

# Sovereign Over All

Text: Isaiah 45

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## I. God's call of Cyrus demonstrates His sovereignty over rulers (Isa. 45:1-8).

Isaiah calls Cyrus God's shepherd, indicating that he would be a leader of God's people.

God appointed Cyrus as shepherd over His people and used him as a close personal assistant to a divine mission to accomplish a specific task.

How did Cyrus accomplish God's divine plan? Not only did he deliver God's people, he defeated nations and stripped kings of their power.

Through Jehovah's using of Cyrus to free His people, the king would clearly know that the God of the Jews had directed his ways.

Despite the nation's refusal to know their God, Jehovah would deliver them by His grace and power.

From the beginning back to their fathers to now, God loved His people even in their state of rebellion. Just as God used the Assyrians and Babylonians to punish His people, God used Cyrus as a Divine agent of compassion to set the Jews free. Jehovah singled out Cyrus, called him by name, and empowered him "as a testimony to Himself, to Israel, and to the nations of the world, that He alone is the omnipotent, omniscient, and sovereign God, the God of the impossible" (Buksbazen 362).

Another reason that God chose Cyrus was so that the nations and world would know there is only one true God and no one else.

The actions of Cyrus will be a memorial to the work and wisdom of the only true God.

The whole world would be given the opportunity for redemption and the whole world is without excuse in knowing there is truly no one else.

## II. God's Creation demonstrates His sovereignty over His choices (Isa. 45:9-13).

It is absurd to think that Israel can complain to God about what He will perform in the future.

Isn't it amazing that the all-wise, omnipotent Creator declares that He will bring righteousness and salvation to the world and that He will deliver His people using Cyrus, and yet they declare that His promises are not possible? In this he or she has declared that God is not wise, capable, or able to do what He says. For this God says, Woe"!

God has the right and the knowledge to make them a vessel of His pleasure and to work His divine purpose. God wants us to ask Him but to never doubt or question Him from a position of the creation claiming we know better than the Creator.

## III. God's sovereignty over the Jews will cause the nations to worship God (Isa. 45:14-17).

Once and for all God has not just proven His sovereign control, but the world now believes that God is God alone and above all idols of those nations.

## IV. God's sovereign purpose in Creation (Isa. 45:18-25).