

## ***“Fundamentals in Captivity”*** ***Isaiah 45***

### **Cyrus the Tool V. 1-8**

“Anointed” V. 1 – Chosen one. God has specifically chosen Cyrus for this task. This is the only time in Isaiah that the word ‘anointed’ is used that does not refer to the Messiah.

“I Will” V. 1-3 – God will lead, direct, and empower Cyrus over the other nations for the purpose of deliverance.

“By Name” V. 3-4 – This phrase is used several times to highlight the specific predictive prophecy God is communicating.

“No Other” V.5-6 – God alone is unique and sovereign. He knows and equips Cyrus even when Cyrus does not know God.

“Light and Dark” V. 7 – God is not like the gods of Babylon (Marduk – god of time and space) or Persia (Ashura-Mazda – the uncreated creator). He is the only God.

“Salvation and Righteousness” V. 8 – The purpose is so that Israel will know salvation and righteousness, that God is God alone, and so that Cyrus will know.

### ***Deuteronomy 32:1-43***

### **Contend Not V. 9-13**

“Woe” V. 9-10 – A declaration of condemnation is made on those that “strive” with God. They set out not just to question but to contend and challenge God’s authority. They challenge God’s plan right before the completion of it. ***Romans 9:14-29***

The Maker and Owner V. 11-12 – God as the creator and owner of the universe has the right to fulfill His plans in any way He wants, even through a pagan king.

“In Righteousness” V. 13 – This refers to God not Cyrus. God fulfills His plans in righteousness for the purpose of righteousness.

### **Savior of the World V. 14-25**

“Put to Shame” V. 14-17 – The idols of the world produce nothing but shame then the nations watch in awe as God fulfills ALL of His promises. ***Ezra 2:64-67***

“Seek Me” V. 18-19 – God will do all this. God asks only one thing seek me holding nothing back. ***Matthew 6:25-34***

“Survivors” V. 20-21 – The idols of the world have failed the worshippers and they come before God with the useless idols in their hands marveling at the one true God.

“Be Saved” V. 22-25 – This is an open invitation to the world to turn from their idols, turn to God and receive salvation for God is God alone as evidenced by His provision for Israel. ***Philippians 2:1-11***

### **Discussion Questions**

In what way has God used you as a tool this week?

In what ways have you contended with God this week?

What have you sought after this week?

### **Homework**

**Read *Isaiah Ch. 46***

**Answer the following questions:**

1. What does God's Word say? List the facts.
2. What does God's Word mean? Learn the lessons.
3. What does God's Word mean to me? Listen to His voice.
4. How will I respond to God's Word today? Live it out.

**Seek after God daily this week and ask Him to use you as a tool in someone's life this week.**