

בְּרָכוֹת הַהַפְּטָרָה

Checklist:

- Reading: read *haftarah blessings* without error
- Comprehension: Answer the questions in full, well thought out sentences
- Vocabulary: Do the root words exercises.

When you have completed the checklist, ask your teacher to test you to see if you are ready to move on to the next prayer.

Haftarah Blessings

Before Reading

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בַּנְּבִיאִים טוֹבִים וְרָצָה
וּדְבָרֵיהֶם הִנְאָמְרִים בְּאֵמֶת

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ הַבוֹחֵר בַּתּוֹרָה וּבַמִּנְשֵׁה עַבְדּוֹ וּבַיִשְׂרָאֵל עַמּוֹ וּבַנְּבִיאִי
הַאֵמֶת וְצַדִּיק

Praise to you, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who has chosen faithful prophets to speak words of truth.

Praise to you, Adonai, for the revelation of Torah, for Your servant Moses, for Your people Israel and for prophets of truth and righteousness.

After reading

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם צוּר כָּל הָעוֹלָמִים צַדִּיק בְּכָל הַדּוֹרוֹת
הָאֵל הִנְאָמֵן הָאוֹמֵר וְעָשָׂה הַמְדַבֵּר וּמְקַיֵּם שְׂפָל דְּבָרָיו אֵמֶת וְצַדִּיק
עַל הַתּוֹרָה וְעַל הָעֲבוֹדָה וְעַל הַנְּבִיאִים וְעַל יוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת הַזֶּה שְׁנַתָּה לָנוּ
יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְקַדְּשָׁה וְלִמְנוּחָה לְכָבוֹד וּלְתַפְאֲרָת

עַל הַכָּל יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֲנַחְנוּ מוֹדִים לָךְ וּמְבָרְכִים אוֹתְךָ יִתְבָּרַךְ שְׁמֶךָ בְּפִי
כָּל חַי תָּמִיד לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ מְקַדֵּשׁ הַשַּׁבָּת

Praise to you, Adonai, Sovereign of the universe, Rock of all creation, Righteous One of all generations, the faithful God whose word is deed, whose every command is just and true.

For the Torah, for the privilege of worship, for the prophets, and for this Shabbat the You, Adonai our God, have given us for holiness and rest, for honor and glory: we thank and bless You.

For everything, Adonai our God, we give thanks to you and bless you. May Your name be blessed forever by every living being.

Praise to You, Adonai, who makes Shabbat holy.

Comprehension

The Haftarah reading comes from the Books of the Prophets, the second section of Tanach (Hebrew Bible). Why do you think we read from the Books of the Prophets on Shabbat only? (Traditionally, Torah is read on Shabbat as well as on Mondays and Thursdays)

What do you think is different about the Books of the Prophets from the Torah?

We thank God for a number of things in these blessings. Underline each of them in the translations above. Which one of those are you most thankful for?

There are a number of different prophets in this section of the Tanach. Normally the word 'prophet' makes us think of someone who tells the future. What do you think these prophets, from the Tanach, spoke about? Look at the translation of the blessings to guide you.

Vocabulary

The words **הַתּוֹרָה** and **הַפְּטָרָה** may sound the same in English, but you can see they are spelled quite differently. The root of **הַפְּטָרָה** is **פטר** meaning 'concluding.' Why do you think **הַפְּטָרָה** comes from the root 'concluding?'

אָמַר = says

עָשָׂה = does

מְדַבֵּר = speaks

מְקַיֵּם = follows through

The one-letter prefix **ה** in Hebrew means 'the' or 'the one who.' So **הַאֹמֵר** means "the one who _____." The one letter prefix **ו** means 'and.'

What does **הַאֹמֵר וְעָשָׂה** mean?

What does **הַמְדַבֵּר וְמְקַיֵּם** mean?