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well welcome to Wednesday night Bible study we are up to Isaiah chapter 45 and this is the chapter that God speaks to us about Cyrus let's open with a word of Prayer and get into tonight's study our Heavenly Father we come before you Lord God Almighty just humbled and in awe of your majesty in all of your loyalty of your covenant love we just thank you so much father that we have a relationship with you we thank you God for your word we thank you for the prophets especially this prophet Isaiah that we're studying and we pray father for a greater depth of understanding for much greater conviction and an understanding father we praise you we pray father you'll strengthen our faith and we ask that you bless our study and our understanding we ask this Lord in our holy saviours name Jesus Christ amen so this is Isaiah chapter 45 and let me just check one thing on Facebook I want to see if I can have a live feed for some of our comments on Facebook and I just have to do something here so we may be able to have a live feed from our folks on Facebook now that I haven't figured this at this functionality out that's good okay so I'll leave that for later so Isaiah chapter 45 and let's get into the text here last week we're in chapter 44 and that chapter opened with God saying yet now here Oh Jacob my servant and Israel whom I have chosen thus says the Lord that made you and formed you from the womb so God is the one that made Israel and formed Israel from the womb

and he says which will help you so God we learned that God formed Israel from the womb and he will help Israel so there's that there's a relationship that God has with Israel that is very intentional God formed her from the womb and he's gonna look after her which will help you fear not Oh Jacob my servant and you gesture on whom I have chosen so if you missed last week's study I went into gesture run and actually in the last two weeks so that's in the archive so please feel free to access the artful archive to get an understanding of Jeshurun but so what we see here or we see we saw in Isaiah 44 is that God has a special relationship with Israel he created Israel he formed Israel from the wound and he's telling her do not be afraid I'm the one who created you and I created you for a purpose and then we ended the chapter with verse 28 where he says that says of Cyrus he is my shepherd and shall perform all my pleasure so so this is the god that Isaiah says he is speaking about this this king called Cyrus that is the shepherd of God and this shepherd of God notice that this is a pagan King ocular leader that God is gonna raise up who's going to do the pleasure of God and we'll find out what that is even saying to Jerusalem's of this king the secular King this pagan King is gonna say to Jerusalem you shall be built and to the temple your foundation shall be laid so Cyrus is a type of the Messiah and again God what God does is he lays down a pattern and that pattern then repeats and ultimately it culminates in the end so Isaiah has this sort of near term long term way of speaking and we have to just understand from the context is this a near term fulfillment or is

this a pattern being laid down that's gonna be a longer term fulfillment or is it just completely the ultimate fulfillment so so as I constantly toggles between a near term fulfillment and a long term fulfillment and often the near term fulfillment is just a pattern that's being laid down for the longer term fulfillment so Cyrus is a type of Christ he's a type of Messiah The Anointed One but God is gonna do something with Cyrus that is to encourage Jerusalem so the IRA's is gonna tell Jerusalem you shall be built and this is the context then really I think the chapter break should have been verse 28 of chapter 44 but that be be that as it may verse 28 introduces now chapter 45 thus says the Lord to Cyrus and so Cyrus was this great Persian king Cyrus the Great and God said to Cyrus his anointed in other words Cyrus is a messiah thus says to the Lord to the Messiah to Cyrus whose right hand I have held 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 so he's going to have this glorious Kingdom and in fact when the Shah of Iran was celebrating the 2500th anniversary of Persia he put on this spectacular banquet that he invited all the kings of the world and all the prime ministers and presidents to join him and he wanted to show them the splendor of Persia and ended up be a kingdom of Cyrus and so it was a spectacular it was a spectacular dinner party DISA spectable and and and what he wanted with all these kings and all these leaders to understand how great the Persian Empire was and I think is that

this was his downfall because the religious fundamentalists really decried this and this is what gave rise to the aisle to Ayatollah Khomeini being able to come out of exile and basically crush the shop around with the Iranian

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and so is this or this display of wellness wasting of fatally poisoning of hundreds of millions of dollars but the Shahs point was this is how great an empire we controlled and I think his real undoing and was he he named himself the King of Kings and so he wanted all the kings of the earth to know that he was the king as well I think God showed him not so much now what's interesting about Cyrus today is that many Jews are claiming that Donald Trump is today's Cyrus because of this notion here that we saw in the scripture that because of Cyrus Jerusalem could be built so is the Cyrus was the secular king who says to Jerusalem that your your walls shall be built to the temple the foundation shall be laid and so because Donald Trump has gestured to Jerusalem and to make Jerusalem acknowledge that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and to move the US embassy there and to support Israel they are honoring Donald Trump as the Cyrus of today and in fact they have minted special coins in Jerusalem with King Cyrus and Donald Trump on the coin and and this is something that they've just acknowledged that this secular leader has enabled the Jews or is enabling the Jews to re-establish Jerusalem as their capital and so he is seen as the Cyrus of today now personally I don't buy this and I don't buy it because in Luke 13 35 Jesus Christ was very clear he said behold he speaking to Jerusalem behold your house is left unto

