

Questions

1. As the people of Judah had witnessed what happened to their brethren from Israel at the hands of the Israelites, what might they have thought would be the outcome if the Babylonians did succeed in conquering Judah?
2. What are some of the clues in Isaiah 45 that mere rescue from bad circumstances in life is not enough; that God is more concerned that the people see how He saves sinners?
3. How have you experienced the Lord's grace in Him providing relief for burdens you have tried to carry? Are you carrying a burden in your heart today that you need to rest before the Lord?
4. How does knowing that the Lord will humble the arrogant cause you to pray for unbelievers who have rejected Him? How does it also assure you of God's justice?
5. How does the Lord instruct you? How are you actively receiving His wisdom on a regular basis? Is there an area where you are struggling to obey His instruction? Pray now for the empowering work of Christ to help you listen and obey.

*After each service, if you need prayer,
someone will be available up front to pray with or for you.*

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Come and Listen

Isaiah 45:18 – 48:22

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Yahweh concludes His judgment of the worthlessness of idols and the sin of their makers, by spelling out again how He will rescue His people from Babylon and expose their empty gods. He will also show that His rescue of them is small in comparison to four other great works He does among man.

The Babylonian siege of Jerusalem, that started around 597 BC and ended with the city destroyed in 586 and the people killed or taken captive, would lead many Jews to two conclusions:

1. Their God was defeated; His Temple was destroyed.
2. They were done as a people, much as they had seen happen to their Israelite brethren at Assyrian hands.

1. The Lord saves (45:18-25)

Because the Lord saves, sinners should turn to Him and be saved.

2. The Lord carries (46:1-4)

Because the Lord carries, we should lay our burdens down and rest in Him (Matt 11:28-30; 1 Peter 5:7).

3. The Lord humbles the arrogant (47)

Because the Lord humbles, we can rest in His justice and pray for the repentance of those who are proud before Him.

4. The Lord instructs (48)

Because the Lord instructs, we must listen and obey Him.