

Isaiah 46

King James Version (KJV)

(The downfall of Babylon = confusion, babble, misdirection)

46 Bel boweth down, Nebo stoopeth, their idols were upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: your carriages were heavy loaden; they are a burden to the weary beast. (Bel and Nebo were the false gods of the Babylonians. Bel – short for Baal; Nebo – the god of learning)

(They had to be hauled around on ox carts and secured with ropes so that they didn't fall over. They couldn't move themselves because they were just inanimate objects. And yet, the educated people of the times worshipped them as gods. Ironically, Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, valued education and higher learning above all else)

NOTE: (We see the same thing today. Colleges are flooded with atheist professors who teach that there is no God. They say that we are all just a random convergence of sub-atomic particles. They worship on the altar of science. They are blinded by their own ego. Science is a valuable tool for learning. It's not a religion)

²They stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but themselves are gone into captivity. (The Babylonians would later lose to the Medes & Persians. Their false gods couldn't save them. God <Yahoveh> ordered it, and it all happened just as He foretold)

³Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, which are borne by me from the belly, which are carried from the womb: (The house of Jacob – the descendants of the 12 tribes of Israel. We are spread all over Europe and North America, today)

(The remnant is the people who pass the Word of God, unchanged, down from generation to generation. They are a part of the Elect. The Elect are those who will be delivered up before antichrist, to testify in the name of God. The Holy Spirit of God will speak through them)

⁴And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you. (Hoar hairs = gray hair = into your old age)

(God cares for His children from birth to the grave; and then for eternity in the Third Age)

⁵To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me that we may be like? (No one is comparable to God. HE is almighty and all knowing)

⁶They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, and hire a goldsmith; and he maketh it a god: they fall down, yea, they worship. (They made statues of gold, and then worshiped them. That is total nonsense)

(Today, the idols are the pursuit of wealth, fame and power. Those idols can't save anyone; any more than the golden idols of the days of Isaiah could)

NOTE: (Anything that people prioritize over God is an idol. Instead, spend ½ hour a day studying God's Word and your days will get a lot better. God's Word blesses us. It teaches us how to live a good, healthy life with happiness and peace of mind)

⁷They bear him upon the shoulder, they carry him, and set him in his place, and he standeth; from his place shall he not remove: yea, one shall cry unto him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble. (An inanimate object can't save them. It can't even move itself. They have to carry it around)

(Likewise, when people put their faith in the ways of the world, then it becomes their idol. The world can't save them any more than an idol can. Only God can redeem us and grant us eternal life in paradise)

⁸Remember this, and shew yourselves men: bring it again to mind, O ye transgressors. (Use a little common sense; stop and think for a minute. Use the brains that God gave you)

(How many times has God saved His people? HE saved them countless times. How many times did you think that somehow, you got lucky with something? It wasn't luck. It was God, who was blessing you)

⁹Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, (Only God could save Israel then; and only God can save us now)

¹⁰Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: (God's prophecies all come true. HE is all seeing)

and all knowing. Learn God's Word because that is exactly what will come to pass; now and in the future)

¹¹ Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it. (Again, the ravenous bird foretells of King Cyrus of Media-Persia; 137 years before he was born)

(He would defeat Babylon; and then allow the people of Judah to return to Jerusalem. He even helped them by financing them from his personal treasury)

(Why would a Gentile king do all of that for the tribe of Judah? It was divine intervention by Almighty God. God moved Cyrus to do all of that for a people that he didn't even know)

¹² Hearken unto me, ye stouthearted, that are far from righteousness: (Wake up, you stubborn people, and get right with God)

¹³ I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory. (God is offering us salvation; even to the stubborn sinners. But His patience won't last forever)