you desolate and truly I say unto you
you shall not see me until the time
comes when you shall say blessed is he
that comes in the name of the Lord
so basically Christ said they rejected
him and he has rejected them until the
punishment come
upon them and that's the prophecy we saw
in Isaiah chapter 6 that these people
will be blind and deaf until the city is
laid waste until it is completely
desolate and then they're going to turn
to Jesus Christ and acknowledge him they
will see him whom they've pierced and
they will say blessed is he who comes in
the name a lord so he is not the in my
opinion he is not the Cyrus as the Jews
would like to believe that he has some
sort of modern-day savior they've rejected
Jesus Christ
many Jews are very secular the ones that
are religious hate Jesus Christ they
have nothing to do with him
so why would Jesus bring them back into
the land where the land is holy and they
can only dwell there when they are holy
and so there is going to be this second
Exodus in God is gonna gather them from
all of the four corners of the earth and
he is going to establish them in the
land but there's a process that they
have to go through first if Donald Trump
is anything in terms of a Cyrus he is
more and I know many many Christians
have trouble with Donald Trump because
it's a very coarse man he speaks in or
has spoken in very vulgar terms and so
they have a lot of trouble with with
Donald Trump but I think we need to
understand that he is in a sense the
Cyrus to Christians that Christians all
over the Christians are the most
persecuted group on earth today that
some three hundred million Christians

are being persecuted worldwide primarily in Muslim countries and we fall for this Muslims and Christians but we can all get along yeah we can all get along as long as the Muslims are in the minority but you tell me am a majority Muslim country where sheep Sharia law is practiced where Christians are not persecuted and what Donald Trump is doing unlike his predecessor is he is certainly reestablishing the primacy of Christianity in America you know and America really is the leader of the free world

but this person put a video together which

I think speaks for itself your faith and prayers have sustained me what I hear most often as I travel the country or five words that never ever fail to touch my heart that's I am praying for you I hear it so often I am praying for you mr. president

[Applause]

most importantly I brought my Bible there are those that are offended by the Holy Bible but my father came from a Kenyan family that includes generations of Muslims and as Jesus said you are either for him or you are against him as the holy quran tells us the Holy Quran teaches that the holy quran tells us and the Holy Quran also says assalamualaikum thank you and a day show mama batta so people have no idea what is in the Quran it's a very difficult book to read I've recommended many times the book the 2-hour Quran you can get that on Amazon that makes it very simple very clear to understand it but most people are too - too lazy to read it or just find it too difficult to understand the Holy Quran teaches us that Christians are infidels and Christians are evil and Christians

should be persecuted and so Donald Trump as long as he's in power he's actually acknowledging that Jesus Christ is the God of the Bible and that Christianity is the religion of the United States and by extension that puts Christians in a good light worldwide and you see you you did not see Christian pastors being liberal under the previous administration you did not see Christian pastors praying in the White House under the previous administration so if you're a Christian I think you need to think twice about denigrating the current President of the United States so if any if he's a Cyrus for anybody he's a Cyrus for the Christian community now let's continue in the text so Christ makes it very clear to the to Israel to the to Jerusalem specifically they will not see him again until they're begging to see him and that's how that relationship ended now that Cyrus is a type of Messiah a type of Christ if you read the psalm to God says to Christ ask of me and I will give you the heathen for your inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession so that is what God is doing or it did do has done with this secular leader King Cyrus and so we just read that God raised up Cyrus and he gave him the the heathen nations so that he could subdue them so that he could allow Jerusalem to be rebuilt so Cyrus is a type of Messiah continuing in Isaiah 45 he says of saw he says to Cyrus Cyrus says this is a hundred and fifty years before Cyrus is born this is why or one of the reasons why they like to call it first Isaiah and second Isaiah and by second Isaiah what they mean is it's another Isaiah it's another man that wrote this

historically no no no Christ quoted
isaiah as one prophet and quoted from
first Isaiah and second Isaiah when he
was on the earth and he didn't say oh
there are two Isaiah's he just said the
prophet Isaiah and so and there is very
clear evidence in archaeal
archaeological support that Isaiah was
written 150 years before Cyrus and so
this is a very very powerful material in
terms of the proof of God and in fact
God is going to show us that this is
what he wants to establish as his
credibility to his people that he
predicts the future and that's how we
can have confidence in his word so he
says here Cyrus I will go before you and
make the crooked places straight I will
break in pieces the gates of brass and
cut in sunder the bars of I remember at
the time that Isaiah is prophesying this
and that this is being recorded Assyria
is the superpower Babylon is nothing
babalons a little town if nobody's
thinking about Babylon Assyria is the
superpower and everybody is worried
certainly Judah is worried about the
conquest coming from Assyria and
Isaiah's writing and saying no you need
to be worried about Babylon and don't
worry too much because another nation
Persia is gonna crush Babylon 150 years
before the fact amazing and I will give
you the treasures of darkness and hidden
riches of secret places that you may
know that I the LORD which call you by
name am the God of Israel so cyrus when
he was born and grew up and became king
of Persia and they were able to show him
these prophecies that you've been you've
been selected by a name he certainly
understood that the god of the Jews is
the true God and God records it here
that you will know that I'm the God I

called you by name so that you will know
that I am the God of Israel
so this person is great king and you saw
the Shah of Iran showing the world just
how wonderful now how magnificent this
Persian Empire was well and he had the
audacity to call himself the king of
kings

