

¹Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.²I thought it good to shew the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me.³How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.⁴I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in mine house, and flourishing in my palace:⁵I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me.⁶Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the interpretation of the dream.⁷Then came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the interpretation thereof.⁸But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods: and before him I told the dream, saying,⁹O Belteshazzar, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in thee, and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof.¹⁰Thus were the visions of mine head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof was great.¹¹The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth:¹²The leaves thereof

¹مِنْ تَبُوحْدَتَصَّرَ الْمَلِكِ إِلَى كُلِّ الشُّعُوبِ وَالْأُمَمِ وَالْأَلْسِنَةِ السَّاكِنِينَ فِي الْأَرْضِ كُلِّهَا. لِيَكْتَنُرَ سَلَامُكُمْ.²الْآيَاتُ وَالْعَجَائِبُ الَّتِي صَنَعَهَا مَعِيَ اللَّهُ الْعَلِيُّ حَسَنَ عِنْدِي أَنْ أُخْبِرَ بِهَا.³آيَاتُهُ مَا أَعْظَمُهَا، وَعَجَائِبُهُ مَا أَقْوَاهَا. مَلَكُوتُهُ مَلَكُوتٌ أَبَدِيٌّ وَسُلْطَانُهُ إِلَى دَوْرٍ قَدُورٍ.⁴أَنَا تَبُوحْدَتَصَّرُ قَدْ كُنْتُ مُطْمَئِنًّا فِي بَيْتِي وَتَاضِرًا فِي قَصْرِِي.⁵رَأَيْتُ حُلُمًا قَرَوَعِي، وَالْأَفْكَارُ عَلَى فِرَاشِي وَرُؤَى رَأْسِي أَفْرَعِي.⁶فَقَصَدَرْتُ مِنِّي أُمْرًا بِإِخْصَارٍ جَمِيعِ حُكَمَاءِ بَابِلَ قُدَّامِي لِيُعَرِّفُونِي بِتَغْيِيرِ الْحُلْمِ.⁷جِيئَنِي حَصْرَ الْمَجُوسِ وَالسَّحَرَةِ وَالْكَذَّابِينَ وَالْمُنْجُمُونَ، وَقَصَصْتُ الْحُلْمَ عَلَيْهِمْ فَلَمْ يُعَرِّفُونِي بِتَغْيِيرِهِ.⁸أَجِيرًا دَخَلَ قُدَّامِي دَانِيَالُ الَّذِي اسْمُهُ بَلْطَشَاصَّرُ كَاسِمِ إِلَهِي، وَالَّذِي فِيهِ رُوحُ الْإِلَهَةِ الْقُدُّوسِينَ، فَقَصَصْتُ الْحُلْمَ قُدَّامَهُ.⁹يَا بَلْطَشَاصَّرُ، كَبِيرُ الْمَجُوسِ، مِنْ حَيْثُ إِنِّي أَعْلَمُ أَنَّ فِيكَ رُوحُ الْإِلَهَةِ الْقُدُّوسِينَ، وَلَا يَعْصُرُ عَلَيْكَ سِرٌّ فَأَخْبِرْنِي بِرُؤَى حُلْمِي الَّذِي رَأَيْتُهُ وَتَغْيِيرِهِ.¹⁰قَرَوَى رَأْسِي عَلَى فِرَاشِي هِيَ أَنِّي كُنْتُ أَرَى قَائِدًا بِشَجَرَةٍ فِي وَسْطِ الْأَرْضِ وَطُولُهَا عَظِيمٌ.¹¹فَكَثُرَتِ الشَّجَرَةُ وَقَوِيَتْ، قَبِلَغَ غُلُوبُهَا إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَمَنْظَرُهَا إِلَى أَقْصَى كُلِّ الْأَرْضِ.¹²أَوْرَاقُهَا جَمِيلَةٌ وَتَمَرُهَا كَثِيرٌ وَفِيهَا طَعَامٌ لِلْجَمِيعِ، وَتَحْتَهَا اسْتَقَلَّ حَيَوَانُ الْبَرِّ، وَفِي أَغْصَانِهَا سَكَنَتْ طُيُورُ السَّمَاءِ، وَطَعِمَ مِنْهَا كُلُّ الْبَشَرِ.¹³كُنْتُ أَرَى فِي رُؤَى رَأْسِي عَلَى فِرَاشِي وَإِذَا بِسَاهِرٍ وَقُدُّوسٍ نَزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ قَصَرَخَ بِشِدَّةٍ، أَفْطَعُوا الشَّجَرَةَ وَأَقْصَبُوا أَغْصَانَهَا وَاشْرَوْا أَوْرَاقَهَا وَابْدُرُوا تَمَرَهَا، لِيَهْرَبَ الْحَيَوَانُ مِنْ تَحْتِهَا وَالطُّيُورُ مِنْ أَغْصَانِهَا.¹⁴وَلَكِنْ انْزَكُوا سَاقَ أَصْلِهَا فِي الْأَرْضِ، وَبَقِيَ مِنْ خَشَبٍ وَخُحَاسٍ فِي غُصْبِ الْحَقْلِ، وَلِيَبْتَلَّ بِدَى السَّمَاءِ، وَلِيَكُنْ تَصْبِيهُ مَعَ الْحَيَوَانِ فِي غُصْبِ الْحَقْلِ.¹⁵لِيَتَغَيَّرَ قَلْبُهُ عَنِ الْإِنْسَانِيَّةِ، وَلِيُعْطَى قَلْبُ حَيَوَانٍ، وَلِيَتَمَضَّ عَلَيْهِ سَبْعَةُ أَزْمِنَةٍ.¹⁶هَذَا الْأَمْرُ بِقَضَاءِ السَّاهِرِينَ، وَالْحُكْمُ بِكَلِمَةِ الْقُدُّوسِينَ، لِيَعْلَمَ الْأَحْيَاءُ أَنَّ الْعَلِيَّ مُتَسَلِّطٌ فِي مَمْلَكَةِ النَّاسِ، فَيُعْطِيهَا مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَنْصَبُ عَلَيْهَا أَدْنَى النَّاسِ.¹⁷هَذَا الْحُلْمُ رَأَيْتُهُ أَنَا تَبُوحْدَتَصَّرَ الْمَلِكِ. أَمَّا أَنْتَ يَا بَلْطَشَاصَّرُ فَبَيِّنْ تَغْيِيرَهُ، لَأَنَّ كُلَّ حُكَمَاءِ مَمْلَكَتِي لَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ أَنْ يُعَرِّفُونِي بِالتَّغْيِيرِ.¹⁸أَمَّا أَنْتَ فَتَسْتَطِيعُ، لِأَنَّ فِيكَ رُوحُ الْإِلَهَةِ الْقُدُّوسِينَ. جِيئَنِي تَحْيَرُ دَانِيَالُ الَّذِي اسْمُهُ بَلْطَشَاصَّرُ سَاعَةً وَاجِدَةً وَأَفْرَعْنَهُ أَفْكَارُهُ. فَقَالَ الْمَلِكُ،

