamed. Now they don't have to be angry at HIM directly. They can be angry at Israel or they can be angry at just the prophets. But Israel and the Prophets are YAHWEH'S doing, so they are angry at HIM. These will come to shame. The first to come to shame will be the overseers of Jehovah's Witnesses', their organization, because they know the most, they're the one that YAHWEH has dealt with in the past. To actually go up and say in front of a congregation that I've got a swelled head and when the Prophets come back they'll have all their faculties, this is really something. But let him speak, the more he says, the harder he'll be judged and the more he'll have to be ashamed of. He would never face me, and contest me in any way. In fact, I'm even going to ask him to come over here and preach. Let him take the prophecies, see if they'll do that. I'll bet they'll turn us down because they know you people know too much. They couldn't face you. Want to try that?

Verse 25:

In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

"All the offspring of Israel". Now who are the offspring of Israel? Israel, in other words, all Israel shall triumph or win out in glory. It's going to be a glorious victory. You're going to see your foes go down a thousand at a time, right beside you, on this side and that side, and Israel will march straight forward triumphantly, armed with the truth. Nothing will stop us. Nothing has stopped us. The internal revenue hasn't stopped us. The fbi hasn't stopped us. The police on the boardwalk haven't stopped us. The judges haven't stopped us. The school cases haven't stopped us. Israel wins out every time. The witnesses haven't stopped us. They're going to go down to defeat next, YAHWEH is just going to let them go so far. And then the rest. And when we've done all that we can do, YAHWEH says, "Okay, get out, leave them alone, there's nothing else to do." Then let the thing that you've prophesied come to pass, let them face their own destruction, then they may see that YAHWEH was truly with you. They'll begin to see this when the abomination goes down. YAHWEH symbolically refers to this as calling to HIS two witnesses from the heavens. HE is our FATHER, and says, "come home MY children" proving that we are HIS Children. We alone are HIS, and HE deals with Israel alone. Are there any questions?

-QUESTIONS-

1. (VERSE 14) What exactly does it mean when it says "in chains they shall come over?" I realize that when they see YAHWEH is with US, they'll come over but why does it say "in chains"?

A. "The house of Israel will possess them in the Lord's land " as male and female slaves and they will take captive those who were their captors and rule over those who oppressed them." (Isaiah 14:2) A captive could be in chains, right? Literally he's submissive to us, we control him, he can't do anything unless we say so. But they do this willfully. They see that YAHWEH is with US and it says, "ten men will take hold of the skirt of him who is a Jew and say 'we will go with you for we see that God is with you" (Zech. 8:23). Ten, all men, all true men, not males but men, these are the strangers.

2. (VERSE 2) Does "bronze and iron" have anything to do with the heavens and the earth?

A. No, no! Bronze and iron are just very hard metals that cannot be broken. In other words, it keeps you locked up, it keeps you out. Doors keep you out, the bars keep you locked in, and so forth.

3. (VERSE 20) Referring to who?

A. These are the ones who continue in the nations and have not come out to Israel yet. You who still resist, in other words.

4. (VERSE 1) On fulfillment referring to Cyrus, specifically. A. Cyrus is just a little dot in the page there, the rest is Yahshua. It's just a minor fulfillment.

5. (VERSE 3) The treasures of darkness and hoards in secret places, is this talking about prophecies?

A. "I will give you the treasures of darkness" or I will give you the hidden secrets. Those that are hoarded in secret, are hidden away that no one could open up. Q. The knowledge? A. Yes, the knowledge.

