

²⁵ {I am He} who frustrates the tokens of liars
and makes fools of diviners,

who turns wise men back
and makes their knowledge foolish,

²⁶ who confirms the word of His servant
and fulfills the counsel of His messengers,

who says of Jerusalem, 'It will be inhabited,'
and the cities of Judah, 'They will be rebuilt,'
and their ruins, 'I will raise them,'

²⁷ who says to the deep, 'Dry up,
and I will dry up your rivers,'

²⁸ who says of Cyrus, 'My shepherd,'
and he will fulfill all My purpose,
saying of Jerusalem, 'It will be rebuilt,'
and to the Temple, 'Your foundation will be laid.'"

45 Thus says the LORD to His anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,

to subdue nations before him,
and I will loose the loins of kings,

to open double doors before him,
and the gates will not be closed.

² "I will go before you and level the mountainous land;

I will smash the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron.

³ I will give you hidden treasures
and the hoards in secret places

so that you may know that I am the LORD,
the God of Israel, who calls you by your name.

⁴ For the sake of My servant, Jacob,
and Israel, My chosen,

I called you by your name and gave you a title,
yet you do not know Me.

⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other;
there is no God besides Me.

I gird you,
yet you do not know Me,

⁶so that they may know from the rising of the sun
and from the west

that there is none besides Me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other.”

THE LORD’S POWER AND SUPREME POWER (45:7–13)

The LORD ⁷“I form the light
and create darkness;

I make peace
and create calamity.¹⁵⁴

I the LORD, do all these things.

⁸Shower, O heavens, from above,
and let the skies rain down righteousness;

let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth,
and let it cause righteousness to spring up together.

I, the LORD, have created it.”

Isaiah ⁹Woe to him, a potsherd among the potsherds of the ground,
who strives with his Fashioner.
Does the clay say to its Fashioner,

Clay “What are you making?”

Or “Your work has no hands”?

Isaiah ¹⁰Woe to him, who says to a father,

Unnamed individual “What are you begetting?”

Isaiah Or to a woman,

Unnamed individual “What are you bearing?”

Isaiah ¹¹Thus says the LORD,
the Holy One of Israel and its Fashioner:

The LORD “Ask me concerning things to come;
will you command Me concerning my children and concerning
the work of My hands?

154. Our all-powerful God is in control of all things, including peace and calamity (the Hebrew word *ra'* is sometimes difficult to translate; it can mean “calamity,” “evil,” “of little worth,” “reprobate,” and so forth).

¹² I made the earth,
and I have created the human upon it.

It is I; My hands stretched out the heavens,
and commanded all their hosts.

¹³ It is I; I have aroused him in righteousness,
and I will make straight all his ways;

he will build My city
and set free My exiles,

not for price
nor reward.”

Isaiah says the LORD of Hosts.

NATIONS WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THE LORD (45:14-17)

Isaiah ¹⁴ Thus says the LORD,

The LORD “The wealth of Egypt, and the merchandise of Cush,
and the Sabeans, people of stature,

will pass over to you and be yours;
they will walk behind you.

They will pass over to you in chains, and bow down to you;
they will make supplications:

People of stature ‘Surely God is with you,
and there is none other save God.’”

Isaiah ¹⁵ Truly You are a God who hides Yourself,

O God of Israel,
the Savior.

¹⁶ All of them are shamed and confounded;
together they walk in confusion, the makers of idols.

¹⁷ Israel is saved by the LORD
with an everlasting salvation.

The LORD (to His people) You will not be shamed
nor confounded for all eternity.

THE LORD IS GOD OF THE WHOLE EARTH (45:18-25)

Isaiah ¹⁸ For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens,
He is God, who fashioned the earth

and made it.
 He established it;
 He did create it—not a chaos—
 He formed it to be inhabited.

The LORD “I am the LORD,
 and there is no other.

¹⁹ I did not speak in secret at a place in the land of darkness;
 I did not say to the seed of Jacob, ‘Seek Me in chaos.’

I, the LORD, speak the truth,
 declaring what is right.

²⁰ Assemble yourselves and come;
 draw near, survivors of nations.

They who carry their idol of wood know nothing;
 they who pray to a god that cannot save.

²¹ Declare and bring it forth.
 Let them counsel together.

Who announced this long ago?
 Was it not I, the LORD, who declared it of old?

And there is no other God beside Me, a righteous God
 and the Savior; there is none besides Me.

²² Turn to Me and be saved,
 all ends of the earth,

for I am God,
 and there is no other.

²³ I have sworn by Myself;
 righteousness has gone forth from My mouth,
 and a word that will not return.

For every knee will bow,
 and every tongue will swear to Me.

²⁴ Moreover, let it be said:

Unnamed individuals ‘Only in the LORD are righteousness and strength!
 To Him will come all who were angry against Him, and they
 will be ashamed.

²⁵ Through the LORD, all the seed of Israel will become righteous,
 and they will glory.”