

BOOK OF ISAIAH
Outline
Chapter 45 conclusion

Jesus made a profound statement (and Jesus CANNOT lie). He told the people, "**Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of ME.**"

Psalm 40 verse 7, written hundreds of years prior to the coming of Jesus Christ, was fulfilled in the aforementioned statement of Jesus. It says, "**Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me...**"

The entire Bible is a book written in a progressive revelation or unveiling (apokalupsis) of JESUS CHRIST as the ONLY WAY to have ETERNAL LIFE.

The following is a famous quote by Joanne Carraway 😊:

"You can't fully appreciate this Masterful Plan of God in the redemption of Humanity without reading ALL THE BIBLE."

1. CHAPTER 45

Verses 5-6: "I am the **Lord**, and there is **NONE** else, there is **NO God beside me**:... 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.**"

More than any other Book, Isaiah repeatedly speaks for God and declares that He is the **GREAT I AM**, **not** the **GREAT WE ARE**--a clear depiction of monotheism in the midst of pagan nations which worshipped a variety of "gods."

Verse 7: "I **FORM** the **LIGHT**, and **CREATE DARKNESS**: I make peace, and **CREATE EVIL**. I the **Lord** do all these things."

Whaaaaaaaaahhhhh???



God says He **CREATES** EVIL???

QUESTION: In what way does God "create" evil?

HINT: Keep in mind the context of this passage where God is declaring that He alone is God and all the other "gods" are the imaginations of fallen men. Remember, also, the creation of Lucifer and that Lucifer, because "iniquity was found in him," became evil (Satan, the adversary, Devil, diabolos, the accuser).

Verse 11: "Thus saith the Lord, the Holy **ONE** of Israel, and his Maker..."

Again, God through Isaiah is declaring **MONOTHEISM**. God is emphatically and repetitively stating that He is the **ONLY GOD**, the **MAKER** of it all!

QUESTIONS: Why does God keep repeating this? Why is this so important to know?

Verse 12: "...I, even **MY hands**, have **STRETCHED OUT** the heavens,..."



Keep in mind, those **HANDS** which stretched out the heavens were voluntarily submitted to crucifixion for you and for me.

God repeatedly uses the phrase, "stretched out," when referring to the creation of the universe. This phrase is **SCIENTIFICALLY ACCURATE**, of course! **Bill is researching this for us next week!**

QUESTION: What imagery is conveyed in that statement of "stretched out?"

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."

This is a clear prophecy of the spread of the Gospel to **THE WHOLE WORLD**--the **UNSAVED** who are **IN CHAINS**, bound up in sin! **Egypt is a symbol** of this **fallen world's system**. Psalm 2: 8 states that **God will give thee the HEATHEN** for thine **inheritance**. In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, Jesus states that the **MEEK** shall **INHERIT** the earth. In Genesis, Joseph's coat of many colors was envied by his brothers because they knew it was the **INHERITANCE COAT**. God was foreshadowing in Joseph's life the life of Jesus Christ. **Jesus** would **INHERIT** many **COLORS, TRIBES, TONGUES, NATIONS**. **IMPORTANT:** WE, AS CHRISITANS ARE CHARGED WITH THE **SAME MISSION**. THROUGH THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL, WE ARE TO BRING **THOSE IN CHAINS** OUT OF THOSE CHAINS! **WE INHERIT THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH**.

VERY VERY IMPORTANT: THE GOSPEL IS THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION! THE CHRISTIAN MENTALITY SHOULD **NOT** BE "**HOLD THE FORT.**" IT SHOULD BE: "**CHARGE!!!!**" Remember, WE ARE GIANT KILLERS!!! And the Bible declares that little David, **RUSHED TOWARD GOLIATH!**" David's CONFIDENCE was not in his human ability to skillfully use the slingshot, but as David had previously stated, it was the GOD OF ISRAEL who had in times past delivered him from the lion and the bear. David knew God would empower him to defeat GOLIATH. Likewise, God EMPOWERS us to INHERIT THE HEATHEN! That is, to bring them to salvation in Jesus Christ. The power of life and death is in our tongues! We must speak out the Gospel.

Verse 15: "Verily thou art a God that **HIDEST** thyself, O God of Israel, the **SAVIOUR.**"

QUESTION: Have you ever felt that God was **HIDING FROM YOU?**

If so, you are in good company because Job felt it and so did the Psalmists:

Job 13:24 "Wherefore **HIDEST** thou thy face..."

Ps. 10:1 "...why **HIDEST** thou thyself in times of trouble?"

Ps. 44:24 "Wherefore **HIDEST** thou thy face..."

Ps. 88:14 "...why **HIDEST** thou thy face from me?"

QUESTIONS: What is God accomplishing **IN YOU** when it seems He is **HIDING from you? Did you ever play "Hide and Seek" as a child?**

HINT: Jeremiah 29:13 "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with **ALL YOUR HEART.**"

Ps. 42:7 "Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts."

Verse 22: "Look unto me, and be ye **SAVED, ALL** the ends of the **earth:** for I **AM GOD,** and there is **NONE ELSE.**"

Again, God reinforced to the nation of Israel that He intends to **SAVE** the whole world, not just them. This was a stumbling block to them when Jesus came, even though the original covenant with Abraham was plain in stating that through Abraham's seed, **ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH WOULD BE BLESSED.**

Verse 23: "...That **unto Me EVERY KNEE** shall bow, **EVERY TONGUE** shall swear."

This scripture is quoted again in the New Testament, Philippians 2:10:

"That at the **name of Jesus** every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

This scripture is often quoted to singularly mean that one day God will **MAKE EVERYBODY BOW THE KNEE** in submission to His dominion. But, as is clear in Isaiah, it is also referring to the Gospel being taken **OUTSIDE** of ISRAEL and to the **WHOLE WORLD--ALL KNEES, ALL TONGUES.**