

Isaiah 45 Prophesy of the Saviour Part 1 of 2

1 Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;

Clarke Lee's Commentary: God is prophesying of King Cyrus, who will appear on the scene of life in about 200 years, and telling him; I am going to use you to bring my people, Israel, out of captivity, and to return them unto their land of promise, and to Jerusalem their worship center. This gives the prophetic picture of Christ, incarnate, coming into the world, and delivering God's people, from the bondage of their sins, and from their satanic slave master. This shows us that our Promised Land is the church established by Jesus Christ and Jerusalem, the city, is the congregated church body and the center of worship is to be Christ our Saviour and God the Father.

Many commentators say that the two leaved gates are the gates to the city of Babylon in which many of the Israelites were captive. Others think that it is the gates of the cities that God will move the keepers thereof to open and be brought under the kingship of Cyrus without war being waged upon them. When we look at verse 2 we see that this is a fairly sure answer because God is telling King Cyrus that He will open the gates and those that don't open willingly He will destroy.

As we consider this thought of the two leaved gates being opened before King Cyrus, who is yet to come into existence, we see a prophetic picture of what will happen in the first coming of Christ, when Christ incarnate comes, and in the second coming of Christ, when Christ the eternal King comes.

In the first coming, in incarnation, Christ overcame the penalty of death for sin that was holding God's people captive under the law commandments. By coming into the world and giving himself on the cross; Christ Jesus established the church of grace and opened the doors of salvation by grace to all of God's chosen people, both Jew and Gentile. Christ, himself being the door through which all must enter to be saved, opened this door and none can shut it.

Well, what about the gates shall not be shut? This takes us to the second coming of Christ when he will come as King Jesus and gather unto himself all of God's people. Scripture teaches us that all God's people shall be carried to that place that Christ has gone to prepare for them. That place is a city where the gates are never shut as seen in: ***Re 21:25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.*** You will need to read the whole Revelation 21 to get the whole picture but for space sake we do not include it all here in this writing.

When God's people are resurrected, and changed, and delivered to this place there will be no more captivity nor bondage to sin and satan. All will be peace and love and joy everlasting. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! Praise, our Saviour and Lord, King Jesus for his completed work of eternal salvation for all of God's people!

2 I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:

Clarke Lee's Commentary: God is telling King Cyrus, God is going to bring the deliverance of God's people to fruition by using him, and granting to him the power necessary to bring this about in his lifetime. God is going to demonstrate this to King Cyrus, by giving to him the ability to capture the places where God's people are prisoner. God will, in some cases, move the leaders of those holding Israel captive, to bow down to King Cyrus and give themselves up to be ruled over by him without warfare. Thus, God will free his people from the bondage of the kings and nations in which they have been scattered in captivity.

God is telling King Cyrus; I will go before you, as I went before Israel when I brought them out of Egypt, and open up all the ways necessary for King Cyrus to accomplish God's will, and deliver God's

people. This demonstrates to us; when Christ incarnate comes there will be nothing that will prevent him from accomplishing the will of God the Father.

It also points out to us that in incarnation, Christ Jesus will walk the pathway uprightly and without sin, the straight way, and leave this path for God's people to follow in the age of salvation by grace. Being born again we are to no longer walk in crooked paths of sinfulness and unrighteousness. We are to take the straight way that Christ exemplified for us and walk therein. This is one of the signs of being born again that bring assurance to us, when we turn from sinfulness and unrighteousness and seek after godliness and the righteousness of our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ.

When you are born again the power of salvation by grace, manifested to us by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the new born creature, breaks down the gates of bondage to our sin nature, and gives us the power to live the life of a Christian through the power of the Holy Spirit. Praise Christ Jesus for sending the Holy Spirit to abide with us!

3 And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.

Clarke Lee's Commentary: King Cyrus is going to be the recipient of salvation by grace. How can we know this? God says to King Cyrus "***I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places,***". What are the treasures of darkness and the hidden riches of secret places? It is salvation by grace being revealed to King Cyrus. Remember that heretofore, God has come to earth in clouds of darkness; for no mortal may look upon the face of God and live. God says to Cyrus, I am going to reveal to you my power of salvation, and thereby you shall know who I am and what I am to you. I am your Saviour and the Saviour of my own people.

This assurance is a pictured for us in scripture in: ***Joh 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*** When King Cyrus is given the light of Christ to see that he is God's instrument of salvation to his people the darkness will no longer shroud his mind and he will see with clarity. That is the same thing that happens when we are born again. We were dead and lost but now we see.

4 For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me. 5 I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:

Clarke Lee's Commentary: God tells King Cyrus; "***I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee***" when you are born into the world you will have the name I have given you 200 years before you were born. When you come into the destined kingship, you will be presented with this eulogy (surname means eulogy) which was given 200 years before you had life, so that your faith in my power will be unshakable, and you will understand that your being is because of the work and purpose of God.

Heretofore; you have not known who I am, but when you are given my message of old; you will know who and what I am. In other words; you were dead and alienated to me before; but now I am making you alive, in new birth, and you will henceforth be my servant and follow all my instruction in delivering my people.

Just as God made this prophetic promise, and we know that scripture supports that it happened just like God said it would, we have also in scripture, the promise of the coming of the Messiah, what his name would be called, and what he would accomplish as prophesied by scripture, the salvation of God's people.

6 That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.

Clarke Lee's Commentary: Who are "**they**"? They are all those who are holding God's people captive. God has already demonstrated this to the world, and Israel, in the deliverance of Israel out of Egypt. When King Cyrus comes onto the scene of life; he will accomplish all that God has appointed to him. When he has accomplished the God appointed task, the entire world will know that he is God's servant, and that God is all powerful and none can stay his hand.

The prophetic picture of this is; the final deliverance of God's people, in the end of time, all people, and satanic powers, shall know that God is all-powerful, and that God does as He will on earth and in heaven.

The hope of every Child of Grace; which Christ will free in eternity, is that all of God's people will be freed eternally from the bondage of sin and satanic evil. They believe that Christ has gone to prepare a place for them and that He will deliver them to that place.

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