

Isaiah 48:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I, even I, have spoken; yea, I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous.

Analysis

The emphatic 'I, even I, have spoken' and 'I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous' establishes direct divine agency in Cyrus's success. The repeated first-person pronouns stress that God personally, actively controls history - not abstract fate or human achievement. This undergirds confidence that what God decrees will certainly come to pass.

Historical Context

Cyrus's unprecedented success - conquering from India to Egypt in 29 years - seemed impossible, yet God promised and delivered. His religious tolerance policy allowing Jewish return was anomalous for ancient conquerors, requiring divine intervention.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

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 God's personal agency ('I, even I') in raising Cyrus encourage you about His control of current world events?
2. What 'impossibilities' must you trust God to orchestrate for His redemptive purposes?

Interlinear Text

בְּרִיאַת־יְהוָה	קְרָאת־יְהוָה	אַתָּה	אַתָּה	אַתָּה	אַתָּה	אַתָּה
H589	H589	I even I have spoken	H637	yea I have called	him I have brought	H935
		H1696		H7121		
וְהַצֵּל יְהוָה	וְרָקֵב					
prosperous	him and he shall make his way	H6743	H1870			

Additional Cross-References

Joshua 1:8 (Parallel theme): This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Psalms 45:4 (Parallel theme): And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.