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Isiah 1:16-26

“Wash yourselves, become clean; remove the evil deeds from your souls before My eyes; cease from your evil deeds; learn to do good; seek judgement, rescue the wronged; defend for the orphan, and obtain justice for the widow. Come, let us reason together,” says the Lord: “although your sins are like crimson, I will make them white like snow, and although they are like scarlet, I will make *them* white like wool. And if you are willing, and listen to me, you will eat the good things of the land. But if you are not willing and do not listen to me, a sword will devour you,” for the mouth of the Lord has spoken these things.

How the faithful city Zion has become a prostitute! It was full of justice; the righteous lodged in it, but now murderers do! Your silver is worthless; your taverns mix wine with water. Your rulers are disobedient, companions of thieves, loving bribes, and seeking after rewards; they do not defend the orphans, or pay attention to the cause of widows. Therefore, says the Master, the Lord of hosts, “Woe to the mighty *ones* of Israel, for My wrath against mine adversaries will not cease, and I will execute judgement on My enemies. And I will put my hand upon you, and purge you completely. I will destroy the disobedient, and will remove all the lawless from you; I will humble all the arrogant. I will establish your judges as before, and your counsellors as at the beginning. Afterward, you will be called the city of righteousness, Zion, the faithful mother-city.

Isaiah 9:1-2

*Do this first,* and do it quickly, O country of Zabulon, land of Nephthalim by the sea, and the rest *dwelling along* the seacoast, and *the land* beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Nations. O you people who walk in darkness, behold a great light! You who dwell in the country of the shadow of death, a light will shine upon you!

Isaiah 35:1-10

Be glad, O thirsty desert! Let the desert be glad, and blossom like a lily! The deserts of Jordan will blossom and rejoice. the glory of Lebanon and the honour of Carmel has been given to it; and My people will see the glory of the Lord, and the majesty of God. Be strong, you weak hands and feeble knees. Comfort one another, you fainthearted. Be strong, do not fear. Behold, our God renders judgement, and He will render *it*; He will come and save us.

Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will hear. Then the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the stammerers will speak clearly; for water has burst forth in the desert, and a channel *of water* in a thirsty land. And the dry land shall become marshlands, and there will be a spring of water in the thirsty land. The joy of birds will be there, a habitation of reeds and marshland.

A pure way will be there, and it will be called a holy way; and the unclean will not pass through there, and there will be no unclean way there; but the dispersed will walk on it, and they will not go astray. There will be no lion there, nor will any evil beast go upon it, or be found there at all; but the redeemed will walk in it, and those gathered by the Lord will return, and come to Zion with joy, and everlasting joy *will be* over their heads; for on their heads *will be* praise and great joy, and gladness will take hold of them—sorrow and pain, and groaning have fled away.

Isaiah 43:16-44:6

Thus says the Lord, who provides a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty water, who has brought forth chariots and horse, and a mighty multitude. But they have lain down, and will not rise; they are extinguished like a wick that is quenched: “Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. Behold, I *will* do new things, which will now spring forth, and you will know them; and I will make a road in the desert, and rivers in the dry land. The wild animals of the field will praise me, the owls and young ostriches, for I have given water in the wilderness, and rivers in the dry land, to give drink to My chosen race, My people whom I have preserved to declare My excellence.

I have not called you now, O Jacob, nor have I made you weary, O Israel. You have not brought me the sheep of your whole burnt offering, nor have you glorified me with your sacrifices, nor have I wearied you with frankincense, nor have you purchased incense for me with silver, nor have I desired the fat of your sacrifices; but I set before you your sins, and in your iniquities. I, *even* I, am He who blots out your lawlessness, and I will not remember *them* at all. But as for you, remember, and let us judge *together*. You confess your lawless acts first, that you may be made righteous. Your fathers first, and also their rulers, acted lawlessly against Me. And the rulers defiled My holy things, so I gave Jacob to destruction, and Israel to reproach.”

