

“That One?”

Isaiah 44:24-45:25

Review Is Beneficial:

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- 2.
- 3.

“This is what the Lord says” (v. 24, 1, 11, 14, 18) – Pay Attention

1. God Divinely Appoints or Permissively Allows a Leader’s Position

Who was Cyrus?

What we read about him in history is fulfillment of prophecy here 100+ years before he existed (Isa 44:26b-28; 45:1b-3a, 13b)

See also: 2 Chron 36:22-23; Ezra 1:1-4, 7, 11; 6:4-5

Isa 45:1a – “chosen one” = “messiah”

God uses both good & evil men to accomplish his purposes.

11. God Alone Ordains & Accomplishes the Future

5xs – “I have no peer” (vv. 5, 6, 18, 21, 22)

7xs – “I am Yahweh” (44:24; 45: 3, 5-7, 18, 19)

Note the “who” & “I am” & “I will” in the passage

Everything Is for His Glory – *Exod 9:16; Ps 19:1-4; Isa 43:7; 45:3, 6*

God’s glory – “invisible qualities, character, or attributes of God displayed in a visible or knowable way”

How do I deal with 45:7?

“rah” = evil, calamity

Has the Right to Do as He Pleases – *Job 10:9; 2 Cor 4:7; 5:7; Rom 8:28*

OUR RESPONSE:

PRAY (1 Tim 2:1-2)...*for our leaders*

REST (Prov 16:4; Eph 2:10)...*in his sovereignty*

ACKNOWLEDGE (Isa 45:11; Rom 11:33-36)...*the Lord’s wisdom*