

ISAIAH CHAPTER 46

¹ Bel has fallen, Nebo is broken to pieces, their graven images have gone to the wild beasts and the cattle; you take them packed up as a burden to the weary, exhausted, hungry, and *at the same time* helpless man; ² who will not be able to save themselves from war, but they themselves are led *away* captive.

³ "Hear Me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of Israel, who are borne *by Me* from the womb, and taught *by Me* from infancy, *even* unto old age. ⁴ I am *He*; and until you have grown old, I am *He*; I bear you, I have made, and I will relieve, I will take up and save you.

⁵ "To whom have you compared Me? See *and* consider, you that go astray. ⁶ They that furnish gold out of a purse, and silver by weight, will weigh it in a scale, and they hire a goldsmith and make idols, and bow down, and worship them. ⁷ They bear it upon the shoulder, and go; and if they put it upon its place, it remains, it cannot move; and whosoever shall cry to it, it cannot hear; it cannot save him from trouble.

⁸ " *Therefore* remember these things, and groan; repent, you that have gone astray, return in your heart; ⁹ and remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is none besides Me, ¹⁰ declaring beforehand the latter events before they come to pass, and they are accomplished together; and I said, 'All My counsel shall stand, and I will do all things that I have planned'; ¹¹ calling a bird from the east, and from a land afar off, for the things which I have planned; I have spoken, and brought *him*; I have created and made *him*; I have brought him, and prospered his way.

¹² "Listen to Me, you senseless ones, that are far from righteousness; ¹³ I have brought near My righteousness, and I will not be slow with the salvation that is from Me; I have given salvation in Zion to Israel for glory.