

Isaiah 45:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

God's creative purpose is declared: He 'created the heavens...formed the earth and made it...established it, created it not in vain ('tohu'), formed it to be inhabited.' The Hebrew 'tohu' (formlessness, emptiness, chaos) from Genesis 1:2 shows God's intention was habitation, not chaos. Creation has purpose; existence has meaning.

Historical Context

This addresses exiles wondering if God's purposes had failed. Just as creation was purposefully formed for inhabitation, so God's purposes for Israel will be fulfilled.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does knowing God created the earth 'to be inhabited' affect your sense of purpose?
2. What does it mean that God's creative purposes are not chaotic but intentional?

Interlinear Text

כֹּה	אָמַר	יְהוָה	בְּרָאָה	הַשָּׁמַיִם	וְהָאֵרֶץ
H3588	H3541	For thus saith	I am the LORD	it he created	the heavens
	H559		H3068	H1254	H8064
הָאֵלֹהִים	יָצַרְהָ	הָאֶרֶץ	וַעֲשָׂהּ	וְהָאֵרֶץ	כֹּונֶה
God	he formed	the earth	and made	it he hath established	
H430	H3335	H776	H6213	H1931	H3808
					H3559
לֹא	בְרָאָה	לְשָׁכָה	יָצַרְהָ	אֲנִי	יְהוָה
it not in vain	it he created	it to be inhabited	he formed		I am the LORD
H8414	H1254	H3427	H3335	H589	H3068
עוֹד:	וְאֵין				
H369	H5750				

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 115:16 (References Lord): The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

Isaiah 45:12 (Creation): 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.

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 10:12 (Creation): He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.

Genesis 1:2 (References God): And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Jeremiah 51:15 (Creation): He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding.

Genesis 1:28 (References God): And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 1:26 (References God): And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Genesis 9:1 (References God): And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.