

Parshas Teruma

This week's Haftora seems to be directly related to the Parsha, in that just as we begin seeing the beginnings of the building of the Mishkan, the haftora relates the events surrounding Shlomo Hamelech building the first Beis Hamikdash.

The commandments relayed in the parsha are the basis for our laws of Shabbos and the laws pertaining to sacrifices. These lay the foundation for what Shlomo Hamelech implemented years later at the building of the Beis Hamikdash, and it will similarly be the basis for the rebuilding of the future Beis Hamikdash.

According to the Medrish, the building of the mishkan is modeled after and reflected in the creation of the entire universe (for example it is said of gold that the earth was unworthy to accept it, except for its use in the Mishkan-and subsequently for the Beis Hamikdash).

The edicts that are taught in the Torah, are the basis for the building of the Batey Mikdash, including the one that will be

revealed to us when Mashiach comes. Just as Shlomo Hamelech was told to follow the Torah for his lineage to persist, so to this applies to us. We see the building of the Mishkan reflected in creation, and Torah is the blueprint that gives us guidance of how to live and fulfill "dira bitachtonim".

Which is why it says in the Parsha "V'osu Li Mikdash V'shochanti Bisochem" (I will dwell among them, not in it.) Because even when there is no Beis Hamikdash there is a Beis Hamikdash in each one of us, and in our abodes, where we have the power to draw down G-dliness and spirituality using the power of the Torah.

Ramabam explains that every Jewish child that is created is as if he builds an entire world, and we know that to save a life, is like saving the world. This means that each one of us in an individual way are like a Beis Hamikdash, that is used to draw G-dliness in the Dira Bitachtonim

Good Shabbos