were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it.¹³ I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven;¹⁴ He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches:¹⁵ Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth:¹⁶ Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him.¹⁷ This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.¹⁸ This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have seen. Now thou, O Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation thereof, forasmuch as all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation: but thou art able; for the spirit of the holy gods is in thee.¹⁹ Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was astonished for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake, and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation thereof,

بَا بَلْتَشَاصَّرُ، لَا يُفْرَعُكَ الْخُلْمُ وَلَا تَغْيِيرُهُ. فَأَجَابَ بَلْتَشَاصَّرُ، يَا سَيِّدِي، الْخُلْمُ لِمُبْغِضِكَ وَتَغْيِيرُهُ لِأَعَادِكَ.²⁰ الشَّجَرَةُ الَّتِي رَأَيْتَهَا، الَّتِي كَبُرَتْ وَقَوِيَتْ وَتَلَعَ غُلُوقُهَا إِلَى السَّمَاءِ، وَمَنْطَرُهَا إِلَى كُلِّ الْأَرْضِ،²¹ وَأَوْرَاقُهَا جَمِيلَةٌ وَتَمَرُهَا كَثِيرٌ وَفِيهَا طَعَامٌ لِلْجَمِيعِ، وَتَحْتَهَا سَكَنَ حَيَوَانُ الْبَرِّ وَفِي أَغْصَانِهَا سَكَنَتْ طُيُورُ السَّمَاءِ،²² إِنَّمَا هِيَ أُنْتُ يَا ابْنَةُ الْمَلِكِ، الَّتِي كَبُرَتْ وَتَقَوَّيَتْ، وَعَظَمْتَكَ قَدْ رَأَتْ وَتَلَعَتْ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَسُلْطَانُكَ إِلَى أَفْصَى الْأَرْضِ.²³ وَحَيْثُ رَأَى الْمَلِكُ سَاهِرًا وَقُدُوسًا تَرَلَّ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَقَالَ، أَفْطَعُوا الشَّجَرَةَ وَأَهْلِكُوهَا، وَلَكِنْ اتْرُكُوا سَاقَ أَصْلِهَا فِي الْأَرْضِ، وَبَقِيَّةً مِنْ خَشَبٍ وَخُحَاسٍ فِي غُشْبِ الْحَقْلِ، وَلِيَبْتَلَّ بِتَدَى السَّمَاءِ، وَلِيَكُنْ تَصْبِيهُ مَعَ حَيَوَانِ الْبَرِّ، حَتَّى تَمُضِيَ عَلَيْهِ سَبْعَةُ أَرْمِيَةٍ.