But hear now, O Jacob my servant, and Israel, whom I have chosen. Thus says the Lord God Who made you, and who formed you in the womb, “You will yet be helped; fear not, My servant Jacob; and My beloved Israel, whom I have chosen. For I will give water to the thirsty who walk in a dry land. I will put My Spirit upon your offspring, and My blessings upon your children. They will spring up like grass in the midst of water, and like a willow on by flowing water. One will say, ‘I am God’s,’ and will call himself by the name of Jacob; and another will write, ‘I am God’s,’ and will call himself by the name of Israel.”

Thus says God, the King of Israel, Who delivers him, the God of hosts, “I am the first, and I am after these things; there is no god besides Me.

Isaiah 40:1-5

“Comfort, yes, comfort My people,” says God. “Speak, O priests, to the heart of Jerusalem; comfort her, for her humiliation has been fulfilled, her sin has been done away with, for she has received from the Lord’s hand double *for* her sins.”

The voice of one crying in the wilderness, “Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the paths of our God. Every valley will be filled, and every mountain and hill will be brought low; the crooked *ways* will be made straight, and the rough *places into* plains. The glory of the Lord will appear, and all flesh will see the salvation of God, for the Lord has spoken *it*.”

Baruch 3:36-4:4

This is our God, no other will be compared to Him. He found the whole way of knowledge, and give it to Jacob His servant, and to Israel His beloved. Afterwards, she was seen upon earth, and lived with men.

She is the book of the commandments of God, and the law that endures forever. All they who keep her will live; but those who forsake her will die. Turn, O Jacob, and take hold of her; walk towards the radiance of the presence of her light. Do not give your glory to another, or the things that are of advantage to you to a foreign nation.

O Israel, we are blessed, because what is pleasing to God is known to us.

Ezekiel 36:25-29a

“I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be cleansed from all your uncleanness, and I will also cleanse you from all your idols. And I will give you a new heart, and put a new spirit in you, and I will take the heart of stone from your flesh, and will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and to keep My judgments, and to do *them*. And you will dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and you will be to Me a people, and I will be to you a God. And I will save you from all your uncleanness.”

Ezekiel 47:1-9

And [the Spirit] brought me in by the entrance of the house, and, behold, water flowed from under the atrium by the east, for the front of the house looked towards the east, and the water came down from the right side, from the south to the altar. And He brought me out by the way of the northern gate, and He led me round by the outside way to the gate of the court that looks eastward, and, behold, water flowed down from the right side, in *the direction* in which a man went forth opposite. And *there was* a measuring line in his hand, and he measured a thousand *cubits* with the measure; and he passed through the water; *it was* water of a remission. And *again* he measured a thousand, and he passed through the water, and the water was up to the thighs. And *again* he measured a thousand, and he passed through water up to his loins. And *again* he measured a thousand, and he could not pass through, for *the water* broke into a rushing torrent which *man* cannot pass through. And he said to me, “Son of man, have you seen *this*?”

Then He led me back to the bank of the river. **as I ret**urned; and, behold, on the brink of the river *there were* very many trees on this side and on that side. And he said to me, This is the water that goes forth to Galilee that lies eastward, and it is gone down to Arabia, and has reached as far as to the sea to the outlet of the water: and it shall heal the waters. And it shall come to pass, *that* every animal of living *and* moving creatures, all on which the river shall come, shall live: and there shall be there very many fish; for this water shall go thither, and it shall heal *them*, and they shall live: everything on which the river shall come shall live.

Zechariah 8:7-19

Thus saith the Lord Almighty; Behold, I *will* save my people from the east country, and the west country; and I will bring them in, and cause *them* to dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be to me a people, and I will be to them a God, in truth and in righteousness.