6. (MATTHEW 13: 12) Explain "For to him who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

A. This actually meant the gifts. In other words, one who has more, more is expected. Okay, now say I didn't have any more than you and I can speak better, or something, I've had more practice, certainly I'm expected to speak better and give more information than a new person. Right? That's expected of me. Now if I just cut myself down the level of a person who's studied a year, I'm not doing my best. Now in masonry, I still haven't gotten over my business, the agony that I went through with those We've had masons, who were union men, getting top dollar, and I put him with an apprentice, who knew next to nothing, he'd slow himself down to the speed of the apprentice, and trying to make me believe that he's doing his best. I would fire them right and left, this would aggravate me. The man was getting three times as much, he could actually do four or five times more, because he was skilled, but he would actually slow himself down to the speed of a man who knew next to nothing. And this would be the case with us here, if I lowered myself to give an easy talk, let's say, like a beginner would give, and do no more than that, YAHWEH would certainly not approve of that because I'm not doing my best at all. Neither is anyone of you who comes up here, just to give an easy talk, to get away just to say you've been up here. No, you've got to do your best every time. This is where the "sacrifice of a perfect lamb" (Exodus 12:5) came in, you had to get the best of the flock, indicating that you had to do your best in Yahweh's worship. And when you're serving Him, you've got to give your best to Him. He knows when you do your best. And it's nothing to worry about, it's in your heart, and you want to do it, and that's it, you do it, and you meet with His approval. It's not a contest.

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VERSE 1: Nahum 1:9 no more wickedness; can. 2:44 kdm. never destroyed. -VERSE 2-: John 8:32 Yahshua way truth and life.

VERSE 3: Matthew 13: 14 truth like treasure; Revelation 5:1-5 understanding sealed.

VERSE 11: Luke 21:15; Isaiah 54:17 truth cannot be refuted.

VERSE 13: John 8:36 If Yahshua makes you free, free indeed. Jeremiah 51:19 Israel His inheritance. Matthew 5:5 Meek inherit earth. -VERSE 14-: Zech. 8:23 see God is with us.

VERSE 15: Matthew 7:23 workers of iniquity

VERSE 18: Ecc. 1:4 earth remains. 2 Peter 3:13 new heaven and earth

VERSE 25: Joel 2 Yahweh's army. Psm. 147:19,20 deals with Israel alone.

Revelation 11:11,12 witnesses resurrected.

ISAIAH 45 (Nancy Micsko)

History:

Jeremiah (in Jeremiah 25) prophesied that the nation of Israel, because of their disobedience, would be conquered by Babylon and held in captivity. After 70 years YAHWEH would deliver them and they would return to their homeland. True to prediction, YAHWEH raised up Cyrus. Cyrus was the king of the Persians who joined together with the Medes to conquer Babylon. The Persians and the Medes, the kings from the east, then permitted the Israelites to return home. Isaiah 45 was written some 200 years before these events took place, and it typically refers to this but also has a greater fulfillment applicable to us in the end days.

Verse 1:

Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;

Revised Standard Version:

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and ungird the loins of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed.

This has a typical fulfillment in that it literally happened with Cyrus. Cyrus the Persian joined with the Medes, conquered Babylon became the next world power and freed the LORD'S people. Ezra 1:1-3 records the fulfillment of this:

1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,

2 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The Lord God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

3 Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the Lord God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem.

True fulfillment: The Medes and the Persians, being the kings of the east, picture Yahshua and the 144,000. This is because the 144,000 reign with Yahshua and they begin their reign at the beginning of the 1000 years reign--or the new day. Because the day dawns in the east and their rule begins at the start of the new day, they are pictured as the kings of the east. Yahshua, in Isaiah 41:2, is referred to as "the righteous man from the east." Now Cyrus is the greater king of the kings of the east. Because of this, and because he does destroy the enemies of Israel, Cyrus pictures Yahshua. And the by far greater fulfillment of this prophecy comes through Yahshua. Notice it says "his anointed"

The right hand is functional. You do work or accomplish things with it. So YAHWEH is leading HIM to do HIS will.

Subdue nations - Truly it is Yahshua who effectively subdues the nations. Psalm 2:7-9:

7 I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

9 "Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Revelation 6:1,2:

1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

To ungird the loins of kings means to leave them helpless. *The Jerusalem Bible* states "to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more". So, the way is going to be open, and it is going to be open forever. This proves that Cyrus is but a type because he only opened the way for Israel temporarily. But when Yahshua opens the door and destroys the wicked, the gates will be closed no more.

