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THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

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Previously in **Chapter 44** we saw God was saying that it is a waste of time, effort and devotion to worship created things...

From a false worship system, comes false teachings and offensive doctrines.

Verse 25

Who (*God*) frustrates the signs of the **babblers** (*forecasters*), and drives **diviners** (*readers*) mad; **Who** turns **wise men** (*self-appointed*) backward, and makes **their** knowledge (*secret insights and hidden codes*) foolishness;

Verse 26-28

26 **Who** confirms the word of His servant, and performs the counsel of His messengers; (*when God's people stick to the simple clarity of His word there's no confusion*) **Who** says to **Jerusalem**, “You shall be inhabited,” to the cities of Judah, ‘You shall be built,’ and I will raise up her waste places; 27 **Who** says to the deep, “Be dry! and I will dry up your rivers’; 28 **Who** says of **Cyrus**, “He is My shepherd, and he shall perform all My pleasure, saying to **Jerusalem**, ‘You shall be built,” and to the temple, “Your foundation shall be laid.” ’

**We have King Cyrus mentioned here in print –
150 years before he was born. He will come to power and will reign over
the Persian empire beginning in 539 BC....**

**But first, at the time of Isaiah's writing, The Babylonian Empire would
still have to rise and conquer.** That will happen by General (not yet king)

Nebuchadnezzar in 606, 597 and finally in 586. (always read the fine print cuz Isaiah authored the prophecy of his book from 701 to 680 bc.)

Church, a word of advice;

Stick to the Bible. Only the Bible, And nothing but the Bible !

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Isaiah 55:10-12

“For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, 11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. 12 “For you shall go out with joy, And be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills Shall break forth into singing before you, And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Psalm 138:1-2

I will praise You with my whole heart; Before the gods I will sing praises to You. 2 I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

So Now Listen to What God Has to Say About Israel

Jeremiah 31:31-34

“Behold, the days are coming (*we are in those days of this 21st Century*), says the LORD, when I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— 32 **not according to the covenant** that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, “Know the LORD,” for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

Listen to What God Has to Say About Israel, wait for it / wait for it / wait for it

Jeremiah 31:35-36

35 Thus says the LORD, Who gives **the sun** for a light by day, the ordinances of **the moon** and **the stars** for a light by night, who disturbs the sea, and its waves roar (The LORD of hosts is His name): “If those ordinances **depart** from before Me, says the LORD, Then the seed of Israel shall also cease from being a nation before Me forever.”

We know that simultaneously, that in the Last Days, When the LORD is re-gathering the Jew from the nations of the world and brings them back as a nation and people and the land - - danger will arise.

Jesus gives Israel a warning wrapped in an illustration In the Parable of the Fig Tree.

Luke 13:1-9

There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 And Jesus answered and said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? 3 I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. 4 Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish." (Jesus now will paint a picture to illustrate His message for all to see) :6 He also spoke this parable: "A certain man (The Father) had a fig tree (Israel) planted in his vineyard (The Land), and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. 7 Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard (Jesus), "Look, for (3) three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree (Israel) and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?' 8 But he (Jesus intercedes) answered and said to him, "Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. 9 And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.' "

(Israel's rejection of her Messiah would cast her out of the Land until the Time of the End)

(John Baptist, when preaching the Kingdom of God to Israel said;
"The ax is already laid to the root of the tree.")

Isaiah 14:1 NLT

But the LORD will have mercy on the descendants of Jacob. He will choose Israel as his special people **once again**. He will **bring them back** to settle **once again** in their own land. And people from many different nations will come and join them there and unite with **the people of Israel**.

What God Has to Say About Israel...

Verse 1-6

Isaiah 45:1-7

"Thus says the LORD to His anointed, to Cyrus, (*never spoken of a gentile but Cyrus*) **whose right hand I have held** - to subdue nations before him And **loose** (put fear in the heart) the armor of kings, To open before him the double doors, So that the gates will not be shut:

(if you wanna see this fulfilled, read Daniel 5 as Daniel records the fall of the Babylonian Empire to Cyrus)

Verse 2-6

“To My Servant, Cyrus, This is from the God of the Jews, 2 “I will go before you and make the crooked places straight; **I will break** in pieces the gates of bronze And cut the bars of iron. **3 I will give** you the treasures of darkness And hidden riches of secret places, That you may know that **I, the LORD,** Who call you by your name, *(150 years before his birth)* **Am the God of Israel.** **4** For Jacob My servant’s sake, And Israel My elect, **I have even** called you by your name; **I have named** you, though you have not known Me. **5 I am the LORD,** and there is no other; There is no God besides Me. **I will gird** you, though you have not known Me, **6** That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting That there is none besides Me. **I am the LORD,** and there is no other;

This is absolutely wild to consider.

Jerusalem was not only “built” at the time of Isaiah’s prophecy, it was extremely blessed and prosperous and desirable.

