

Thursday Evening Bible Study
Series: The Book of Isaiah

Teaching Summary for Week 82

Isaiah Chapter 45:14-25

The overarching theme of this section: the LORD God of Israel is the only God, and also the only Savior (v. 21 b).

Here is a high-level outline of this section.

Paragraph 1	Isaiah 45:14-17	Everlasting salvation for Israel: <i>“Israel has been saved by the LORD with an everlasting salvation (verse 17)”.</i>
Paragraph 2	Isaiah 45:18-25	The LORD will provide salvation for all the nations, who will worship and praise Him: <i>“Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth. For I am God, and there is no other (verse 22).”</i>

Verse-by-verse

Last week, we completed verses 14-17. So we pick things up tonight with verse 18 and paragraph 2.

Verse 18: God had a purpose and a plan for the redemption of the human race going all the way back to the creation of the heavens and the earth. See **Genesis 1:1, 26-31**. God did not create the earth to be empty and worthless (the Hebrew word is *tohu*); He created it to be inhabited by the man and the woman.

Verse 19: The LORD spoke to His people in a very intimate and often public manner. He was in the pillar of fire by day and the cloud by night. He spoke directly to Moses. The LORD dwelt in the Tabernacle and the Temple. He instructed Moses to meet Him at the mercy seat in the Temple. See **Exodus 25:21-22**. The word *tohu* is repeated here in verse 19 as an adverb. It means that the Lord did not say, “seek me in vain”. See **Jeremiah 29:10-14**. The LORD speaks to Israel with words of righteousness. **Psalms 119:137-144** is a great expression of the righteousness of the words of the LORD.

Verse 20a: The LORD invites all the people of the Gentile nations to come to Him.

Verse 20b: Their idols are useless. They are empty and worthless. They know nothing and cannot save. See [Seven absolute contrasts between the LORD and idols](#) on page 5 for more information.

Verses 21-22: The LORD is the Savior of the whole world. This has been God’s objective from the time He formed Israel in the womb. See **Genesis 12:1-3**. He invites all of the Gentiles to turn to Him and be saved. See **Psalms 22:27** and **1 Thessalonians 1:8-10**.

At the end of the age, all opposition to God will be wiped out, and all the righteous, in Israel and in the nations, will praise God together. See **Psalm 110** and **1 Corinthians 15:20-28**.

God's plans cannot fail. His will establish a worldwide kingdom populated by the righteous, whom He will have saved out of every nation. See **Isaiah 2:1-4; 11:10; 60:1-4**. God calls His Servant (the Lord Jesus Christ) to accomplish this. See **Isaiah 42:1, 6; 49:5-7; Psalm 2:7-8; Daniel 7:13-14, 27; Matthew 25:31-34**.

Verse 23: The LORD's word has gone forth, and will not return to Him empty. See **Isaiah 55:10-11**. When the LORD is installed on His throne, all the people, both the righteous and the wicked, will worship Him and praise Him. See **Romans 14:11; and Philippians 2:9-11**.

Verses 24-25: Those who call upon the name of the LORD will be saved. Those who do not (refusing in their anger) will be put to shame.

"All the offspring of Israel" verse 25 refers to Israel's descendants according to the promise, not the flesh. See **Romans 2:28-29 and 9:6-8**.

This remnant of believing Israelites will be justified. They will all be righteous. **Isaiah 53:11; 60:21; and Romans 11:25-26**.

God in His word often declares the contrary destinies of the righteous and the wicked. See **Psalm 1; Psalm 37:35-40; Matthew 13:36-43; 25:31-33,34,41,46; John 3:18, 36; 5:28-29; Revelation 21:7-8,14-15**.

Seven absolute contrasts in Isaiah between the LORD and idols

1. The LORD God carries His people, Isaiah 41:10, 13; 46:3-4.
 - a. The idols are carried by their people, Isaiah 45:20.
2. The LORD speaks to His people, Isaiah 45:19, 23.
 - a. The idols cannot speak. They are made of wood. Isaiah 41:21-29 (note the word *tohu*).
3. The LORD predicts the future and fulfills His word. He is all-powerful and all-knowing, Isaiah 42:9; 43:12; 44:6-8, 21.
 - a. The idols have no knowledge, Isaiah 41:21-29; 45:20.
4. The LORD creates, forms, and establishes the heavens, the earth, and His people. Isaiah 43:7; 45:12, 18.
 - a. The mute idols are created, formed, and established by mere men, Isaiah 44:9-20.
5. The LORD is the only Savior, Isaiah 45:17, 21-22.
 - a. The gods of idols cannot save, Isaiah 45:20.
6. The LORD gives His people new strength, Isaiah 40:29-31; 41:10.
 - a. The idol brings his worshippers to shame, Isaiah 41:17; 45:16, 24.
7. The LORD acts to deliver His people, Isaiah 41:17-21; 43:1-7.
 - a. The idol can only totter on a shelf, Isaiah 41:7; 46:5-7.