Verse 2:

I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:

Again, Cyrus typically fulfilled this. He did conquer Babylon and release Israel. But, in a greater sense, Yahshua does this. YAHWEH goes before Yahshua and levels the mountains. Mountains are obstacles; they prevent you from crossing over, getting where you want to go, from making progress. Israel receives opposition, but YAHWEH opens up a way for us.

The doors of bronze and bars of iron are things that hold Israel in captivity. They keep the kingdom from flourishing and prospering. But YAHWEH will do away with them.

Verse 3:

And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call [thee] by thy name, [am] the God of Israel.

YAHWEH says that HE will give the hidden secrets, or the things hoarded in secret place - things that are not clear, not understood. *Jerusalem Bible* says "I will give you the hidden treasures, the secret hoards."

HE'S bringing out that the things that are not understood-knowledge-is given to the greater Cyrus, Yahshua. Cyrus himself didn't understand anything. He didn't even know YAHWEH. HE was not freeing Israel as a service to YAHWEH. Yet, in a typical sense, he freed Israel and began a typical blessing, a typical restoration. And Yahshua is the one who is given all wisdom and understanding and He teaches us.

This verse goes on to say that YAHWEH called Cyrus by name. Remember, this prophecy was written 200 years prior to this event. Yet YAHWEH named Cyrus. And who came up to fulfill this 200 years later? Cyrus. So the prophecy was fulfilled.

Notice also that YAHWEH here calls HIMSELF "the God of Israel". HE is the GOD of Israel. HE is not the GOD of Christians or anyone else. HE is the GOD of Israel and if you want to receive HIS blessing, you must be Israel.

Verse 4:

For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.

Why does HE name Cyrus for the sake of Israel? HE'S giving us proof that HE knows the future,

that HE knows the end from the beginning-because HE named 200 years before he came on the scene. Isaiah 46:10:

Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

HE says "I surname you" or give you a title-a position to typically do what Yahshua will truly do even though Cyrus doesn't know YAHWEH.

Verses 5,6:

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:

6 That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that [there is] none beside me. I [am] the LORD, and [there is] none else.

YAHWEH is everything. HE knows the end from the beginning. All creation is due to HIM. HE'S all wise, all just, all-loving and Almighty. There is none besides HIM.

Verse 7:

I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these [things].

"Form light and create darkness"-YAHWEH does form light. HE gives the understanding. And the darkness comes about because of the light. The wicked hate the light and use all their efforts to put it out. It is the effect that our message has on the wicked that causes the light to go out. If it weren't for the truth they wouldn't fight us, trample on us, and cause us to stop speaking. But because of the truth, they become angry. And the Truth comes from YAHWEH. So because YAHWEH gives the Truth and it brings darkness by its effect on the wicked YAHWEH takes the blame for creating darkness.

"I make weal and create woe"-Weal is wealth and prosperity. This means if you do good, I will bless you (create weal, or peace) and if you do evil, I will chastise you (or create woe, or evil)

YAHWEH makes HIMSELF accountable for all things. The earth is HIS, mankind is HIS, and HE permits wickedness. So HE accepts all responsibility for what happens. And allowing wickedness is actually an act of love because if we did not experience wrong, we would never be happy and satisfied in a perfect kingdom. We would wonder if there were not still a better way. So our hearts and minds would be divided and we wouldn't be happy. But because YAHWEH lets us learn an everlasting lesson, we'll be totally happy in the kingdom and satisfied that there is no better way. These all mean the same thing light, weal, peace and darkness or evil; not separate explanations.

Verse 8:

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the LORD have created it.

