

HAFTORAH SUMMARY FOR PARSHAS MIKETZ

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Haftorah Mikeitz

Kings I 3:15- 4:1

The story in this week's Haftorah is among the most famous in all of the Navi. In 2924 - 840b.c.e., Shlomo became king. Shlomo was twelve years old when he ascended the throne of Dovid, and his reign lasted for 40 years. During his reign, the Bais Hamikdash was built and an unprecedented era of peace and scholarship ensued.

The Haftorah begins after Shlomo's fateful dream. During the dream, G-d granted Shlomo anything he desired. Shlomo asked for wisdom and G-d granted his wish. Shlomo's wisdom would earn him the title of, "the wisest of all men."

The very first test of Shlomo's genius was the classic Solomonic resolution of, "Cut the child in half." The nation was awed by his divinely inspired wisdom and recognized their young king as the true heir to the throne of Dovid.

The connection between this story and our Parsha is the relationship between dreams, destiny, success, and international recognition. In both the Parsha and the Haftorah, dreams are divine indicators. Yoseph's interpretations of Pharaoh's dreams are reflections of his divine inspiration and wisdom. Shlomo's insight into the psychology and love of a mother were equally a reflection of divine wisdom.