

How often we want to put forward our human ideas and wisdom but it is only through God's wisdom that anything be done. He turns the wise men backward--He says that Jerusalem which is bare and desolate, that she will inhabited. The cities of Judah the same thing. He will cause the great rivers of Mesopotamia to dry up. He will reduce the powers of mighty Mesopotamia and of Cyrus--the man from the Persia, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure. Thus said the Lord to his anointed or Messiah. The Lord declares that through Cyrus Jerusalem is going to be built. This first verse can be taken both ways but if one were false it would be mighty important that you said which but here one can take it in either sense and both be correct. They say certain things are going to happen, that is the idolators but they don't come to pass. But God's messengers says something will happen and He sees to it that it does. Of course Israel was the servant through whom His Son was sent into the world. In v. 28 it is Cyrus that gives the command and God uses him to give the command then in ch. 45 He sets Cyrus apart as His anointed one. ILL. of preparing lessons for the Evangelical Sunday School and few of the lessons had Jesus and then some had Christ and then one member of the Committee suggested that they either all be Jesus or all Christ; the Bible doesn't restrict itself to one. Another member of the committee said that he would like them consistent and that they should use the name of Christ because that is His divine name but doesn't Jesus mean--Jehovah ~~name~~ saved. That is as divine a name as any could be. You might say that Jesus is both His human and divine Name. You say the Lord Jesus Christ. When you say Christ--is that name especially divine. There are a few prophecies in the O.T. that tell us that He is to be divine but the Jews as a whole don't expect the Messiah to be divine. They expect him to be a great one sent by God. You might say that Christ is His official name--as the Messiah and one anointed to do thme work. Certainly Cyrus was never called Jesus but he is called christ--the messiah. On the other hand Joshua is the same name as Jesus and is even given the form Jesus in the book of Hebrews. Here is one, not the one to whom the whole O.T. looks but the anointed for a special purpose to deliver the Jews. God will loose the fins of kings and open before him the two leaved gates and no one will be able to keep him.out. Can you take the 2nd verse for your self? It is a promise to Cyrus and should not be taken directly. If you are called to do a work for God