

Tell a story
Haftara Acharai Mos
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This week's haftara focuses on the punishment that the Jews face for serving idols. They did other things that were sinful, by far the biggest sin they committed. G-d was going to send them into exile. Even though He was so angry with them, His love surpassed his anger. He was only going to have them be in exile for a short period of time. At the time, the Jews acted the way they wanted to. They didn't think things through about the consequences they would be facing for their horrible actions. G-d didn't speak to the Jews directly, He spoke through the prophet Amos. Amos reminded the Jewish people of the kindness G-d showed them. One example was when G-d took the Jewish people out of Egypt. G-d singled out the Jews and turned them into His own nation. It was because of their many sinful ways, G-d destroyed the northern kingdom of Israel. He didn't completely destroy the House of Jacob. G-d scattered the Jewish people amongst the nations, so they blended in with those who were not Jewish.

G-d had a plan for those who were scattered, those who were Jewish to return to their land. G-d planned for this to happen on the day of their redemption. G-d was going to reinstall the House of David to its former glory. It would be at this time, the Jews would see peace and abundance upon the land. The haftara ends with G-d making a promise to the Jewish people. He would return His people held in captivity to be in the Holy Land. He would allow the Jews to rebuild the cities that were left desolated. The Jews would live in these cities and they would grow vineyards. They would drink wine, make gardens, grow produce, and be able to eat from it too. G-d would plant the Jews on their land, this Holy Land. They would no longer be uprooted from this land. The Jews would always remember that it was G-d Who had given them that land.