

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Thus says the Lord:

“A voice is heard in Ramah,
lamentation and bitter weeping.

Rachel is weeping for her children;
she refuses to be comforted for her children,
because they are not.”

Thus says the Lord:

“Keep your voice from weeping,
and your eyes from tears;
for your work shall be rewarded,
and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.

There is hope for your future, says the Lord,
and your children shall come back
to their own country.

The Word of the Lord.