

The Story of Isaiah: Part 2, Chapters 40 – 66

Session 4: The LORD's 'Anointed'

Isaiah 45:1 – 48:22

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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture passages are taken from the New International Version (2011), Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

1. A Message for Cyrus (45:1-7)

- The call
- The One who calls

1. A Message for Cyrus (45:1-7)

“I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who summons you by name.”

The call

Isaiah 45:3

1. A Message for Cyrus (45:1-7)

“For the sake of Jacob
my servant, of Israel my
chosen, I summon you
by name and bestow on
you a title of honor,
though you do not
acknowledge me.”

The call

Isaiah 45:4

1. A Message for Cyrus (45:1-7)

“I am the LORD, and
there is no other; apart
from me there is no
God. I will strengthen
you, though you have
not acknowledged
me....”

The One who calls

Isaiah 45:5

1. A Message for Cyrus (45:1-7)

“...so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other.”

The One who calls

Isaiah 45:6

2. A Message for heaven & earth (45:8-25)

- The LORD's work
- The LORD's invitation

2. A Message for heaven & earth (45:8-25)

“I have not spoken in secret, from somewhere in a land of darkness; I have not said to Jacob’s descendants, ‘Seek me in vain.’ I, the LORD, speak the truth; I declare what is right.”

The LORD’s work

Isaiah 45:19

2. A Message for heaven & earth (45:8-25)

“Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.”

The LORD's invitation

Isaiah 45:22

2. A Message for heaven & earth (45:8-25)

“By myself I have sworn,
my mouth has uttered in
all integrity a word that
will not be revoked:
Before me every knee
will bow; by me every
tongue will swear.”

The LORD's
invitation

Isaiah 45:23

Compare Romans 14:11;
Philippians 2:10-11

3. A Message about other 'gods' (46:1-13)

- Babylon's idols
- Israel's reminder
- The LORD's declaration

3. A Message about other 'gods' (46:1-13)

“Bel bows down,
Nebo stoops low; their
idols are borne by
beasts of burden.”

Babylon's idols

Isaiah 46:1a

3. A Message about other 'gods' (46:1-13)

“I make known the end
from the beginning,
from ancient times,
what is still to come. I
say, ‘My purpose will
stand, and I will do all
that I please.’”

The LORD’s
declaration

Isaiah 46:10

3. A Message about other 'gods' (46:1-13)

“Listen to me, you stubborn-hearted, you who are now far from my righteousness. I am bringing my righteousness near, it is not far away; and my salvation will not be delayed.”

The LORD's declaration

Isaiah 46:12-13a

4. A Message for Babylon (47:1-15)

- Reduced to shame
- Missed the point
- Relied on the wrong voices

4. A Message for Babylon (47:1-15)

"I was angry with my people and desecrated my inheritance; I gave them into your hand, and you showed them no mercy."

Missed the point

Isaiah 47:6a

4. A Message for Babylon (47:1-15)
“You said, ‘I am forever— the eternal queen!’ But you did not consider these things or reflect on what might happen.”

Missed the point
Isaiah 47:7

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4. A Message for Babylon (47:1-15)

“They will come upon you in full measure, in spite of your many sorceries and all your potent spells.”

Relied on the wrong voices

Isaiah 47:9b

4. A Message for Babylon (47:1-15)

“All the counsel you have received has only worn you out! Let your

Relied on the wrong voices

astrologers come forward, those stargazers who make predictions month by month, let them save you from what is coming upon you.”

Isaiah 47:13

5. A Message for God's people (48:1-22)

"From now on I will tell you of new things, of hidden things unknown to you. They are created now, and not long ago; you have not heard of them before today."

New predictions

Isaiah 48:6b-7a

5. A Message for God's people (48:1-22)

“For my own name’s sake I delay my wrath; for the sake of my praise I hold it back from you, so as not to destroy you completely.”

New predictions

Isaiah 48:9

5. A Message for God’s people (48:1-22)

“See, I have refined you, though not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.”

New predictions

Isaiah 48:10

5. A Message for God’s people (48:1-22)

“If only you had paid
attention to my
commands, your peace
would have been like a
river, your well-being
like the waves of the
sea.”

A renewed call

Isaiah 48:18

5. A Message for God’s people (48:1-22)

“There is no peace,
says the LORD, ‘for the
wicked.’”

A renewed call
Isaiah 48:22

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Conclusion	
Previous Weeks:	God will get what He wants through His chosen servants.
This Week:	His work in the past should teach us this truth.

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