This Shabbat is known as Shabbat Chazon - the Shabbat of Vision. Most associate that this Shabbat is called Chazon because of the Haftara we recite from the first chapter of Sefer Yeshayahu, of Yeshayahu’s vision of the Churban of Yerushalayim.

Reb Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev zy'a taught that there is an additional, more profound reason why this Shabbat is called Chazon: On this Shabbat every single Jew is shown a vision of the third Beit HaMikdash from a distance.

How exactly are we to understand this unique interpretation?

The Lubavitcher Rebbe zt’l explained that Reb Levi Yitzchak is teaching us the difference between "seeing" something rather than just "hearing about it". When one lives through experiencing something miraculous, that event leaves a lasting impression. Subsequent generations may hear of that great event, but since they did not see it with their own eyes, it does not have the same lasting imprint as it did for those who merited to experience it and "see" that miraculous event with their own eyes.

On Shabbat Chazon, each one of us has the ability to experience a glimpse of the Beit HaMikdash - not simply to hear about the Beit MaMikdash of the past, but rather to imagine and "see" the Beit HaMikdash of the future.

On this Shabbat Chazon, may we take to heart this powerful teaching, and not solely experience this as a Shabbat of reflection of past tragic events and of the Churban, but also as an opportunity to imagine and "see"; to gain a glimpse of the future, of a brighter and better tomorrow.