Cyrus understood that the king of kings
was he goes on that you're gonna know
that I'm the God of Israel why for Jacob
my servants sake
so God forms Jacob from the womb and now
he's raising up Cyrus so that Cyrus will
know that he's the true God why for
Jacobs sake that he wants Jacob don't be
afraid Jacob I'm gonna rescue you for
Jacob my servants sake
and Israel my elect I have even called
you by name so at least he's raising up
Cyrus why and given Cyrus all this
wealth and power in order to protect
Jacob I have surnamed you though you
have not known me I am the Lord and
there is none else there is no God
beside me so many people are will quote
this to say all Jesus Christ can't be
God look there's no God this is this is
the Lord speaking this is Jesus speaking
and he's speaking to Cyrus and he's
telling Cyrus this Persian King there is
nobody else except him he is the God so
Cyrus will understand and then do God's
will in liberating the people of Judah
from Babylon I am the Lord and there is
none else there is no God beside me i
girded you though you have not known me
and this is again these are the
scriptures that the Jews look to to say
this is why they see President Trump as
a type of Cyrus and they're printing me
they're really honoring him as the
modern-day Cyrus so they're showing that
you don't have to know God in order to

be used by God and again to the
Christian community clay I hear so many
Christians denigrating President Trump
please stop please stop the day
President Trump god forbid if he's
assassinated there's so much hatred
toward him or when he finally finishes
his term maybe he doesn't go for a
second term or we get him as a second
term but when he's in this man who has
such a thick skin in a way he's very
thin-skinned but also he's very
thick-skinned because the amount of
persecution he faces and he just carries
on he just carries on America has to win
when he's gone I don't see any other
leader being able to stand up to this
intense globalist persecution the
globalists have their agenda and he's in
the way and so they're manipulating the
masses to hate him to help remove him
but once he's removed the persecution
that is going to come upon Christians
woe unto you if you helped bring that
persecution about so he doesn't have to
know God
in order to be used by God that's what
the Jews are saying so though Cyrus
didn't know him that they may know from
the rising of the Sun and from the West
that there is none beside me so Cyrus
doesn't know God but God is using him
so that Judah may know Jacob 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 so God
is really driving this point home I am
God and it's like there's a dispute if
there's another God there are many other
gods well who's the wheel God got a
saying I am and he wants his people to
know this means to be confident excuse
me and not to be afraid now this is a
very difficult passage very difficult

passage I think it's caused a lot of confusion for a lot of people he says here I form the light okay we don't have a problem with that goddess forms the light this is the part and create darkness

so God forms the light but he's also the one that creates darkness he says I make peace and up Oh what do we do with this and God creates evil he creates evil

I the LORD do all these things so people will see this and in fact many atheists and other crew other types of religions who don't believe in the Bible will throw this in Christians faces and then Christians don't know what to do with this that God creates evil as God through the created evil he says so here and there's no two ways around this that though the scripture is very clear now what we need to understand is yes I think it's pretty clear that God creates darkness we don't have a problem with that but what does it mean that he creates evil well I don't create as obvious he's the one that brings it about evil is what we have to understand so evil in English you know we think of Satan when we think evil but really the word is better translated catastrophe so I make peace and I make catastrophe and this again we don't just take a single verse you know verse 45 verse 7 of chapter

if I as if it stands by itself it's part of an argument it's part of a context that God formed Israel from the womb and he's telling Israel don't be afraid why because there is catastrophe and now God is telling you is real look I'm the one that makes peace and I'm the one who creates catastrophe and there's nobody else beside me so if we if we see this if we just look at Deuteronomy this is

good you have to understand Deuteronomy because that's the law that's where the law is laid down in the relationship that God has with Israel the terms and conditions of that relationship are defined in Deuteronomy and he makes it very clear in Deuteronomy that it shall come to pass that as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you good so you said you know here's where all the blessings you're gonna have a few obey me here's what's gonna happen if you disobey me that we're in we're entering into a covenant agreement are you sure you want to enter into this and Israel said all that the Lord has said we will do great so they became married so he says as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you good when you obeyed and to multiply you if you disobey in the same way as he rejoiced over you to do you good so the Lord will rejoice over you to destroy you this is this is we be sure you're you know what you're doing if you're gonna enter into covenant with God you have to keep your word because God keeps his word in the same way that he rejoiced over you to bless you for doing for doing what was right if you disobey because God is a God of integrity he his character forces him to fulfill his word and so he will rejoice over you in other words he will enthusiastically fulfill his word in so the Lord will rejoice over you to destroy you and to bring you to nothing and you shall be plucked from off the land again you cannot stay in the land and and if you're not holy you'll be plucked from it or you'll be some whether you go to possess it so that's what it means that he the Lord creates peace but he also creates catastrophe because that's that's what he said he

