

Isaiah 29:8-19

The Haftarah pairs a vision of dreams as inconsequential and ephemeral with the story of Joseph interpreting Pharaoh's dreams.

Isaiah 29:8 - "It shall even be as when an hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion."

Pharaoh's sorcerers were impotent in interpreting the dreams. God "closed their eyes."

And for God's disobedient people, a similar fate awaits.

In contrast to the faithful Joseph, who God granted the ability to interpret Pharaoh's dreams, for backslidden Israel "the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid." (**vs. 14**)

Until their return from exile, or more fully, in the Days of Messiah.

Isaiah 29:19 - "The downtrodden will again rejoice in the LORD; the poor among humankind will take delight in the Holy One of Israel."