

Thursday Evening Bible Study
Series: The Book of Isaiah

Teaching Summary for Week 83

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:
Paragraph 2	Isaiah 45:18-25	The LORD will provide salvation for all the nations, who will worship and praise Him:

Verse-by-verse

We have now completed our verse-by-verse study of verses 14-20.

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**.

Eight 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; 46:1-2,7.
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.
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; 46:10-11.
 - a. The idols have no knowledge, Isaiah 41:21-29; 45:20.
4. The LORD **creates**, forms, & establishes the heavens, the earth, and His people. Isa 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; 46:13.
 - a. The gods of idols cannot save, Isa 45:20; 46:7. Their worshippers have to save them! Isa 46:1.
6. The LORD gives His people **new strength**, Isaiah 40:29-31; 41:10.
 - a. The idol saps strength and brings his worshippers to shame, Isaiah 41:17; 45:16, 24; 46:1-2.
7. The LORD acts to **deliver His people**, Isaiah 41:17-21; 43:1-7; 46:4.
 - a. The idol cannot move by itself; it only totter on a shelf, Isaiah 40:20; 41:7; 44:13; 46:2, 5-7.
8. The LORD will have **every knee bowing** before Him, Isaiah 45:22.
 - a. The gods of idols will themselves bow down, Isaiah 46:1-2.

Introduction to chapters 46-48 of Isaiah

In chapters 46-48, the LORD implores His stubborn, rebellious chosen people, Israel once more to LISTEN to HIM!

Don't let the first two verses of chapter 46 throw you off. Babylon and her false gods are simply pieces on the LORD's chessboard.

They exist only to magnify the greatness of Yahweh. In the day of crisis, when the LORD wipes out the prideful Babylonian empire and erases them from human history, their idols and magicians will be exposed as total frauds.

The LORD will be vindicated in every respect. He is the sovereign, all-powerful God, and there is none other like Him. He knows the end from the beginning. He will accomplish all His good pleasure. He predicts the future and brings it to pass. He keeps every one of the promises that He has made to His people.

He will redeem His people, even though they don't deserve it. He will do it for His own sake, that He might be glorified. The remnant of His people will be saved, and they will be righteous, and His name will be glorious.

These three chapters are marked according to the audience to whom the LORD speaks.

Chapter	Audience	Message
46	The remnant of the house of Israel	I will grant salvation in Zion (verse 13).
47	The virgin daughter of Babylon	Destruction will come upon you suddenly (verse 11).
48	The house of Jacob	The LORD has redeemed His servant Jacob (verse 20).