would do now we see this in Amos he says
you that speaking this Amos was speaking
to Israel you that put far away the evil
day the day of calamity the day of
catastrophe
you don't think it's gonna come it's
coming and so you Israelites who are
putting away far away that evil day and
cause the seat of violence to come near
so you don't care about the law
therefore now shall they go captive with
the first that go captive God keeps his
word he said that this would be if you
if you do not obey me this is what's
gonna happen and so we read the Bible
and just see how this is fulfilled so
you will go captive with the first that
go captive and the banquet of them that
stretched themselves shall be removed
the Lord has sworn by himself God is a
God of integrity the Lord has sworn by
himself says the Lord God of hosts
I abhor the excellency of Jacob so as he
rejoiced over Jacob to do him good and
then Jacob became gesture on and was
whacked fat and became arrogant and
forgot the Lord now when Jacob came to
his excellency because Israel was a very
wealthy Kingdom so then God aboard the
excellency this is Joshua God aboard the
excellency of Jacob and hate his palaces
therefore will I deliver up the City
with all that is therein and it shall
come to pass if they remain ten men in
one house that they shall die this so
this is the evil that God creates this
is the calamity that he personally makes
sure that this happens and we saw that
in Habakkuk when Habakkuk was living in
the midst of all of this evil in Israel
and cried to the Lord and said how come
you don't do anything and I said no I am
doing something look to the heathen
behold you among the heathen because I

God I'm doing an unbelievable work I'm raising up the Chaldeans that bitter and hasty nation to come and possess the well in places that are not theirs to come and crush my people I god I'm doing this and so here as well through Isaiah earlier and we'll do one 239 later but in chapters 1 to 39 are the judgments and here in chapter 10 we see God say Oh Assyrian the rod of my anger so this powerful Empire and this powerful King he thinks that he's just so powerful he's actually a puppet in God's hands God is God is raising him up and allowing him to do this calamitous Act against his own people and God is the one who is allowing it because of the terms and condition of the Covenant Oh a Syrian the rod of my anger he's the tool of God and the staff in their hand is my indignation so their weaponry is is an expression of God's fury upon Israel I will send him against the hypocritical nation and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge to take the spoil and to take the prey so all that wealth that they had is gonna be taken away from them and to tread down like the mire of the street so this was the superpower that Israel was terrified of that actually came and crushed Israel Judah was then terrified of Israel and as I as the same to Judah Assyria it's not your problem your problem is Babylon and then don't worry because you will not be extinguished because God is gonna raise up another king of Persia to crush Babylon to free you so that you can be reestablished in the land and then of course we know they are unfaithful again but that was the pattern to show that when Christ comes like Cyrus he's going to crush Babylon he's going to crush Assyria and he's

going to release his people and gather them and put them back in the land to reestablish the land howbeit this king of Assyria doesn't mean so in other words the king of Assyria does not intend to be God's tool to be the rod of God's anger he doesn't mean to do that he thinks

she's just a great man and he needs to express his greatness so he doesn't mean that neither does his heart think so instead it is in his heart to destroy and cut off many nations

that's what's it is hard he doesn't realize that God is allowing that so that he can be the tool of God's anger but come back to Isaiah 45 verse 7 so this is what it means when he says I formed the light so certainly we know God forms the light and he creates darkness so this contrast between light and dark but there's also a contrast between peace and calamity and because of the Covenant the calamity on Israel and Judah actually comes from God and God is saying this so that it will encourage Judah to say that there's no other God except God and all of this calamity is at God's hand so repent turn to him because he can turn it away he says I the LORD do all these things so if you read Isaiah 47 without the context of the book then you're gonna come to all kinds of strange conclusions about God creating evil but if you just stay within Isaiah and understand what Isaiah saying that evil means calamity and it's god god is telling Israel I'm the one who do does all these things drop down you 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

so this is this is this is the context
so it's God that's orchestrating all of
this he orchestrates the peace upon
Israel then he orchestrates the calamity
to turn their hearts then then he brings
peace but then he'll bring calamity
again because he's forming them into a
righteous nation that stops being
hypocritical and so he the Lord is the
one who's doing this you have to
understand his ruler is we have to
understand his covenant relationship
with these very special people because
he selected them not special because of
their DNA

yeah well DNA is DNA of Israel but not
because there's anything genetically
superior about them it's just that
they've been selected that they are the
Descendants they're the Covenant descendants
of Abraham and so God is working with
them in a very special way and we cannot
understand the Bible unless we
understand God's commitment to his work
he never ever ever goes back on his word
so as the Lord who's great today
now that I say this so you got to
understand this process it's like a
washing machine getting the soil out of
the clothes it's got to kind of beat up
the clothes and tumble demand really
rigorous shake them in order to loosen
the dirt Israel is going through God's
washing machine and that's what's gonna
loosen the filth from them and he at the
end they're going to shine as the Holy
and as the holy kingdom a kingdom of
priests on the earth and so he says this
because of such a difficult process he
says woe unto him that strives with his
maker

let the potsherd strive with the pot
shards of the earth so God is saying
like he's the potter and this vessel

let's say it's a pot that he creates if
you want to have an argument pick an
argument with another pot but don't pick
an argument with the potter I'm the one
who shapes you the way I want you and so
there's there's a contention he says in
isaiah 1 that he's raised up children
and they've rebelled against him they're
the children are having an argument with
their father

so one to him that strives with his
maker let the pot sherds strive with the
pot sherds of the earth shall the clay
say to him that fashions it what are you
making or your work he has no hands what
are you doing so I think a great a great
example or illustration of this argument
with the with the Potter is a scene from
the fiddler on

