

Isaiah 46:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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:

Analysis

God's ability to declare 'the end from the beginning' demonstrates His absolute sovereignty over history, not as fatalistic determinism but as purposeful providence. The phrase 'My counsel shall stand' (Hebrew: ya'qum) means established, fulfilled, accomplished - God's decreed will cannot be thwarted. This foundational to Reformed theology's confidence in divine election, effectual calling, and certain glorification.

Historical Context

This prophecy specifically anticipated Cyrus (named in 44:28, 45:1) freeing Israel 150 years future, demonstrating God's exhaustive foreknowledge. The fulfillment validated biblical prophecy against pagan divination.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does God's control over history's 'end' from its 'beginning' give you peace about current events?
2. What areas of life do you struggle to trust God's sovereign counsel?

Interlinear Text

מִגִּיד	מִרְאשִׁית	אַחֵר יֵת	וּמִקֵּדָם	לֹא אֶשֶׁר	לֹא
Declaring	from the beginning	the end	and from ancient times		
H5046	H7225	H319	H6924	H834	H3808
אֶעֱשֶׂה:	אֵמֶר	עֲצָתִי	תִּקַּח וּמִ	חֶפְצִי	אֶעֱשֶׂה:
and I will do	saying	My counsel	shall stand	all my pleasure	and I will do
H6213	H559	H6098	H6965	H2656	H6213

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 19:21 (Parallel theme): There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

Psalms 33:11 (Parallel theme): The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Isaiah 43:13 (Parallel theme): Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?

Isaiah 45:21 (Parallel theme): Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.

Proverbs 21:30 (Parallel theme): There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.

Psalms 135:6 (Parallel theme): Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

Acts 5:39 (Parallel theme): But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.

Isaiah 44:7 (Parallel theme): And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them.

Isaiah 46:11 (Parallel theme): Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.

Hebrews 6:17 (Parallel theme): Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

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