

Isaiah 49:9-17 + 23

Though not part of the Haftarah, this whole chapter is a Messianic passage, particularly showing the blessing on Shem fulfilled: (Genesis 9:26 - "Blessed of Jehovah, my God, be Shem....")

Isaiah 49:6-7 - "I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth. Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee."

The verses that actually comprise this Haftarah concern God's promise to return the exiles to their home.

The final verse prophesies a reversal of Israel's captivity to the spiritual descendants of Nimrod (Assyria and Babylon):

Isaiah 49:23 - "And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me."