

Why We Must Trust the Lord

Isaiah 46:1-13

Why we should believe in God:

- God created the world.
- God is the truth.
- God reveals the truth.
- God saves.
- God will judge the world.

Why we should trust God:

- God rules the universe.
- God establishes righteousness.
- God takes care of His own.

I. God Rules the Universe

Is. 46:1-2 Bel bows down; Nebo stoops; their idols are on beasts and livestock; these things you carry are borne as burdens on weary beasts. ² They stoop; they bow down together; they cannot save the burden, but themselves go into captivity.

Is. 46:5-8 "To whom will you liken me and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be alike? ⁶ Those who lavish gold from the purse, and weigh out silver in the scales, hire a goldsmith, and he makes it into a god; then they fall down and worship! ⁷ They lift it to their shoulders, they carry it, they set it in its place, and it stands there; it cannot move from its place. If one cries to it, it does not answer or save him from his trouble. ⁸ "Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors,

Idols are made by humans. They do not have control over circumstances; thus, they cannot provide deliverance in times of trouble.

Is. 46:9-11 Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, ¹⁰ declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,' ¹¹ calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.

A. Yahweh Is the Only God

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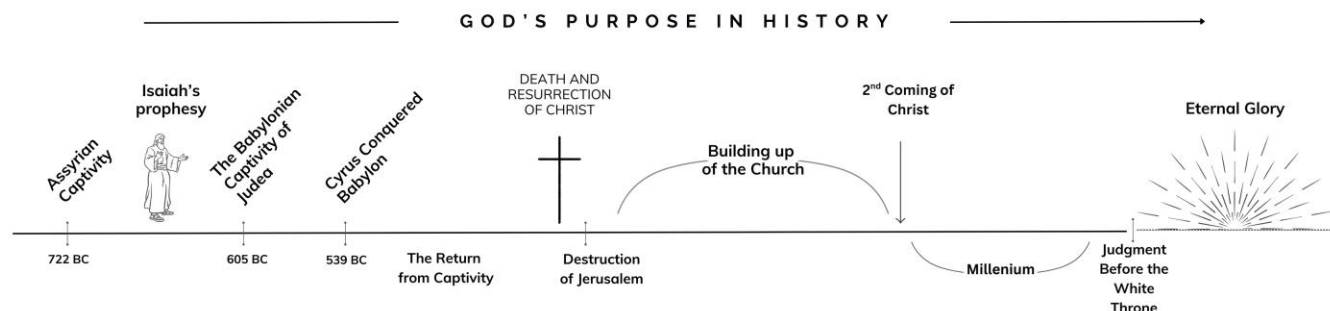
B. Yahweh Determines the Future

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Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,' calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.

C. Yahweh Does What Pleases Him

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II. God Establishes Righteousness

Is. 46:10-13 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. 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. Listen to Me, you stubborn-hearted, you who are far from righteousness: 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.

The Law of Sowing and Reaping:

Gal. 6:7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

The Law of Retribution:

Rom. 12:19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is Mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

The Law of Establishing Justice on Earth

Is. 11:4-5 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

The Law of Establishing Eternal Righteousness

Rev. 20:12-15 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done...¹⁵ And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

III. God Cares for His Own

Isa. 46:10-11 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,' ¹¹ calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.

Isa. 46:12-13 "Listen to me, you stubborn of heart, you who are far from righteousness: ¹³ I bring near my righteousness; it is not far off, and my salvation will not delay; I will put salvation in Zion, for Israel my glory."

Isa. 46:3-4 "Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb; ⁴ even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.

Exod. 19:4 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.

- The plagues in Egypt.
- The pursuit of the Egyptian army.
- The dead end at the Red Sea.
- The miraculous crossing of the sea on dry ground.
- The destruction of their pursuers in the water.
- Hunger.
- Thirst.
- War with the Amalekites.

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- Know God!
- Remember God!
- Trust God!