Isaiah: Behold Your God!

The LORD Names Cyrus
Lesson 11
Isaiah 43-45

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School
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Isaiah – 1-39 and 40-66

Historical setting
– Book 1: Assyrian invasion; Jerusalem spared
– Book 2: Babylonian captivity; Cyrus decrees the return

Lesson from history
– Book 1: The LORD will rescue Jerusalem at the end of the age
– Book 2: The LORD will restore Israel in their land in that day

Isaiah’s message:
– Behold your God – Know God, His person, work and ways
– The just shall live by faith – Trust God
Outline of Book 2 (Isaiah 40-66)

- Comfort in the Sovereign God (40-48)
- Comfort in God the Deliverer (49-59)
- Comfort in the Kingdom of God (60-66)
- “Truly, You are a God who hides Himself, O God of Israel, Savior” (Isaiah 45:15)
Comfort in the Sovereign God (40-48)

- 40 – The incomparable God is coming with wrath and blessing
- 41 – The conqueror and the failed servant
- 42 – My Servant with My Spirit and my blind servant
- Jeremiah’s commentary in 30:12-16; 50:17-20; 51:5
- 43 – The LORD’S love for Israel, His blind servant
- 44 – The plan to bless contrasted with the futility of idolatry
- 45 – Cyrus to deliver Israel and God’s plan to deliver the nations
Israel, Honored and Loved by God (43)

- The Israel of God (Galatians 6:16)
- The love of God for Israel (43:1-7)
- Israel is My witness (43:8-13)
- The LORD’S plan to deliver from Babylon (43:14-21)
- The LORD’S plan to deliver Israel (43:22-28)
The Ways of God (44)

- God’s blessing for My servant Israel (44:1-8)
- The folly of idolatry (44:9-20)
- God’s call to Israel (44:21-23)
- God’s plan to use Cyrus (44:24-28)
Cyrus, the Anointed of God (45)

- The LORD presents Cyrus, His anointed (45:1-8)
- The LORD responds to questions about his ways (45:9-17)
- The LORD looks beyond the deliverance by Cyrus (45:18-25)
Lesson 11: The Lord Names Cyrus

- The God who hides Himself is the God who reveals Himself in the Word
- Behold your God!
- His ways are beyond our imagination so search the Scripture
- He loves His people and will be faithful and righteous with them
- The just shall live by faith – trust in Him for salvation and for daily living