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**Parsha and Haftara Ki Teitzei**  
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This Parsha Moses was taking care of himself and the people as well. All along, he was telling the people to treat each other well and to be holy so that others could learn to be holy as well. He had been doing this throughout the rest of the five books of the Torah. All of this time, the Jews had learned to be holy from him, and he had learned to be holy from G-d. This Parsha starts out with the words, "When you go out to war against your enemies..." We are being told how to act about how to conquer another group of people when approaching the Promised Land. This is going to be the final edition of the instruction manual that is being delivered, and to put it bluntly, Moses was not going to make it. He was about to die, and the Jews were out of time, and there was no more bargaining with G-d, and there were no more threats with G-d over the Jews going back to Egypt. In the Parsha this week, the text reads, "When you go out to war against your enemies, and G-d delivers them into your power, and you take some of them captive, and you see among them a beautiful woman that you desire, you can take great care of her.

This Parsha, we learn about the Jews fighting with our enemies. The Jews can always take the higher ground, and we should step up over our enemy. We are amazing people. We have so much inner strength. G-d gave us a promising list of inner strength, G-d gave us a lot of dreams, hopes, and talents. We have this incredible relationship we are sharing with G-d. The Parsha concludes with G-d wanting Jews to read it as "When you go to war, be on top of your enemies. Don't let other people suck you into the vortex of negativity. No one needs that in their life. If you take the strategic high ground, you have already won. You can pat yourself on the back; congratulations, you have won the war.

**Haftarah**

This week's Haftarah is the fifth of a series of seven "Haftarot of Consolation." These seven Haftarot started on the Sabbath following the Fast of Tisha b'Av and went on after the Jewish New Year. In this Haftara it says, the words "if the Jewish people are to forsaken the Jerusalem then it is like a woman who is not able to have children." Then G-d joins the Jewish people, and they rejoice and come back together. They proliferate, and they repopulate the Jewish nation all over again. Israel had once been desolate, but now no more is it alone. Now the cities are overflowing with people in it. The prophet Isaiah, assures the people that G-d has not forsaken them. He was only momentarily hiding His face away from them. He is back when they were in their period of exile, He was away, but now He is showing His great mercy to them again. This Haftara compares the final redemption to the pact that G-d made with Noach never to bring another flood to the universe. G-d promised the Jewish people never to be angry at them again. In this week's Haftara, there is a quote that is used. "The mountains may move, and the hills might collapse, but My kindness shall not depart from you. Neither shall the covenant of My peace collapse." This is coming from G-d.