

God on display

Isaiah ch. 45 (it starts at 44.24) is a remarkable message.

- It predicts that the emperor Cyrus – whom it names, 120 years before he was born – will shepherd the Jews from exile to rebuild Jerusalem and its temple.
- As a result many people will acknowledge God's uniqueness and join them
- It calls people everywhere to turn to God and be saved, for every knee will bow before him.

So

- God uses even emperors who don't believe in him. That is sovereign.
- No other being can tell the future. This is substantial evidence for God.
- How committed God is to his people and his plans.

There is benefit for us in every section.

44.24-28 '*Israel*, I'll get you home'

- **The God who is faithful**

45.1-8 '*Cyrus*, I've anointed you to that task'

- **The God who is sovereign**

45.9-17 '*Israel*, Do you question my ways?'

- **The God to revere**

45.18-25 '*Nations*, turn to me to be saved'

- **The God to choose**