

We Cast Down Our Idols, Part 3
Using the Idolater to Awaken the Idolatrous
Isaiah 45:1-7

- I. Introduction: An Issue With The Text
 - A. Which Cyrus? An issue of date & prophecy
 - B. Which Isaiah? An issue of author and prophecy
 - C. Why this matters
 - 1. What do we presuppose about God's Word?
 - 2. How do we interpret events?
 - 3. How did they read/write history?
- II. Cyrus II – Showing God's Incredible Glory
 - A. Cyrus was a pagan king
 - 1. Incredible military might
 - 2. Powerful political thinker
 - B. He allowed many peoples in captivity to go free
 - C. He allowed many peoples in to return to ancient worship
 - D. He allowed many peoples to regain possession of their lands
 - E. He allowed many peoples to regain their lost identity (image)
- III. Cyrus II – Finding Jesus In The Oddest Places
 - A. In our text he is called Messiah (anointed) and Shepherd
 - 1. Typical designations for "God" in the OT
 - 2. Definite designations for Jesus in the NT
 - B. In what ways do we see the image of Jesus in this pagan King?
 - 1. Son of a mighty King
 - 2. One you restored a ruined image

- 3. One who set free the captives
- 4. One who remade a nation
- 5. One who was (essentially) responsible for the rebuilding of the Temple