

We Cast Down Our Idols
The Emptiness of Idolatry and the Glory of God
Isaiah 46

I. Introduction: In The Context of Bel and Nebo

A. Backstory

Bel means “lord” and eventually became synonymous with Marduk, the chief god of the city of Babylon. In the Babylonian creation myth, Marduk saved the younger Mesopotamian gods from annihilation at the hands of Tiamat, and became king of the gods. Marduk had a son named Nabu (Nebo) who was the god of wisdom, writing, and “prophecy” (Tablets of Destiny). These two gods in tandem could be viewed as the gods of sovereign (kingly) salvation and prophecy.

B. Setting Up This Section

II. The Lord Is The True Deliverer

A. Not of other gods

B. He delivers His people

1. By His power

2. By His being: unmade, sovereign Ruler

III. The Lord Is The True Spokesman

A. Of things past

B. Of things present

C. Of things future

IV. The Lord Is The True God

A. In His being

B. In His word

C. In His actions

D. In His Salvation