

Isaiah 45:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.

Analysis

God promises Cyrus 'treasures of darkness' and 'hidden riches of secret places.' Babylon's wealth was legendary - gold, silver, and precious objects accumulated from conquered nations. The purpose: 'that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.' The Hebrew 'qara beshem' (call by name) indicates personal identification.

Historical Context

Cyrus gained access to Babylon's vast treasury, using this wealth to fund the Jewish return and temple rebuilding (Ezra 1:4). God's purposes were served by pagan plunder.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does God use worldly wealth and resources to accomplish His spiritual purposes?
2. What does it mean that God calls you by name, identifying you personally?

Interlinear Text

וְנָתַתִּי י	לְךָ	אוֹצָרֹת	חֹשֶׁךְ	וּמִסְתָּמִּי י	
And I will give	H0	thee the treasures	of darkness	and hidden riches	
H5414		H214	H2822	H4301	
מִסְתָּרִים	לְמַעַן	תֵּדַע	כִּי	אֲנִי י	יְהוָה
of secret places	H4616	that thou mayest know	H3588	H589	that I the LORD
H4565		H3045			H3068
הַקּוֹרֵא	בְּשֵׁמֶךָ	אֵלֹהִים י	יִשְׂרָאֵל:		
which call	thee by thy name	am the God	of Israel		
H7121	H8034	H430	H3478		

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 43:1 (References Lord): But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

Isaiah 48:15 (Parallel theme): I, even I, have spoken; yea, I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous.

Exodus 33:12 (References Lord): And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight.

Ezra 1:2 (References God): Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

Exodus 33:17 (References Lord): And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.

Jeremiah 50:37 (Parallel theme): A sword is upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mingled people that are in the midst of her; and they shall become as women: a sword is upon her treasures; and they shall be robbed.

Isaiah 49:1 (References Lord): Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.

Jeremiah 51:53 (References Lord): Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, yet from me shall spoilers come unto her, saith the LORD.

Isaiah 41:23 (References God): Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together.

Jeremiah 41:8 (Parallel theme): But ten men were found among them that said unto Ishmael, Slay us not: for we have treasures in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. So he forbore, and slew them not among their brethren.