

Isaiah 45:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

Analysis

God's creative credentials are restated: 'I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.' The Hebrew 'tsavah' (commanded) shows the heavenly host (stars, angels) obey His orders. Creator has absolute authority over creation.

Historical Context

This reaffirms God's qualifications to use Cyrus as He pleases. The One who commands celestial hosts can certainly direct earthly kings.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does God's role as Creator establish His right to direct human affairs?
2. What does it mean that God commands the heavenly host?

Interlinear Text

אֶתְכָּם בְּכָל אֶתְנָסָתְךָ יְהִי אָמֵן
H595 I have made the earth man and created H589
H6213 H776 H120 H5921 H1254
עַל יְמֵינֶךָ יְהִי אָמֵן
H3027 H5186 H8064 H3605 H6635
עַל יְמֵינֶךָ יְהִי אָמֵן
upon it I even my hands have stretched out the heavens and all their host
have I commanded
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 44:24 (Parallel theme): Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;

Isaiah 42:5 (Creation): Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

Jeremiah 27:5 (Creation): I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me.

Nehemiah 9:6 (Creation): Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that

are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

Genesis 2:1 (Parallel theme): Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

Isaiah 45:18 (Creation): For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

Jeremiah 32:17 (Creation): Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:

Hebrews 11:3 (Creation): Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Isaiah 40:28 (Parallel theme): Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

Zechariah 12:1 (Parallel theme): The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.