



# DAILY BOOST

23 MENACHEM AV

GEULAH THROUGH GOLUS

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## A VALID COMPLAINT

Seven weeks of comfort follow the three weeks of mourning for the Temple. During each of these seven weeks, we read selections from the Prophets. The Medrash explains that these readings represent a dialog between G-d and the Jewish People:

*After the destruction of the Temple, G-d says to the prophets (Yishayah 40:1), "Comfort My people; comfort them." To this, the Jewish People answer (49:14), "And Zion says, G-d has abandoned me." In other words, the Jewish People are not appeased by the comfort of the prophets. They say to G-d, "After all that You have done, how can You simply send a messenger to comfort us!?" The prophets return and say to G-d, "The Jewish People are not appeased by our consolation; they are (Yishayah 54:11) "a stormy ship that is not consoled." Hashem agrees to the Jewish People's request and says, "I, yes I, Myself, will comfort you." (Avudraham, quoting the Medrash)*

The Jewish People have a valid argument, and G-d is fully aware of their claim. Still, He waits for us to make the request because the world was created for our deeds. We must not allow anything to comfort or appease us so long as Moshiach is not here. When we feel the need for Moshiach and urgently demand Redemption, saying, "We want Moshiach now!" G-d will surely grant our request.

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