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Few in Israel remain faithful to the Lord — the Lord rejects their sacrifices and feasts — repentance proclaimed — Zion to be redeemed in the latter days.

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Judge the fatherless;¹ learn to do good.

²I pray thee, come and let us reason together,” saith the LORD.

“If your sins are as scarlet, as snow they shall be white.

If they are blood² red, they shall be as wool.³

²If you’re willing and hearken, you shall consume⁴ the good of the land.

³ And if you refuse and rebel The sword shall consume you:
:For the mouth of the LORD hath proclaimed it.^{5 4 5 6 7} Therefore, thus saith the LORD of Hosts, The Mighty One of Israel:⁶

:“Ah, now I will be relieved⁷ of mine adversaries: I am avenged of mine enemies.⁸ Lest I turn my hand on thee⁸

:I will purify thine dross — I will turn aside all thine tin.^{9 9} I will restore¹⁰ thine judges as at first And thy counselors as in the beginning.

:After this though shalt be called *A City of Righteousness: A Faithful City*.¹⁰ Zion is redeemed through judgment — Also

¹orphans

²earth

³The dye that was used back then was permanent. The cloth could fade, but would never again be truly white.

⁴eat of

⁵so spoken.

⁶The one in Israel who is mighty

⁷eased

⁸I will turn my hand back on thee

⁹Tin *is* useful. It is used to make brass (a copper and tin alloy). One of the symbolisms here is that although tin is useful, the Lord has a greater plan in mind for each of us. Therefore, we need to listen to Him and do as He commands although we may think that what we are doing in lieu of obeying is important and useful.

¹⁰return

those who are returned¹¹¹² in righteousness. ¹¹ The sinners and transgressors are destroyed together; Those forsaking the LORD are consumed. ¹² You are ashamed of the oaks¹³ That you've desired.

:And you're confused because of the groves¹⁴ That you've chosen. ¹³ For you are as an oak Whose leaf is fading

:And as a grove That hath no water. ¹⁴ The strong shall be as tow¹⁵ And its maker as spark.

:They shall burn together: None shall quench them.”

¹¹rescued ones, captives

¹²i.e., they are also redeemed

¹³Idols used for fertility worship.

¹⁴gardens

¹⁵Synonymous to oakum (n): Loose fiber from untwisted rope, used esp. to caulk wooden ships.