

Isaiah46

#Gods of Babylon

46 Bel bows down, Nebo stoops low; their idols are borne by beasts of burden.[a]The images that are carried about are burdensome, a burden for the weary.

2 They stoop and bow down together; unable to rescue the burden, they themselves go off into captivity.

3 "Listen to me, you descendants of Jacob, all the remnant of the people of Israel,you whom I have upheld since your birth, and have carried since you were born.

4 Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you.I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

5 "With whom will you compare me or count me equal? To whom will you liken me that we may be compared?

6 Some pour out gold from their bags and weigh out silver on the scales;they hire a goldsmith to make it into a god, and they bow down and worship it.

7 They lift it to their shoulders and carry it; they set it up in its place, and there it stands. From that spot it cannot move.Even though someone cries out to it, it cannot answer; it cannot save them from their troubles.

8 "Remember this, keep it in mind, take it to heart, you rebels.

9 Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me.

10 I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come.I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.'

11 From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose.What I have said, that I will bring about; what I have planned, that I will do.

12 Listen to me, you stubborn-hearted, you who are now far from my righteousness.

13 I am bringing my righteousness near, it is not far away; and my salvation will not be delayed.I will grant salvation to Zion, my splendor to Israel.