**Sermon Notes | December 17, 2023  
An Unlikely Journey Home**

*This is what the Lord says— the Holy One of Israel, and its Maker: Concerning things to come, do you question me about my children, or give me orders about the work of my hands? 12 It is I who made the earth and created mankind on it. own hands stretched out the heavens; I marshaled their starry hosts.*

*13 “I will raise up Cyrus in my righteousness: I will make all his ways straight. He will rebuild my city and set my exiles free” but not for a price or reward, says the Lord Almighty.”*  ***-- Isaiah 45:11-13***

**1. Though \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we are not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*Concerning things to come,  
    do you question me about my children,  
    or give me orders about the work of my hands?*

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*It is I who made the earth  
    and created mankind on it.  
My own hands stretched out the heavens;  
    I marshaled their starry hosts.*

**2. We see \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , God sees a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*“I will raise up Cyrus in my righteousness: I will make all his ways straight. He will rebuild my city and set my exiles free”*

**3. The original \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was launched through a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***2****In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.****2****(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)****3****And everyone went to their own town to register. Luke 2*