HAFTORAH SUMMARY FOR PARSHAS REEH

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Isaiah 54:11 - 55:5

This week's Haftorah is the third Haftorah of Consolation. Yishayuhu Hanavi described the utopian times of Mashiach when the veiling values of societal assumptions and norm will be lifted and the reality of our absolute dependency on Hashem will be realized and accepted. Money and other assumed values and goals will be replaced by the currency of Avodas Hashem and Yiras Shamayim. G-d will be recognized by all as the ony Provider of sustanance in contrast to our present assumed self-sufficiency and independence. The words of Yishyuhu offer us hope in knowing that closeness to Hashem and the end of Galus is up to us. All we have to do is trust the beginning words of the Parsha: "The Blessing: that you should listen to the commandments of Hashem..."