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Ki Teitzei Haftarah
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From the Teachings of the Rebbe.

This week's Haftara is read more than once, it's that popular. The first time it's read is Parsha Noach at the beginning of the Torah. The first book of the Torah in Genesis.

The next time it's read is in the Haftara of the last book of the Torah in the book of Deuteronomy. It's read then as the consolation of the fifth haftarah during the reading of the Parsha Ki Teitzei.

This week's Haftara has two themes to it, the first is all of the Jewish people are waiting for Mashiach to come. When he comes the world will be a much better place. Everything will be amazing that the Jewish people will forget they ever went through hard times to begin with.

Meaning they will forget about the exile that they had gone through. They will go through a redemption and will never have any more exiles of any sort. The way this Haftara starts out is G-d saying, "Sing Jewish people for you have never had any children. G-d is asking Who is the barren one?"

For the longest time, Jerusalem was left alone when the Jewish people went through their period of exile. Now that they are no longer in exile, G-d is telling the Jews to sing their hearts out. Mashiach has come and G-d wants the Jews to dance around in the streets of Jerusalem. G-d doesn't want Jerusalem to feel barren anymore, the city should no longer feel alone.

There is a deeper level in this Haftara, where G-d is speaking specifically to certain Jews who feel they are running solo. These people feel they have not been able to associate themselves with Him or anyone from the Jewish nation. G-d has turned to these people and says He will sing a "new song when Mashiach comes."

The people will feel the revelation it will be that high for them. They will recognize it, just like they did when G-d split the Red Sea. It will be that kind of a miracle.

Each Jewish person is going to be included even those who felt alone or disconnected from G-d. Everyone will feel G-d and want to break out in song and dance. This Haftara teaches the Jewish people to read Tehillim. G-d returns the exiles of Zion.

Jews feel they have been dreaming for a long time, when we wake up everything fades away. G-d is hiding His face away from the Jewish people. He is being extra kind to us, He has such compassion for us.

Mashiach being on earth will be really great, this was mentioned at the beginning of the Haftara and will last for a brief moment. This Haftara is called The Barren Woman and the Waters of Noach. It's a comparison of both. G-d swore to Noach to never again cover the earth with so much water.

We must remember how much anger G-d had for the people had done a lot of wrong back then. Everyone, but Noach himself. Noach's name meant satisfaction. Noach himself was going to bring positive change into the world. The exile that G-d put the Jewish people through would also bring positive change in the future. After the Jews went through the exile, they were ready for the Mashiach to come.

The Haftara ends with the Jews feeling G-d's kindness always and forever. G-d tells the Jews that He has made a covenant of peace with them and He will never leave them. This Haftara is meant to be read before and after the holiday season. It's meant to set a tone for the whole year, it helps to bring the Mashiach. He is at the core mission for the Jewish people.

The Haftara is a beacon of light, it is read at the start and end of each year to help remind everyone the hard work we put in helps us accomplish the goals we have done. The exile we have gone through was a dark one, but we managed to get through it! In the end, the reward is a grand one. Everything a Jew does in the end is helping to bring the Mashiach on earth one step closer. These are all teachings coming from the Rebbe.