

## **A Study of the Prophets**

### **O.T. Survey Lesson 130--Isaiah 44:24-45:25**

**Introduction:** God shows His greatness in naming and using the Persian king Cyrus to restore His people to their homeland and rebuild the temple. Isaiah announces these things many years before Cyrus was born. The fulfillment is recorded in Ezra 1:1-4.

**Lesson aim:** To show how God named and raised to power a king who would accomplish His purposes.

### **God identifies Cyrus as His servant--Isaiah 44:24-25:8**

1. What does God affirm that He does in v. 24-26? What purpose does God reveal that He has spoken? (v. 26-27)
2. What is the name of the king God prophesied that He would use to accomplish His purposes? (v. 28) What does God say to Cyrus? (45:1-3)
3. For whose sake does God say He has raised Cyrus to world dominion? (v. 4)
4. What will God's use of Cyrus reveal about Himself? (v. 5-7)

### **God answers Israel's objections--Isaiah 45:9-13**

1. What warning does God issue to those who might have challenged His use of a pagan king to accomplish His purposes? (v. 9-10)
2. What does God prophecy that Cyrus will do? (v. 13)

**God reveals the effects of Israel's redemption--Isaiah 45:14-19**

1. What are the Gentile people's pictured as doing after Israel's redemption? (v. 14)
2. What are those who have worshipped idols pictured as doing? (v. 16) How will Israel be different? (v. 17)

**God invites the Gentiles to serve Him--Isaiah 45:20-25**

1. What does God say about those who worship idols? (v. 20)
2. What invitation does God issue to the nations? (v. 22)
3. What oath does God make? (v. 23) What use does Paul make of this oath in Rom. 14:11-12?
4. All of the offspring of Israel will be justified and will glory in whom? (v. 25)