

45:18 that created the heavens." His creative power stressed throughout this verse. And verse 19, His omniscience. Verse 20. Idolatry. They have no knowledge to set up the sood of their graven image. Verse 21, again the power of God. There is none beside me. No matter how much counsel they take, they cannot overcome them, nor can they predict the future as He can. His omniscience and omnipotence together. Verse 22, deliverance again, and omniscience. Verse 23, His prediction that the time is going to come on earth that every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess, that Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. And verses 24 and 25, continuing the promises of the deliverance. "In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified and shall glory.

And then verse 1 of Chapter 46, goes right on to the them of Deliverance from exile again. Babylon spoken of. Marduk is the God of Babylon. Marduk is called lord. The Babylonian word for lord is Bel. Baal. And in later years, they no longer say Marduk, they say Bel. (It is not the Baal of the Aramaeans which is Baal, it is Bel, the Bel of the Babylonians. The same word but it is in the cognate language.

Mr. Delancy, what is your problem? (Laughter.) (Question: This expression, the world without end, in verse 17, that you find in the doxology of the church etc. What does it mean here?) ~~World~~ World without end. It means that we cannot bring it to an end.

45:17 There is nothing we can do that will destroy God's power. (Does this mean the world will not be put to shame.) No, not the world. The world can not be put to shame, but you shall not be put to shame, world without end. That is to say, no matter how long the world goes on, nothing can be done to Israel, except that God permits it. Nothing can be done against His will. You shall not be confounded, nor ashamed, world without end. To the very end of the world. (It means forever.) Yes, world without end. We often sing it in the doxology, but probably Mr. Delancy is the only one here, who has ~~caused~~ ^{planned} to wonder what it really means, but it is an expression of time - unmeasurable time.

Well then, verse one is again, addressing Babylon, And telling how the idols of Babylon, cannot overcome the power of God. They have conquered Jerusalem. They have destroyed the temple, but that is because God permitted it. Not because they were more powerful. He says in verse 7, these idols bow down together. They could not deliver but are themselves gone into captivity." I expect this reminds everybody