

B^ere'shiyt / Genesis Haftarah

1. B^ere'shiyt - B^ere'shiyt 1:2 - 6:8
Y^esha'yahu (Isaiah) 42:5 - 43:10

Introduction - brief review of portion - D^evariym 31:10-13

1. the beginning things - how important Sh^emot 12:1, 34:22
 - a. the fall - story of Cain and Abel - genealogy of Adam-Noah conditions before the flood- the seed

Haftarah

Isaiah 42:5 Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: 6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; 7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, *and* them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

42:5 - created, light, called, heavens, earth, spread out

רָקַע - *raqa'*, breath, spirit - 'out of it' - יָצַע - *yatza'*
'walk in it' (*lahol^ekiym bah*) qal active - continued action
B^ere'shiyt 3:8 (spirit, walk) Y^echez^eq'el 36:27, Romans 8:1
Galatians 5:16

42:6 - 'hold your hand' Yochanan 10:28, B^ere'shiyt 3:22

נָקַר - *natzar* cp שָׁמַר - *shamar* in garden
Y^esha'yahu 49:6, Romans 11

42:7 - פקח - *paqach* - open - counterfeits - *Chavah* ate fruit and eyes opened - blind עור - '*iver-Y^esha'yahu* 42:19, 43:8-11
blind ref to Hebrews עבר - '*avar* in exile - 42:16
cp *B^ere'shiyt* 1:2-3
Mattityahu 13: 11-15 - disciples have their eyes open

cp 42:20-22 *Me'am Lo'ez* commentary page 260

Haftarah

Isaiah 42:8 *I am* the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. 9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

42:8 cp *Yochanan* 17:5 - discuss name - שם - *sheym* YHVH

42:9 - former things - new things. seed and fruit - agricultural
God declares the fruit before it springs up - in the fruit is the former things *B^ere'shiyt* 43:5 - Seed is from the east
fruit is gathered from the west

Haftarah

Isaiah 42:10 Sing unto the LORD a new song, *and* his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof. 11 Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up *their voice*, the villages *that* Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains. 12 Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands. 13 The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies. 14 I have long time holden my peace; I

have been still, *and* refrained myself: *now* will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once. 15 I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools. 16 And I will bring the blind by a way *that* they knew not; I will lead them in paths *that* they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them. 17 They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye *are* our gods. 18 Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see. 19 Who *is* blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger *that* I sent? who *is* blind as *he that is* perfect, and blind as the LORD'S servant? 20 Seeing many things, but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he heareth not. 21 The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make *it* honorable. 22 But this is a people robbed and spoiled; *they are* all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore. 23 Who among you will give ear to this? *who* will hearken and hear for the time to come? 24 Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the LORD, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law. 25 Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid *it* not to heart.

42:10-25 God has kept relatively quiet during exile - 2 Kefa 3:9

Hitgalut 5:9, 14:1-3 cp *B^ere'shiyt* 4 - Abel's blood also 6:1-7

Haftarah

Isaiah 43:1 But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called *thee* by thy name; thou *art* mine. 2 When thou passest through the waters, I *will be* with thee; and through the rivers, they

shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. 3 For I *am* the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt *for* thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. 4 Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life. 5 Fear not: for I *am* with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; 6 I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; 7 *Even* every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him. 8 Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears. 9 Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, *It is* truth. 10 Ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I *am* he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

43:1-10 cp *B^ere'shiyt* 6:8-1

3 year cycle - *B^ere'shiyt* 1:1-2:3, *Yesha'yahu* 42:5

“and the beginning” - 52 times - not including mentions of:
the flood, Noah, garden, Adam, seeds, fruit, tree of life,
Cain, Abel

Mattityahu 19:8, Colossians 1:14-17, *Ivrim* 11:1-3,
Colossians 1:23