so listen to this

dear God

that you have to send me news like that
today of all days I know I know we are
the chosen people but once in a while
come to you choose somewhere else once
in a while can't you choose somebody
else that I think that's a great
expression of this this verse here in
Isaiah 45 verse 9 striving with your
maker not enjoying the process and
arguing with God instead of just
submitting to God and understanding that
these you have been chosen as a special
people to lead the rest of the earth to
God and but they're there they're
arguing with God and God says woe unto
you Warren to him that says unto his
father what have you be got me so in
Isaiah 44 he says I formed you from the
womb but in Isaiah 1 he says I've
nourished children and I've brought them
up and they've rebelled against me woe
unto him that says unto his father what
have you be got n't or to the woman what

have you brought forth thus says the Lord the Holy One of Israel it's the god of the universe identifies himself as the Holy One of Israel and yet Israel is arguing with its maker we don't want we we don't want you cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us we want to hear smooth things we don't want to go through the washing machine and God is saying look I am I've named myself the Holy One of Israel forever therefore Israel must be forever so therefore I have to fashion you into this people that I can be glorified in the says the Lord so this is - the one arguing with his maker thus says the Lord the Holy One of Israel and his maker ask me of things to come concerning my son's so if you don't understand this process that you're going through why don't you just ask me what is the outcome what about what am i driving you toward because it's going to be glorious asking me of things to come concerning my sons and concerning the work of my hands command you me so again we have to take the whole passage in context that God says look I create peace and I create evil don't just take that and run off with it by itself keep the context and what God is saying is I'm putting you through a washing machine and you'll see if you obey me you're blessed but if you disobey me go and read Deuteronomy I'm going to do every single thing that I said so that you know that when the words come out of my mouth they matter and I never go back on my word but ultimately because of my promise to Abraham you people are not destroyed that's why I Malachi says I the LORD change not Malachi 3 therefore you sons of Jacob are not destroyed it's because of his promise to Abraham that

Jacob is not destroyed and that he calls himself the Holy One of Israel forever I have made the earth and created man upon it even my hands have stretched out the heavens and all their hosts have I commanded so God is the one saying look I'm the one who created the whole earth you're gonna argue with me I created the whole earth and I've created Israel from the womb for a special place in the earth and the earth is not right until God is glorified in Israel that there have to be human beings on the earth called Israel and Judah and the rest of the earth has to acknowledge that God is in Israel and he's glorified until this happens the world is a mess don't REI I'm just giving I'm just the messenger I'm just telling you what the Bible says a lot of people have trouble with this don't have trouble with it don't argue with God so whether Jew or Gentile are you gonna argue with the maker he says I have raised him up in righteousness so now he's speaking about Cyrus and if not that Cyrus has to be righteous it's that God is raising him up to set the world right and as long as Judah is being subjugated in Babylon the world is not right so he's raising up Cyrus in an act of righteousness to put the world right to release Judah to allowed you to back to Jerusalem to set the world right and I will direct all his ways so as powerful a king as he was he was being directed by God he Cyrus shall build my city and he shall let gold my captives not for price nor reward says the Lord of Hosts a hundred and fifty years beforehand God is saying that this powerful King that is gonna subdue nations all around he's

going to be kind to Judah and he's going to allow Judah to go back to Jerusalem and not for personal gain it's just gonna be something that needs to be done he's gonna see that it's the the will of God and he's going to do it a hundred and fifty years before the act before the man is even conceived God pronounces what's going to happen thus says the Lord the labor of Egypt and the merchandise of Ethiopia and of the sabians men of stature shall come over unto you and they shall be yours and they shall come after you in Chains they shall come over and they shall fall down unto you they shall make supplication unto you saying surely God is in you and there is none else there is no God now this verse is a little bit tricky this verse fourteen many commentators will say that this is speaking of Cyrus that all of these nations are going to come to Cyrus the Egyptians and the Ethiopians and sabians are going to come to Cyrus that I come in Chains we've got to fall down before him and they're gonna say surely God is in Cyrus is in Persia and there is no other god no Syrus doesn't kunal it doesn't worship God he's he's a secular King but he's gonna be shown everything so that he knows that God is in Israel and so this verse really is better understood that surely God is in Israel God is in Judah God is in Jerusalem and there's no other God except the God of Israel that's what this is saying and this is supported by other parts of Isaiah and other prophets as well they're all saying the same thing we'll get to Isaiah 60 later but just as a preview he says in terms of the these nations glorifying Israel he says here in Isaiah 60 then you shall see and flow together and your heart

shall fear and be enlarged because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto you so all the wealth of the sea is gonna come to Jerusalem and the wealth of the Gentiles shall come unto you so all this wealth from the Gentiles is gonna flow to God's people the multitude of the camels shall cover you the dromedaries are the young camels of Midian and ephah Aoife was a son of Midian and this is Arabia so the Arabs just of the wealth of the Arabs is going to come to Judah and then below Arabia is Sheba which is today with Department called Yemen all day from Sheba shall come they shall bring gold and incense and they shall show forth the praises of the Lord this is what it means that all of these Gentiles are going to acknowledge Wow the god of the universe is the God of Israel and let us go and worship the God of Israel and let us bring our gifts to the priests of God to facilitate our worship of the God of Israel this is when the world is right when God is known to be the God the Holy One of Israel they saw so forth the praises of the Lord the Gentiles will show the praises of surely the Isles shall wait for me and the ships of tarshish first to bring your sons from far so your sons that have been taken captive the Gentiles are gonna bring them for me their silver and their gold with them so they're gonna bring your sons and they're gonna bring their wealth as well because they're they've repented and they've acknowledged that God is the God of Israel unto the name of the Lord your God and to the Holy One of Israel the whole world is gonna not acknowledge that God is the Holy One he's attached to Israel he's the Holy One of Israel

