### Isaiah

## Chapter 46

1‘Bel has fallen and Dagon is broken;  
 For their images were bound to wild beasts and cattle,  
 And the load proved to be just too heavy,  
 So they tired and fainted from hunger.  
 2Thus, they were unable to save them in war,  
 And they too were taken as captives.  
  
 3‘Listen to Me, O house of Jacob!  
 O house of IsraEl, listen to this!  
 You’re the ones whom I raised from the belly  
 And the ones I’ve corrected since childhood  
 4Until the time you grew up.  
  
 ‘I am and [will be] until you grow old…  
 I am and I’ve had to endure you.  
 But because I made [you], I’ve spared [you];  
 And once more, I’ll remake you and save you!  
  
 5‘To whom can I be compared?  
 {Look!} Contrive [and answer], O you who mislead.  
 6You’re the ones who take gold from a bag  
 And weigh out silver on the yoke of a scale,  
 Then hire smiths to make idols by hand,  
 Before which, you bow to your faces.  
  
 7‘If you carry them on your shoulders, they’ll move;  
 But, when you put them down, they just sit there.  
 For, they cannot move by themselves…  
 And if you should yell, they can’t hear you;  
 So, they are unable to save you!  
  
 8‘Consider these things and start groaning.  
 Then, change your minds, O you the misled…  
 Yes, turn around in your hearts!  
 9Remember all the things that have happened  
 Before this age came to be!  
  
 ‘I am the only true God,  
 And there are no others like Me!  
 10For, only I can tell you what happens  
 Before it ever takes place  
 And before it comes to an end.  
  
 ‘Now, I’ve [told you] that My purpose will stand  
 And all that I’ve planned, I’m going to do.  
 11So I’ve summoned the [eagle] out of the east  
 To do the things that I’ve [told you about]…  
 Yes, I made him, I’ll lead him, and he’ll do it…  
 I’m the One who will send him and prosper his ways.  
  
 12‘So hear Me, O you heartbreakers,  
 And you who’ve strayed so far from true justice!  
 13I’m the One who sent you My justice,  
 And it has never been far away.  
  
 ‘So I’ll not be slow about your salvation,  
 For Zion was appointed by Me  
 To be IsraEl’s savior and glory!’