Thus saith the Lord Almighty; Let your hands be strong, *ye that* hear in these days these words out of the mouth of the prophets, from the day that the house of the Lord Almighty was founded, and from the time that the temple was built. For before those days the wages of men could not be profitable, and there could be no hire of cattle, and there could be no peace by reason of the affliction to him that went out or to him that came in: for I would have let loose all men, every one against his neighbour. But now I *will* not do to the remnant of this people according to the former days, saith the Lord Almighty. But I will shew peace: the vine shall yield her fruit, and the land shall yield her produce, and the heaven shall give its dew: and I will give as an inheritance all these things to the remnant of my people. And it shall come to pass, as ye were a curse among the nations, O house of Juda, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: be of good courage, and strengthen your hands. For thus saith the Lord Almighty; As I took counsel to afflict you when your fathers provoked me, saith the Lord Almighty, and I repented not: so have I prepared and taken counsel in these days to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Juda: be ye of good courage. These *are* the things which ye shall do; speak truth every one with his neighbour; judge truth and peaceable judgment in your gates: and let none of you devise evil in his heart against his neighbour; and love not a false oath: for all these things I hate, saith the Lord Almighty.

And the word of the Lord Almighty came to me, saying, Thus saith the Lord Almighty, The fourth fast, and the fifth fast, and the seventh fast, and the tenth fast, shall be to the house of Juda for joy and gladness, and for good feasts; and ye shall rejoice; and love ye the truth and peace.

Zechariah 14:8-11

And in that day living water shall come forth out of Jerusalem; half of it toward the former sea, and half of it toward the latter sea: and so shall it be in summer and spring. And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day there shall be one Lord, and his name one, compassing all the earth, and the wilderness from Gabe unto Remmon south of Jerusalem. And Rama shall remain in its place. From the gate of Benjamin to the place of the first gate, to the gate of the corners, and to the tower of Anameel, as far as the king’s winepresses, they shall dwell in the city; and there shall be no more any curse, and Jerusalem shall dwell securely.

Exodus 15:22-16:1b

So Moses brought up the children of Israel from the Red Sea, and brought them into the wilderness of Sur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water to drink. and they came to Merrha, and could not drink of Merrha, for it was bitter; therefore he named the name of that place, Bitterness. And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink? And Moses cried to the Lord, and the Lord shewed him a tree, and he cast it into the water, and the water was sweetened: there he established to him ordinances and judgments, and there he proved him, and said, If thou wilt indeed hear the voice of the Lord thy God, and do things pleasing before him, and wilt hearken to his commands, and keep all his ordinances, no disease which I have brought upon the Egyptians will I bring upon thee, for I am the Lord thy God that heals thee. And they came to Ælim, and there were there twelve fountains of water, and seventy stems of palm-trees; and they encamped there by the waters.

And they departed from Ælim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Ælim and Sina.

Exodus 30:17-30

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, Make a brazen laver, and a brazen base for it, for washing; and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of witness and the altar, and thou shalt pour forth water into it. And Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet with water from it. Whensoever they shall go into the tabernacle of witness, they shall wash themselves with water, so they shall not die, whensoever they advance to the altar to do service and to offer the whole burnt-offerings to the Lord. They shall wash their hands and feet with water, whensoever they shall go into the tabernacle of witness; they shall wash themselves with water, that they die not; and it shall be for them a perpetual staThooute, for him and his posterity after him.

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, Do thou also take sweet herbs, the flower of choice myrrh five hundred shekels, and the half of this two hundred and fifty shekels of sweet-smelling cinnamon, and two hundred and fifty shekels of sweet-smelling calamus, and of cassia five hundred shekels of the sanctuary, and a hin of olive oil. And thou shalt make it a holy anointing oil, a perfumed ointment *tempered* by the art of the perfumer: it shall be a holy anointing oil. And thou shalt anoint with it the tabernacle of witness, and the ark of the tabernacle of witness, and all its furniture, and the candlestick and all its furniture, and the altar of incense, and the altar of whole burnt-offerings and all its furniture, and the table and all its furniture, and the laver. And thou shalt sanctify them, and they shall be most holy: every one that touches them shall be hallowed. And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and sanctify them that they may minister to me as priests.