

Marduck, or Baal--there is no i in between--which means Marduck. He dies; their idols are put on beasts and are simply carried around.

216 --They didn't think of some old idol as their god but that Marduke was a great cosmic deity, that formed the universe and went about performing his will. They weren't limited to an idol, but they had idols that represented that, and the ignorant people would worship these idols, and to them the idols were the actual things which they worshipped much as they do in R.C. countries today. The educated people know that God is everywhere but the rank and file of the people think that it is that actual idol that they worshipping as their god. A fellow was just telling me this noon--that he saw a picture of the Virgin, a statue of the Virgin and he steps up and asks someone, What is that junk up there. And the person turns to him horrified, That is God. That is the way they expressed it. That is the common attitude of the rank and file of the common people. That idol is god. Of course if they thought about it a little, they probably wouldn't express it that way, but the rank and file of people don't think. Everybody here has a great many concepts and ideas in various fields that are extremely foolish, but you just accept them and never think about them. Here are these idols which can't do anything. The Babylonian priest says these are deity. They stoop, they bow down together and they could not deliver the burden, but themselves are gone into captivity--a specific captivity viewed as though it had already happened. He described it as though already it had happened though it has yet to come to pass, but will happen as a result of the Persian conquest. It will be seen then that Ne-bo, instead of being the leading god will be subject to the fire-worshippers of Persia, and inferior to the Persians that believe in on god. He says, Hearken unto me, O house of Israel--The Lord tells them that He will deliver them and Israel is not to end, but is going on. Why worship these idols--they are going into captivity and are going to be subject to a foreign power. Then he continues with the great theme of idolatry--with whom will ye compare me. They make a god and carry him around, can't move, can't answer, can't save anyone--The Lord tells them to show themselves men and show that you are not just thinking silly things. Use the mind that God has given you and see the absurdity of these things.

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 See the absurdity of think that simply a blind force has done all of this. --that a piece of stone or wood has accomplished it. That is entirely unwarranted from an intelligent being. It can only be the God of the universe and he goes on to give further proof of it,