

BIBLE STUDY

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ISAIAH 46:1-4

46 Bel bows down; Nebo stoops;
their (Bel and Nebo's) idols are on beasts and
livestock;

these things (the idols) you (Israel) carry are
borne as burdens on weary beasts.

² They (Bel and Nebo) stoop; they (Bel and
Nebo) bow down together;

they (Bel and Nebo) cannot save the burden
(the idols),

but themselves (Bel and Nebo) go into
captivity.

³ "Listen to me, O house of Jacob,
all the remnant of the house of Israel,
who have been borne by me (Yahweh) from
before your birth,

carried from the womb;

⁴ even to your old age I (Yahweh) am he,
and to gray hairs I (Yahweh) will carry you.
I (Yahweh) have made *you* (idols are made by
man, but man was made by God), and I will
bear *you*;

I will carry *you* and will save you.

2 Kings 6: 8-23 The Arameans Plot to
Capture Elisha

NARRATOR: Now the king of Aram/Syria was warring against Israel; and he counseled with his servants saying, "In such and such a place shall be my camp." The man of God sent word to the king of Israel.

ELISHA: Beware that you so not pass this place, for the Arameans are coming down there.

NARRATOR: The king of Israel sent to the place about which the man of God had told him; thus Elisha warned him, so that the king guarded himself there, more than once or twice. Now the heart of the king of Aram was enraged over this thing; and he called his servants and spoke to them.

KING OF ARAM: Will you tell me which of us is for the king of Israel?

SERVANT of King of Aram: No, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom.

KING OF ARAM: Go and see where he is, that I may send and take him.

SPY: Behold, he is in Dothan.

NARRATOR: The king of Aram sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. Now when the attendant of the man of God had risen early and gone out, behold an army with horses and chariots was circling the city. And his servant spoke to him.

SERVANT OF ELISHA: Alas, my master? What shall we do?

ELISHA: Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.

NARRATOR: Then Elisha prayed.

ELISHA: O Yahweh, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.

NARRATOR: And Yahweh opened the servant's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. When they came down to him, Elisha prayed to Yahweh.

Luke 24:13-35

On the Road to Emmaus

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵And he said to them, "O

ELISHA: Strike this people with blindness, I pray.

NARRATOR: So He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. Then Elisha spoke to them.

ELISHA: This is not the way, nor is this the city; follow me and I will bring you to the man whom you seek.

NARRATOR: And Elisha brought them to Samaria. When they had come into Samaria, Elisha spoke.

ELISHA: O Yahweh, open the eyes of these men, that they may see.

NARRATOR: So Yahweh opened their eyes and they saw; and behold, they were in the midst of Samaria. then the king of Israel when he saw them, spoke to Elisha.

KING OF ISRAEL: My father, shall I kill them? Shall I kill them?

ELISHA: You shall not kill them. Would you kill those you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink and go to their master.

NARRATOR: So he prepared a great feast for them; and when they had eaten and drunk he sent them away, and they went to their master. And the marauding bands of Arameans did not come again into the land of Israel.

foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"

Mary's Magnificat (Luke 1)

He has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;

⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent away empty.

Luke 16:19-24
Lazarus Play

NARRATOR: There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.

RICH MAN: Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.

ABRAHAM: Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.

RICH MAN: Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

ABRAHAM: They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.

RICH MAN: 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.

ABRAHAM: If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.