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Series: "Isaiah: Hope for Troubled Times"

Cyrus His Anointed One

Isaiah 44:24-45:13 – Pastor Jim Kennington

Context

King Cyrus Timeline

740-700 BC	Isaiah wrote the book of Isaiah
722 BC	Assyria conquered Israel
612 BC	Babylon conquered Assyria
605-586 BC	Babylon conquered Judah
600 BC	Cyrus was born
559 BC	Cyrus' reign begins in Persia
539 BC	Cyrus conquered Babylon
538 BC	Cyrus decrees the Jews return

The Restoration of Jerusalem Announced (44:24-28)

The Sovereign Creator who is behind the restoration (v24-25)

The _____ of the restoration of Jerusalem (v26-27)

Jerusalem is the _____ of God's eternal plans!

The man God _____ for the job (v28)

The Message to King Cyrus (45:1-7)

God's work on behalf of Cyrus (v1-3a)

- Anointed = Mashiach (Hebrew) = _____

  King Cyrus was _____ of the true Messiah in that he would bring about physical deliverance of the Jews from the land of Babylon.

Three ways God predicted He would help Cyrus:

- God would smooth the way for him (v1b)
- He would give Cyrus victory over _____ (v2; c.f. Daniel 5)
- He would give Cyrus hidden treasure (v3a)

The reasons why Cyrus was chosen for this (v3b-6)

- To give him the opportunity to _____ (v3b)
- For the sake of Israel (v4)
- So that all nations would know YHWH's _____ (v5-6)

The Hymn of Praise (45:8)

The Rebuke of God's Critics (45:9-13)

It is _____ question the Sovereign Creator of the universe! (v9-10)

No mortal man can tell the Sovereign Creator how to best _____ His plans! (v11-13)

Lessons for today:

1. Trust in God's _____ when life feels chaotic

2. God uses _____ to accomplish His purposes (Prov. 21:1)

3. Instead of criticizing our leaders we should _____ for them (1 Tim. 2:1-2)

Suggested Resources

1) Mideast & Beyond Update yesterday: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=456h_SWFR64
2) SteveMillerResources.com; Follow Steve on the Foreshadows Report Podcast (Telegram app)
3) Follow Amir Tsarfati at Behold Israel; Follow him on Telegram; Prophecy Updates
4) Christmas Lunch @ Tacoma Country & Golf Club, Dec. 9th @ noon, $28 – register in Events by Dec. 1!
5) Enjoy the break! We plan to resume class on February 11th