and he will be glorified in Israel
because he has glorified you so God's
intention is to glorify this people and
to have the whole world acknowledged
their glory and by acknowledging their
glory they're acknowledging the special
relationship the Covenant relationship
that God has with them and by doing that
they're acknowledging that the only God
is the God of Israel and the sons of
strangers shall build up your walls so
they're actually gonna come and serve
you the sons of strangers are gonna come
to Jerusalem and they're gonna build up
the walls of Jerusalem and their kings
shall minister unto you so it's a very
big mistake of the Shah of Iran to say
that he's the king of kings there's only
one king of kings and that king of kings
says to all the kings serve my people so
the Kings are gonna come and serve
Israel and their King shall minister
unto you for in my wrath I struck you
III the Lord I create peace and I create
calamity and in my wrath I created
calamity in my wrath I struck you but in
my favor have I had mercy on you so this
is the plan of God it's just repeated
over and over and over we cannot
understand the Bible unless we
understand Isaiah therefore your gates
shall be opened continually they shall
not be shut day nor night that men may
bring unto you the wealth of the
Gentiles so the reason the gates of
Jerusalem will never be closed
is so that all the Gentiles can bring
their wealth continually into Jerusalem
that's why they're gonna bring it to the
priests of God and these people are
going to acknowledge and they're going
to be acknowledged and they're going to
take these offerings and the wealth
of Jerusalem will be the wealth of Judah

and Israel and that their kings may be brought so the reason the gates are open is so that all these Kings can come you know what so the Shah of Iran was trying to do in Persia in Iran in the 1970s is a kind of a counterfeit of what God is going to do to invite all the kings of the earth to see his glory so that he is glorified in Israel for the nation verse 12 and Kingdom that will not serve you my people Israel and Judah the nation or Kingdom that will not serve you shall perish we see that in Zechariah 14 yes those nations shall be utterly wasted notice this as well the sons also of them that afflicted you shall come bending unto you they're gonna be sorry they're gonna commonly gonna acknowledge you and all they that despised you shall bow themselves down at the soles of your feet and they shall call you the city of the Lord the Zion of the Holy One of Israel this is where the world is going this this is the outcome so ask me God's has asked me concerning my son's you you're arguing with your maker this is the outcome this is what I'm doing I'm going to establish you as the head nation of the earth but I've got to work I've got to drive out the hypocrisy and I've got to make you a holy people and I have to drive you to that point where you say blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord whereas you have been Forsaken and hated and so we see this anti-semitism rising all over the world whereas you've been forsaken hated so that no man went through you I will make you an eternal excellency of what an eternal excellency a joy of many generations God will be the Holy One of Israel forever even when the whole process is complete and all mankind has been born

into the family of God he will still be known as the Holy One of Israel because the only way into the family is through one of the gates of Israel and so God is only married to Israel and Gentiles will be grafted into Israel in order to have a relationship with God and so for eternity God will be known as the Holy One of Israel and he's not related to anybody else only Israel you shall also suck the milk of the Gentiles and you shall suck the breasts of kings and you shall know that I the LORD am your Savior

I'm your I'm the savior of Israel and your Redeemer not he doesn't say that you will the whole world will know that I'm the savior of Gentiles he's not he's the saviors of Israel and through Israel he'll save the Gentiles as enabling the Gentiles to be converted into Israel and if you're not an Israelite braddock so says the Bible so all the Gentiles will be invited to convert into Israel that's why God has to say it is he has its priorities he's saving Israel first now in the firstfruits calling we get a preview of the fall harvest that in the firstfruits calling the door is opened for Gentiles to come in in the same way that when the fall harvest is set up the door will be opened for Gentiles to come in so Gentiles now are grafted into Israel so that the firstfruits calling is Israel with the holy spirit as a preview of the new covenant which is coming in the fall harvest I the LORD am your Savior and your Redeemer the Mighty One of Jacob I mean how many times does God have to say this before we say okay I finally get it but we don't want to get it we keep wanting to make God the God of the Gentiles he stopped being the god of did the Gentiles in Genesis 12

so prior to Genesis 12 you could say
yeah God is the god of the whole earth
but after dennis is 12 no more he is
only the God of Abraham
and the descendants of Abraham and the
rest of the world has to come into the
family of Abraham into the covenant
community in order for God to be our God
so back to Isaiah 45 he says truly she
says truly you are a God that hides
yourself so their striving with their
maker why are you doing this they don't
understand why because God hides himself
and the whole earth is in where is your
God and and our God is God and our God
is the greatest God because God hides
himself