**Jerusalem, ‘You shall be built,’
and to the temple, “Your foundation shall be laid.” ’
(it was all there then – in real time)**

What God Has to Say About Israel...

Verse 7-9a

Isaiah 45:7-9a

I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the LORD, do all these things.’ **8** “Rain down, you heavens, from above, And let the skies pour down righteousness; Let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation, And let righteousness spring up together. I, the LORD, have created it. **9a** “Woe to him who strives with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth!

**(the demise of the fool who rejects God’s governance)
example to the worshippers of nature, do you create? Do you plan with
logic and reason? Do you see creations limitations?**

The Rise of Earth-Worshippers

Romans 1:18-23

For the wrath of God is **revealed** (*it's unfolding now*) from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who **suppress** (*sit on a basket or lid. To press down. To quench*) the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because what may be **known** (*obvious*) of God is manifest in them, for God has **shown** *made clear* it to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being **understood** (*sparks or flashes. to stimulate*) by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are **without excuse**, *to hold to an indefensible argument* 21 because, although they **knew** *having a God awareness* God, they did not **glorify** *doxodzo – give Him what is natural to give Him as God*, nor were thankful, but became **futile** *empty, reasonless, wicked* in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were **darkened** *sko'idzo – the light being eclipsed*. 22 **Professing** *to assert over and over again. repeat a word or phrase* to be wise, they became **fools**, and **changed** *allaso – to take what is and to change, reassign or mutate* the glory of the incorruptible God into an image *icon – a man-made representative* made like corruptible man and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

What God Has to Say About Israel...

Isaiah 45:9b-13

9b Shall the clay say to him who forms it, "What are you making?" Or shall your handiwork say, 'He has no hands'? 10 Woe to him who says to his father, "What are you begetting?" Or to the woman, 'What have you brought forth?' " 11 Thus says 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, you command Me. 12 I have made the earth, And created man on it. I, My hands stretched out the heavens, And all their host I have commanded. 13 I have raised him up in righteousness, And I will direct all his ways; He shall build My city And let My exiles go free, Not for price nor reward," Says the LORD of hosts.

What God Has to Say About Israel...

Verse 14-25

And now from verse 14 onward Isaiah takes us into the future out and beyond coming up Cyrus all the way to the coming of the Ultimate deliver, the second coming of Jesus Christ and his physical return to Earth and the establishment of his millennial kingdom.

Matthew 13:16-17

But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; 17 for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets (Isaiah, Ezekiel, Joel...) and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

Isaiah 45:14-25

Thus says the LORD: "The labor of Egypt and merchandise of Cush and of the Sabeans, men of stature, Shall come over to you, and they shall be yours; They shall walk behind you, They shall come over in chains; And they shall bow down to you. They will make supplication to you, saying..."

Verse 14b-16

...**'Surely God is in you, And there is no other; There is no other God.'**" 15 Truly You are God, who hide Yourself, **O God of Israel, the Savior!** 16 They shall be ashamed and also disgraced, all of them; they shall go in confusion together, who are makers of idols.

Verse 17a

17 **But Israel shall be saved by the LORD With an everlasting salvation;**

(since God is going to do this, doesn't it make sense to be on God's side?)

Verse 17b-18

You shall not be ashamed or disgraced forever and ever. 18 For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited:

(**this is means that when God created the heaven and the earth, He did so with intent – see Genesis 1:1 vs. 1:2 and the possibility of the gap theory**)

Verse 17b-22

"I am the LORD, and there is no other. 19 **I have not spoken in secret**, In a dark place of the earth; I did not say to the seed of Jacob, "Seek Me in vain"; **I, the LORD, speak righteousness, I declare things** that are right. 20 "Assemble yourselves and come; Draw near together, you who have escaped from the nations. They have no knowledge, who carry the wood of their carved image, And pray to a god that cannot save. 21 Tell and bring forth your case; Yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time? Have not **I, the LORD?** and there is no other God besides Me, a just God and a Savior; There is none besides Me. 22 **"Look** to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For **I am God**, and there is no other.

Verse 23

23 **I have sworn** by Myself; the word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that **to Me every knee shall bow, Every tongue shall take an oath.**

Guys wearing Costumes Squat

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Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Acts 4:8-12

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: 9 If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, 10 let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. 11 This is the “stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Verse 24-25

24 He shall say, “Surely in the LORD I have righteousness and strength. to Him men shall come, and all shall be ashamed who are incensed against Him. 25 In the LORD all the descendants of Israel shall be justified, and shall glory.’ ”

!!! Ask The LORD for more of His Spirit !!!

Let’s revisit an earlier passage in Luke and the Mercy of God

Luke 13:8-9

But he answered and said to him, “**Sir, let it alone this year also**, until I dig around it and fertilize it. 9 And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.’ ”

Is your year almost up ?

End of Study

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