New English Bible:

Rain righteousness, you heavens, let the skies above pour down; let the earth open to receive it, that it may bear the fruit of salvation with righteousness in blossom at its side. All this I, the LORD, have created

YAHWEH pictures the blessings from heaven as rain. And the earth opening to receive it pictures the righteous-hearted absorbing the Truth, as the earth would absorb rain. The righteous do pray for Truth, we crave it and we soak it up. Matthew 24:28:

For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

And YAHWEH provides us with the Truth. The end of this system is coming and HE doesn't leave HIS people unattended. HE does not neglect us. HE provides us with the Truth, which we need to live. Matthew 4:4:

But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

With the Truth we're not lost. But with the the Truth we are godly creatures who know where we're going.

Verse 9:

Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! [Let] the potsherd [strive] with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?

Strive with Maker-This refers to all those who are opposing YAHWEH in one way or another, those who are disregarding HIS work of Truth. Those strive with their Maker as though they had a right to say what HE should do. They have absolutely no right. The entire plan is YAHWEH'S and we can do nothing to make ourselves happy. True happiness comes only from following YAHWEH. We cannot deviate from HIM one iota. And the more a person knows of the Scriptures, the more guilty they are for disregarding HIM. For instance, the first Witness is opposing the Living GOD because they are rejecting HIS Earthly Organization; they are rejecting the Prophets. And if the children of light are disobedient how much more the heathen. They know nothing of YAHWEH and have joined the devil all together.

Jerusalem Bible says, "Your work has no skill" certainly the clay has nothing to say to the potter. And we are like the clay. We should have nothing to say to oppose HIM. HE does nothing to harm us. We can only be harmed thru disobedience. And blessing comes thru strict obedience to HIM.

Verse 10:

Woe unto him that saith unto [his] father, What begetteth thou? or to the woman, What hast thou brought forth?

The New English Bible states:

Will the babe say to his father, "what are you begetting" or to his mother what are you bringing to birth?

So we have no more right to question YAHWEH than a baby has. The baby doesn't question anything we should not oppose. We question only to understand, to see what HIS will is, that we may be more accurate in our deviation to HIM. We want to obey.

Verse 11:

Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.

HE'S speaking to HIS people here, for there are those among HIS people who are disobedient. In

their conduct they are questioning HIM. And they are not questioning to understand. They are questioning to prove HIM wrong-to try and find an excuse to do their own will. This type of person does not give due credit to YAHWEH with whom all of us are nothing. This person is selfish and wants things their way which is not the right way.

Verse 12:

I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, [even] my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

Starting from the beginning, YAHWEH did this. HE is all; we are nothing. HE'S stating HIS case--giving evidence that HE should be listened to and obeyed with out question

Verse 13:

I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith the LORD of hosts.

The New English Bible says:

I alone have aroused this man in righteousness, I will smooth his path before him [still Cyrus with main application on Yahshua]. He shall rebuild my city and let my exiles go free. Not for a price nor for a bribe, says the LORD of hosts.

Cyrus did this in a measure, but Yahshua truly sets us free. People think they are free today but they are in bondage to this system. They are in bondage without the Truth. John 8:32,36:

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Yahshua is the one with an absolute understanding of the Truth. He destroys the wicked forever and frees us completely. And HE rebuilds Jerusalem by resurrecting the 144,000 into the heaven.

Verse 14:

Thus saith the LORD, The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, [saying], Surely God [is] in thee; and [there is] none else, [there is] no God.

Jerusalem Bible says:

Thus says YAHWEH, The peasants of Egypt and the traders of Cush, and the tall men of seba, will submit to you and be yours; they will follow you in chains. They will bow down before you, they will pray to you. "With you alone is God, and he has no rival; there is no other God."

This refers to the strangers class, the regular ones, who come over to Israel. These were all non-Israelites (Egyptians, Cush, Sabeans) They come over to and submit themselves to Israel because they see that YAHWEH is with us. Zechariah 8:23:

Thus saith the Lord of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a

Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.

They say "God is with you alone." So, because they realize this, they willingly submit themselves to Israel. And this is quite a find for them. They'll see that there is a class of people that YAHWEH has truly made contact with and is dealing with--no fakes, no gimmicks, no deceit, no false teachings. They wake up and realize that we have the Truth and they want to listen to us. Isaiah 14:1,2:

1 For the Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.

2 And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the Lord for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.