o God of Israel the Savior
so the Savior is a God that hides
himself and that's what David says in
Psalm 44 verse 24 therefore you hide
your face and forget why do you hide
your face and forget our affliction and
our oppression so Israel is suffering
and God doesn't seem to be responding
because he hides himself God says here
in Isaiah 45 continue in verse 16 they
shall be ashamed and also confused all
of them they shall go into confusion
together that are the makers of idols so
all these folks that are full of
idolatry and they're persecuting God's
people they are going to be ashamed so
says the Bible and they're going to go
into confusion and it shall come to pass
that every one that is left or this is
sorry zechariah zechariah 14 that this
is reinforcing what isaiah saw that any
nation that does not come so all these
nations that came against Jerusalem
they're gonna worship God you're gonna
do this is what Isaiah saw that they're
gonna go to Jerusalem and they're gonna
bring their offerings and they're gonna

worship and they're gonna keep the Feast of Tabernacles and whoever does not come up of all the families of the earth to Jerusalem to acknowledge that God is the Holy One of Israel and to worship the king the Lord of

they're gonna starve to death they're gonna have a severe famine and if the family of Egypt does not go up so they're so bitter they're so angry they believe that their God was the greatest God and they're so bitter against the Jews that they can't bring themselves there's been such hostility that they cannot bring himself to worship with the Jew and to submit themselves to the Jew when they wanted the Jew to be subjugated that if they do not come and and they still have no rain and they still refuse to come then there will be the plague exactly what Isaiah said wherewith the Lord will smite the heathen the Gentiles that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles so we need to know this is the fall harvest now when God sets up Israel and invites the whole world to salvation that if the firstfruits if we are firstfruits

Christians how can it be that we do not keep the Feast of Tabernacles when there is such a lesson in these days that God wants the whole world keeping these days so that they can understand his plan and if you don't understand the plan of God it how it's contained in the holy days please write to us info at CGI org info at CGI org

and ask for literature on God's holy days so he says this will be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles in that and so he says that they'll be the plague on all of them and there will be

in in Israel in Judah upon the bells of
the horse's holiness unto the Lord is
gonna be spectacular and the pots in the
Lord's house shall be like the Bulls
before the altar so even a simple pot is
gonna be so spectacular it's gonna be so
much wealth in Jerusalem that it's gonna
be mind-blowing yes every pot in
Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness
unto the Lord of Hosts gonna be a truly
holy place and the people will be holy
and all day that sacrifice shall come
and take of them and see therein and in
that day there shall be no more
Canaanites in the house of the Lord of
Hosts so the Canaanite now they have
influenced all this region and this
actually was their land
regionally and God drove them out and
put his people there and as a result
they're full of resentment and they
believe that it's their land but these
are very filthy people and you have to
go back to Genesis to see where this
filth comes from and these are the
children of Canaan and you need to
understand ham and cain and that whole
family and the whole line where that cut
that that the degeneracy comes from and
not not in not in physical but moral
standards and Canaan was a land of
prostitution and pedophilia and every
vile practice that's why God said to the
Israelites when you go in there you
shall not learn their ways don't have
anything to do with them just clean them
out we're gonna start anew and so
they've been fighting ever since to get
back into this land and God says when he
comes no more ever well it came might be
in the house of the Lord of the Lord of
hosts they have to convert and become
Israelite in order to come in Ezekiel
says the same thing he sees the same

thing he says and Santo it thus says the
Lord God behold Oh Mount Seir I am
against you
Mount Seir is Edom did the so
again these are the neighbors of Israel
and these are Muslim peoples this is
what the Bible says we just have to see
where is Mount Seir today these are the
surrounding nations of Judah Oman Sarah
I'm against you and I will stretch out
my hand against you and I will make you
desolate I will lay your cities waste
and you shall be desolate and you shall
know that I am the Lord the Holy One of
Israel is the Lord nobody else because
you have had a perpetual hatred it's a
perpetual hatred it goes all the way
back you've had a perpetual AIDS was to
their forefather Esau there's been this
perpetual hatred that the whole culture
has had this animosity to Jacob because
you have had a perpetual hatred that
means today that the hatred that we see
in the world today it's perpetual and so
we have to go back to the root of it
where did it start you've had a
perpetual hatred and have shed the blood
of the children of Israel by the force
of the sword
who has the sword on their flag today
and whose beheading the Jews and who has
this perpetual hatred in the time of
their calamity and the time that their
iniquity had an end because you have
said these two nations and these two
countries shall be mine who's saying
that and we will possess it whereas the
Lord was there and part of this UN
compact for safe orderly and regular
migration is a part of this process that
that's taking place of possessing the
land that isn't theirs therefore as I
live says the Lord I will even do
according to your anger so your anger is

