

“WERE YOU SURPRISED BY GOD LAST YEAR?”

ISAIAH 44:21—45:6

INTRODUCTION — WHEN YOU LOOKED BACK TO 2012, DID IT SHAKE
YOUR FAITH FOR THE FUTURE? WHAT ARE WE TO DO ABOUT IT?

A. THE MAJOR THEMES IN ISAIAH

1. THE LORD IS KING
2. THE SINFULNESS OF GOD'S OWN PEOPLE
3. THE PROMISE OF EXILE AND RESTORATION TO THE LAND

B. REMEMBER THESE THINGS

1. GOD FORMED THEM FROM THE WOMB TO BE _____ v.21,24
2. THEIR TRANSGRESSIONS ARE LIKE THE CLOUDS v. 22
3. GOD CREATED HEAVEN & EARTH,
COMMANDING THEM TO PRAISE HIM v.24
4. HE _____ CREATED ALL THINGS.

C. GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER THE BELIEVER AND THE UNBELIEVER

1. GOD WILL MAKE WISE FOOLISH v.25
2. GOD WILL CONFIRM THE WORD OF HIS MESSENGERS v.26
3. THE PROMISE OF RESTORATION WILL COME TO PASS

D. WHEN GOD'S WAYS ARE OFFENSIVE AND CONFUSING

1. WHAT? DID GOD USE AN IDOLATER? WHY?
2. USING CYPRUS WAS NOT 'THE KING' OF OFFENSES
3. GOD PROMISED TO RAISE UP AN ANOINTED _____

CLOSING WORDS

✓ MANY TIMES WE WON'T UNDERSTAND GOD'S WILL — WE MUST
WALK BY _____ AND NOT BY SIGHT. 2 COR. 5:7

✓ USE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO POINT OTHERS TO _____

✠ AMEN ✠