

SERMON NOTES

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PREDICTION: CYRUS AND GOD'S PEOPLE (PART 10-KINGDOM SERIES)

Key Scripture: “Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.” **Isaiah 46:10**

1. God Declares the End from the Beginning

- **Isaiah 46:9-10**
 - God is never reacting to events—He is revealing what He has already purposed.

2. God's Plan Existed Before Time

- **Ephesians 1:4**
- **John 17:24**
- **Revelation 13:8**
 - God chose His people before the foundation of the world.
 - Redemption was planned before creation itself.
 - Our lives are not accidents. God knew us and prepared His plan for us before we were born.

3. God Knows Us and Calls Us by Name

- **Isaiah 43:1** “I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.”
 - God's relationship with His people is personal.
 - He forms us, redeems us, knows our names, and claims us as His own.

4. Cyrus: A King Named Before His Birth

- **Isaiah 44:28**
 - Approximately 150 years before Cyrus was born, Isaiah wrote: “He is my shepherd.”
 - God specifically named Cyrus before he existed.
 - This remarkable prophecy demonstrates God's foreknowledge, sovereignty, control over kingdoms and His faithfulness to Israel.

5. God Raises Leaders for His Purposes

- **Isaiah 45:1-7**
- Although Cyrus did not initially know the Lord:
 - God anointed him for a divine assignment.
 - God opened doors before him.
 - God broke barriers.
 - God gave him victory.
 - God used a pagan king to fulfill His covenant promises.
 - God is not limited to using only believers. He rules over every nation and every ruler.

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6. The Seventy-Year Captivity

- Jeremiah's Prophecy - **Jeremiah 25:11-12**
- Israel would remain in Babylon for 70 years.
 - **Daniel 1:1** – Judah taken captive.
 - **Daniel 5** – Babylon falls.
 - **Daniel 9:2** – Daniel understands Jeremiah's prophecy.
- Daniel recognized that God's appointed time had arrived.

7. Prophecy Becomes History

- After Babylon fell, Cyrus issued a decree.
- **2 Chronicles 36:22-23**
- **Ezra 1:1-8**
- The decree allowed:
 - the Jews to return home,
 - the Temple to be rebuilt,
 - the sacred vessels to be restored,
 - worship to begin again.

8. God's Word Never Fails

- **Isaiah 44:24**
 - God alone created all things, directs history, confirms His Word, and fulfills His promises.
 - Every prophecy demonstrates God's faithfulness.

9. We Are Chosen for God's Purpose

- **John 15:16** “You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.”
- God chooses people with purpose.