going to turn back on you and according to your Envy so it's anger in its envy which you have used out of your hatred so we see anger we see Envy we see hatred that you have used that of your hatred against them and I will make myself known among them when I have judged you so we have to be very clear as to who's who according to the biblical view and you shall know that I am the Lord and that I have heard all your blasphemies which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel saying they are laid desolate they are given to us to destroy thus with your mouth you have boasted against me and have multiplied your words against me I have heard them thus says the Lord God because the enemy and has said against you so he's saying to Israel now the enemy said against you aha even the ancient high places are ours in possession and you really have to check out the the UN UN Human Rights Council where they've all agreed that Israel belongs to the or Judah belongs to the Palestinians that Jerusalem does not belong to the Jews that the Jews have no history there that all the history of Jerusalem belongs to the Palestinians this is sanely ancient places are ours in possession therefore thus says the Lord God surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the heathen so God is jealous over Israel he's jealous over Judah and and that jealousy is gonna speak over the in the fury of that jealousy against the heathen and against all Edom so are the whole of the Edomite which have appointed my land into their possession God says this is my land and I've given it to Israel and you've taken it away and said that it's your

land but God is saying it's my land and they've taken my land into their possession with the joy of all their heart so they don't be they're gonna be thrilled that they have it with spiteful mines to cast it out for a prey we see in Zechariah 14 verses 1 and 2 what they're going to do to the land but Israel's Shalit so God says here to Isaiah Israel shall be saved in the Lord with an everlasting salvation Israel will be saved with an everlasting salvation you shall not be ashamed or confused nor confused world-without-end Israel will be glorified forever because God says I'm the Holy One of Israel for thus says the Lord that created the heavens God Himself that formed the earth and made it so he's the one that created the heavens he's formed the earth he established it he created it not in vain he formed it to be inhabited so all of the destruction that we're going to see when when Israel Falls and the nations of Israel fall and the heathen gets the upper hand and they're full of destruction God is saying no no no I didn't create the world for this I created the world to be inhabited and for the world to be inhabited Jerusalem must be safe because Jerusalem is the headquarters of the world so he says I I didn't create it in vain and that word for a vain is toku and we see that in Genesis 1 he formed it to be inhabited I am the Lord and there is none else and so we see that in Genesis 1 in the beginning God created the heavens in the earth and the earth was Tohu and bohu so without form is toku so a God says I didn't create the world in toku so this is what Genesis 1 and 2 we know that when God went when we read there in Genesis 1 it can't be the very very

beginning because God doesn't create in confusion

so something happened that drove the earth into confusion back to Isaiah 45 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 so God is saying look I mean what I say and all these are replacement theology theologians who think that God has done away with Jacob God has done away with Israel the church is now Israel and God has nothing to do with Israel God is saying whoa slow down I didn't say to Jacob seek me in vain I meant what I said and I am going to be glorified in Jacob so this verse alone destroys replacement theology

I said nothing to the seed of Jacob Seek ye me in vain I the Lord speak righteousness God is very careful about what he speaks he says through Jesus when when Jesus was only the earth that every vain word that we speak will be held in to account for will be judged over everything we speak if we're held to such a high standard what stand do you think God holds himself to he speaks righteousness

I declare things that are right so God in what God is saying here is if you have a God that's full of abrogation that he says one thing and he says he changed his mind and he's constantly contradicting himself that is God could never be the God of the Bible because the God of the Bible speaks righteousness he declares things that are right

he doesn't have to second-guess himself everything he says he means and we see that over and over from Deuteronomy says so he says here that he has not spoken in secret to Israel and he didn't say to

them seek me in vain so he says here in Deuteronomy the secret things belong to the Lord our God but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever that we may do all the words of this law so there are things that are known in Israel and he says here in Deuteronomy here for this commandment which I command you this day it is not hidden from you neither is it far off so Israel knows these things were not hidden from the maybe didn't from the Gentiles but they're not hidden from Ezra

he says here in Deuteronomy it is not in heaven that you should say who shall go up for us to heaven and bring it unto us that we may hear it and do it neither is it beyond the sea that you should say who shall go over the sea for us and bring it unto us that we may hear it and do it but the word is very near unto you it's in your mouth and in your heart that you may do it so I'm just looking at the time I think I'll stop here we'll continue in Isaiah 45 and verse 20 when I come back I just want to see if in fact I can load comments from Facebook let's see if this works just see if I can do this I'm just just experimenting here so pardon me while I experiment and I see I can do this now this is cool so I think hopefully the comment will come across let's see here

oh yeah this is working I think I think I saw it so thank you willow thank you for joining in and let's see if I can get some more comments here some think so words of love really appreciate that some amens and a very interesting message from from pearl Gonzalez thank you for all yeah so lots of acknowledgment so that's great so this is good this is this works I'm

finally figuring out how to use this software
all right use this new feature that I like technology so pardon me as I play with the technology here so that is Isaiah part up to verse 19 of Isaiah 45 I will Thea Thank You Fiddler on the Roof was the name of the movie and his great movie says that that so we will continue next week God willing with Isaiah 45 and 46 but we'll pick up Isaiah 45 from verse 20 I'm gonna head over to the chat we can have a bit of words over at CGI dot Church online dot org thank you so much for tuning in what a great God we serve and and God says in the Psalms that he has exalted his word above even his own name God takes his word so seriously let's take his words seriously let's read it and believe it and hang our hat on it and just we won't budge because of his word and when we have that understanding of that confidence we can then comfort his people and we can sell it we can say to Judah don't be afraid and we can say to the nations of Israel don't be afraid fear not the God of Israel is your God and he will come and save you this is our message but first we have to believe God's message and we have to believe the prophet Isaiah thank you for joining what a mighty God we serve
god bless