They follow happily. What helps them come to this realization is the fall of the abomination. When the abomination of desolation is set up, the pope rules, but all the other religionists join with him. They all want a share of the glory, of making their beautiful one-world government. So when the pope falls, they all fall with him. He is the mother of harlots and his children are harlots. They only thing left with the name of GOD on their lips, the only one not judged, the only one that comes thru honorable is Israel. YAHWEH is with us.

Verse 15:

Verily thou [art] a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour.

Jerusalem Bible says "Truly God is hidden with you" So YAHWEH hides with Israel, or only Israel can bring HIM to you. Only Israel can bring HIM to you. Only Israel can open us the understanding to the world. Never forget the importance of this. Never forget the importance of this. Never forget what a blessing this is. Nor one else can do what we can--no matter how hard they try. Not the pope, not Billy Graham nor Oral Roberts--no one--But they don't want to anyway. They are making out to well in the world.

Verses 16,17:

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

17 [But] Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.

The makers of idols are anyone who neglects YAHWEH be serving something else. An idol doesn't have to be a statue. The abomination of desolation is an idol. Anything that is not YAHWEH'S doing is an idol, anything fabricated by man. These will be put to shame, but Israel will not. Israel does not compromise or give in. We'll be silenced but we'll never give in. We'll have nothing to be ashamed of as religion does. Religion will be exposed as having sold their birthright--for money, for earthly blessings, for the praise of men, for glory. They have failed Yahweh and His People. But Israel has not.

Verse 18:

For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I [am] the LORD; and [there is] none else.

So Yahweh created the earth not in vain but to be lived on. He'll not destroy it. It is an inanimate object which did nothing wrong. He will wipe out wickedness but the righteous will live on this earth.

Ecclesiastes. 1:4:

One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever.

Psalm 37:28,29:

28 For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

29 The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.

Matthew 6:10:

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

And Isaiah 60:13:

The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.

Under the proper care the earth will be a paradise from one end to the other.

Verse 19:

I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

So Yahweh did not speak in chaos or confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33). He speaks the Truth. It should be understood. It is clear; it is in harmony with your attributes; it does not contradict itself. But the devil and his agents have twisted Yahweh's word. They make Him out to be a bully a stupid God, an unjust God, one that does not know the future. They confuse anyone trying to seek for Him.

He makes His plan clear. He will gather Israel. Not one kernel will be lost (Amos 9:9). And He gathers them through the truth. Israel gathers Israel. And those who are righteous respond to the message. John 10:27:

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

Verse 20:

Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye [that are] escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god [that] cannot save.

He's speaking to those who don't know the truth, who are still in the system, who still resist, and He's pointing out that their way is no good and giving them a hope.

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? [have] not I the LORD? and [there is] no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; [there is] none beside me.

He's speaking to the opposition and saying: "Present your case. If you're so wise, why didn't you

predict this? Can you compare to Me? No." Yahweh is the one who knows the end from the beginning. He is the One who predicted it. And we are living in the days where the minor fulfillment has already occurred and we are seeing the greater fulfillment. Yahweh has given us proof of His greatness.

Verses 22,23:

22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I [am] God, and [there is] none else.

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, every tongue shall swear.

To swear means to trust in Him implicitly. At this time the wicked won't be here. They will have destroyed themselves and all will obey Him. Yahweh doesn't destroy the wicked. On the contrary, He continually pleads with them to turn and be saved. They hear the Truth; they see the fulfillment; they see the destruction. They are forewarned and when they go down it's their own doing.

Isaiah 55:11:

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Yahweh's words accomplish what He sets out to do.

Verse 24:

Surely, shall [one] say, In the LORD have I righteousness and strength: [even] to him shall [men] come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.

All who are angry at Him will be exposed and ashamed. This includes those who are angry at Israel or at the Prophets, for these are Yahweh's doing. And this includes many of Jehovah's Witnesses, who have said horrible things to Jeremiah.

Verse 25:

In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.