

Haftarah for Ki Tavo

Isaiah 60:1-22

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Chapter 60

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has dawned;
The Presence of the Lord has shone upon you!
² Behold! Darkness shall cover the earth,
And thick clouds the peoples;
But upon you the Lord will shine,
And His Presence be seen over you.
³ And nations shall walk by your light,
Kings, by your shining radiance.
⁴ Raise your eyes and look about:
They have all gathered and come to you.
Your sons shall be brought from afar,
Your daughters like babes on shoulders.
⁵ As you behold, you will glow;
Your heart will throb and thrill —
For the wealth of the sea shall pass on to you,
The riches of nations shall flow to you.
⁶ Dust clouds of camels shall cover you,
Dromedaries of Midian and Ephah.
They all shall come from Sheba;
They shall bear gold and frankincense,
And shall herald the glories of the Lord.
⁷ All the flocks of Kedar shall be assembled for you,
The rams of Nebaioth shall serve your needs;
They shall be welcome offerings on My altar,
And I will add glory to My glorious House.
⁸ Who are these that float like a cloud,
Like doves to their cotes?
⁹ Behold, the coastlands await me,
With ships of Tarshish in the lead,
To bring your sons from afar,
And their silver and gold as well —
For the name of the Lord your God,
For the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.
¹⁰ Aliens shall rebuild your walls,
Their kings shall wait upon you —
For in anger I struck you down,

But in favor I take you back.

¹¹ Your gates shall always stay open —
Day and night they shall never be shut —
To let in the wealth of the nations,
With their kings in procession.

¹² For the nation or the kingdom
That does not serve you shall perish;
Such nations shall be destroyed.

¹³ The majesty of Lebanon shall come to you —
Cypress and pine and box —
To adorn the site of My Sanctuary,
To glorify the place where My feet rest.

¹⁴ Bowing before you, shall come
The children of those who tormented you;
Prostrate at the soles of your feet
Shall be all those who reviled you;
And you shall be called
"City of the Lord,
Zion of the Holy One of Israel."

¹⁵ Whereas you have been forsaken,
Rejected, with none passing through,
I will make you a pride everlasting,
A joy for age after age.

¹⁶ You shall suck the milk of the nations,
Suckle at royal breasts.
And you shall know
That I the Lord am your Savior,
I, The Mighty One of Jacob, am your Redeemer.

¹⁷ Instead of copper I will bring gold,
Instead of iron I will bring silver;
Instead of wood, copper;
And instead of stone, iron.
And I will appoint Well-being as your government,
Prosperity as your officials.

¹⁸ The cry "Violence!"
Shall no more be heard in your land,
Nor "Wrack and ruin!"
Within your borders.
And you shall name your walls "Victory"
And your gates "Renown."

¹⁹ No longer shall you need the sun
For light by day,
Nor the shining of the moon
For radiance [by night];
For the Lord shall be your light everlasting,

Your God shall be your glory.

²⁰ Your sun shall set no more,

Your moon no more withdraw;

For the Lord shall be a light to you forever,

And your days of mourning shall be ended.

²¹ And your people, all of them righteous,

Shall possess the land for all time;

They are the shoot that I planted,

My handiwork in which I glory.

²² The smallest shall become a clan;

The least, a mighty nation.

I the Lord will speed it in due time.