

God and Politicians: See if this looks familiar.

Isaiah 45: 1-8

Cyrus is a Persian King who would be over captive Judah..

Thus says the LORD to Cyrus His anointed,

Whom God calls His "Messiah" because of the mission he would fulfill.

as God would in the same way guide Israel..

Whom I have taken by the right hand,

To subdue nations before him

.. and grant him victory over the Babylonians

And to loose the loins of kings; in their terror

To open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: No foe would oppose him

God's providential guidance of an unbeliever

2 "I will go before you and make the rough places smooth;

I will shatter the doors of bronze and cut through their iron bars. No city would stand against him

nothing could be stored for safekeeping

3 "I will give you the treasures of darkness

And hidden wealth of secret places,

No doubt, God would put His hand on them

So that you may know that it is I,

The LORD, the God of Israel, who calls you by your name. as God would name the stars so He controls All of history.

and all of this would be done for the sake of His covenant nation

4 "For the sake of Jacob My servant,

And Israel My chosen one,

I have also called you by your name; God can singularly use a politician to do His work

I have given you a title of honor

the reason he is a king is because God made him a King.

Even tho a man is an unbeliever.. Its as if God says "You don't know me but I know you."

Though you have not known Me.

5 "I am the LORD, and there is no other; Besides Me there is no God. Cyrus's false gods were no gods

"Gird"; meaning strengthen

I will gird you, though you have not known Me;

6 That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun God's Actions will be seen worldwide. "The Lord has done great things for them" Ps. 126:3

That there is no one besides Me.

men will see political things as the work of God!

I am the LORD, and there is no other,

7 The One forming light and creating darkness, Causing well-being and creating calamity; The God who can judge Israel's enemies..

I am the LORD who does all these.

.. and then bestow His blessings like rain from above

8 "Drip down O heavens, from above,

And let the clouds pour down righteousness; "righteousness"; God acts faithfully in Judging and in showing His covenant of mercies..

and life and blessing and Israel's "salvation" or deliverance from slavery will come

Let the earth open up and salvation bear fruit,

And righteousness spring up with it. I, the LORD, have created it. and a nation of renewed devotion

God MADE something out of nothing.

- check out Ezra and Nehemiah for the righteous effect on ISRAEL.