²⁴ فَهَذَا هُوَ التَّغْيِيرُ أَبْنَاهُ الْمَلِكِ، وَهَذَا هُوَ قِصَاؤُ الْعَلِيِّ الَّذِي يَأْتِي عَلَى سَيِّدِي الْمَلِكِ،²⁵ يَطْرُدُونَكَ مِنْ بَيْنِ النَّاسِ، وَتَكُونُ سُكْنَاكَ مَعَ حَيَوَانِ الْبَرِّ وَتُطْعَمُونَكَ الْغُشْبُ كَالنَّيِّرَانِ، وَتَبْلُغُونَكَ بِتَدَى السَّمَاءِ، فَتَمُضِي عَلَيْكَ سَبْعَةُ أَرْمِيَةٍ حَتَّى تَعْلَمَ أَنَّ الْعَلِيَّ مُتَسَلِّطٌ فِي مَمْلَكَةِ النَّاسِ وَيُعْطِيهَا مَنْ يَشَاءُ.²⁶ وَحَيْثُ أَمَرُوا بِتَرْكِ سَاقِ أَصُولِ الشَّجَرَةِ، فَإِنَّ مَمْلَكَتَكَ تَبْتُلُّ لَكَ عِنْدَمَا تَعْلَمُ أَنَّ السَّمَاءَ سُلْطَانًا.²⁷ لِذَلِكَ أَبْنَاهُ الْمَلِكِ فَلْتَكُنْ مَشُورَتِي مَقْبُولَةً لَدَيْكَ، وَقَارِقُ خَطَايَاكَ بِالْبَرِّ وَأَتَامَكَ بِالرَّحْمَةِ لِلْمَسَاكِينِ، لَعَلَّهُ يَطَالَ اطْمِئْنَانُكَ.²⁸ كُلُّ هَذَا جَاءَ عَلَى تَبُوحْدَنْصَرٍ الْمَلِكِ.²⁹ عِنْدَ نِهَآيَةِ اثْنَيْ عَشَرَ شَهْرًا كَانَ يَتَمَسَّسِي عَلَى قَصْرِ مَمْلَكَةِ بَابِلَ. فَقَالَ، أَلَيْسَتْ هَذِهِ بَابِلُ الْعَظِيمَةِ الَّتِي بَنَيْتُهَا لِيَبْتَ الْمَلِكُ بِقُوَّةٍ أَقْدَارِي وَلِجَلَالِ مَجْدِي.³¹ وَالْكَلِمَةُ بَعْدَ يَقُمُ الْمَلِكُ وَقَعَ صَوْتُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، لَكَ يَقُولُونَ يَا تَبُوحْدَنْصَرُ الْمَلِكِ إِنَّ الْمَلِكَ قَدْ رَالَ عَنْكَ،³² وَيَطْرُدُونَكَ مِنْ بَيْنِ النَّاسِ، وَتَكُونُ سُكْنَاكَ مَعَ حَيَوَانِ الْبَرِّ، وَتُطْعَمُونَكَ الْغُشْبُ كَالنَّيِّرَانِ، فَتَمُضِي عَلَيْكَ سَبْعَةُ أَرْمِيَةٍ حَتَّى تَعْلَمَ أَنَّ الْعَلِيَّ مُتَسَلِّطٌ فِي مَمْلَكَةِ النَّاسِ وَأَنَّهُ يُعْطِيهَا مَنْ يَشَاءُ.³³ فِي تِلْكَ السَّاعَةِ تَمَّ الْأَمْرُ عَلَى تَبُوحْدَنْصَرٍ، فَطَرِدَ مِنْ بَيْنِ النَّاسِ، وَأَكَلَ الْغُشْبُ كَالنَّيِّرَانِ، وَابْتَلَّ جِسْمُهُ بِتَدَى السَّمَاءِ حَتَّى طَالَ شَعْرُهُ مِثْلَ النَّسُورِ وَأَطْفَارُهُ مِثْلَ الطُّيُورِ.³⁴ وَعِنْدَ انْتِهَاءِ الْآيَامِ، أَنَا تَبُوحْدَنْصَرُ رَفَعْتُ عَيْنِي إِلَى السَّمَاءِ، فَرَجَعْتُ إِلَيَّ عَقْلِي، وَبَارَكْتُ الْعَلِيَّ وَسَبَّحْتُ وَحَمَدْتُ الْحَيَّ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، الَّذِي سُلْطَانُهُ سُلْطَانُ أَبَدِي وَمَلِكُوهُ إِلَى دَوْرٍ قَدَوْرٍ.³⁵ وَخَسِبَتْ جَمِيعُ سُكَّانِ الْأَرْضِ كَلَامِي، وَهُوَ

trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream be to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies.²⁰ The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight thereof to all the earth;²¹ Whose leaves were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation:²² It is thou, O king, that art grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth.²³ And whereas the king saw a watcher and an holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him;²⁴ This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the most High, which is come upon my lord the king:²⁵ That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.²⁶ And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do

يَفْعَلُ كَمَا يَشَاءُ فِي جُنْدِ السَّمَاءِ وَسُكَّانِ الْأَرْضِ، وَلَا يُوجَدُ مَنْ يَمْنَعُ يَدَهُ أَوْ يَقُولُ لَهُ، مَاذَا تَفْعَلُ.³⁶ فِي ذَلِكَ الْوَقْتِ رَجَعَ إِلَيَّ عَقْلِي، وَعَادَ إِلَيَّ جَلَالُ مَمْلَكَتِي وَمَجْدِي وَتَهَائِي، وَطَلَّتَنِي مُشِيرِي وَعُظْمَائِي، وَتَبَتُّ عَلَى مَمْلَكَتِي وَإِذَا دَارَتْ لِي عَظَمَةٌ كَثِيرَةٌ.³⁷ قَالَ لَنْ أَبَا تَبُوحْدَتَصُرُ أَسْبَحُ وَأَعْظُمُ وَأَحْمَدُ مَلِكُ السَّمَاءِ، الَّذِي كُلُّ أَغْمَالِهِ حَقٌّ وَطَرَفُهُ عَذْلٌ، وَمَنْ يَسْلُكُ بِالْكَثِيرَاءِ فَهُوَ قَادِرٌ عَلَى أَنْ يُذِلَّهُ.

rule.²⁷ Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity.²⁸ All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar.²⁹ At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon.³⁰ The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?³¹ While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.³² And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.³³ The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.³⁴ And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:³⁵ And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the

inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?³⁶ At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me.³⁷ Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.