

¹In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;²In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.³And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:⁴And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;⁵We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:⁶Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.⁷O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.⁸O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.⁹To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him;¹⁰Neither have we obeyed the voice of

¹فِي السَّنَةِ الْأُولَى لِذَارْيُوسَ بْنِ أَحَشْوِيرُوشَ مِنْ نَسْلِ الْمَدَائِيِّينَ الَّذِي مُلِكَ عَلَى مَمْلَكَةِ الْكَلْدَانِيِّينَ² فِي السَّنَةِ الْأُولَى مِنْ مُلْكِهِ، أَنَا دَانِيَالُ فَهَمْتُ مِنَ الْكُتُبِ عِدَّةَ السِّنِينَ الَّتِي كَانَتْ عَنْهَا كَلِمَةُ الرَّبِّ إِلَى إِزْمِيَا النَّبِيِّ لِكَمَالَةِ سَبْعِينَ سَنَةً عَلَى حَرَابِ أُورُشَلِيمَ.³ فَوَجَّهْتُ وَجْهِي إِلَى اللَّهِ السَّيِّدِ طَالِبًا بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالتَّصَرُّعَاتِ، بِالصَّوْمِ وَالْمَسْحِ وَالرَّمَادِ.⁴ وَصَلَّيْتُ إِلَى الرَّبِّ إِلَهِي وَاعْتَرَفْتُ وَقُلْتُ، أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ إِلَهُ الْعَظِيمِ الْمُهَوَّبِ، حَافِظَ الْعَهْدِ وَالرَّحْمَةِ لِمُحِبِّيهِ وَحَافِظِي وَصَايَاهُ.⁵ أَخْطَأْنَا وَأَيْنَمْنَا وَعَمَلْنَا الشَّرَّ، وَتَمَرَّدْنَا وَجِدْنَا عَنْ وَصَايَاكَ وَعَنْ أَحْكَامِكَ.⁶ وَمَا سَمِعْنَا مِنْ عِبِيدِكَ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ الَّذِينَ يَأْمُرُوكُمْ بِمُلُوكِنَا وَرُؤَسَاءَنَا وَأَبَاءَنَا وَكُلِّ شَعْبِ الْأَرْضِ. لَكَ يَا سَيِّدُ الْبَرِّ، أَمَّا لَنَا فَخِزْيُ الْوُجُوهِ كَمَا هُوَ الْيَوْمَ لِرِجَالِ يَهُودَا وَلِسُكَّانِ أُورُشَلِيمَ وَلِكُلِّ إِسْرَائِيلَ الْقَرِيبِينَ وَالتَّبَعِيدِينَ فِي كُلِّ الْأَرْضِ الَّتِي طَرَدْتَهُمْ إِلَيْهَا، مِنْ أَجْلِ خِيَابَتِهِمُ الَّتِي خَانُواكَ يَا بَابَاهَا.⁸ يَا سَيِّدُ لَنَا خِزْيُ الْوُجُوهِ، لِمُلُوكِنَا لِرُؤَسَائِنَا وَلِأَبَائِنَا لِأَنَّا أَخْطَأْنَا إِلَيْكَ.⁹ لِلرَّبِّ إِلَهِنَا الْمَرَاحِمُ وَالْمَغْفِرَةُ، لِأَنَّا تَمَرَّدْنَا عَلَيْكَ.¹⁰ وَمَا سَمِعْنَا صَوْتَ الرَّبِّ إِلَهِنَا لِنَسْأَلَكَ فِي شَرَائِعِهِ الَّتِي جَعَلَهَا أَمَامَنَا عَنْ يَدِ عِبِيدِهِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ.¹¹ وَكُلِّ إِسْرَائِيلَ قَدْ تَعَدَّى عَلَى شَرِيعَتِكَ، وَخَادُوا لَنَا يَسْمَعُوا صَوْتَكَ، فَسَكَبْتَ عَلَيْنَا اللَّعْنَةَ وَالْخَلْفَ الْمَكْتُوبَ فِي شَرِيعَةِ مُوسَى عَبْدِ اللَّهِ، لِأَنَّا أَخْطَأْنَا إِلَيْكَ.¹² وَقَدْ أَقَامَ كَلِمَاتِهِ الَّتِي تَكَلَّمَ بِهَا عَلَيْنَا وَعَلَى قُضَاتِنَا الَّذِينَ قَضَوْا لَنَا، لِيُخَلِّبَ عَلَيْنَا بِشَرٍّ عَظِيمًا، مَا لَمْ يُجَرِّ تَحْتَ السَّمَاءَاتِ كُلِّهَا كَمَا أَجَرِي عَلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ.¹³ كَمَا كُتِبَ فِي شَرِيعَةِ مُوسَى قَدْ جَاءَ عَلَيْنَا كُلُّ هَذَا الشَّرِّ، وَلَمْ تَنْصَرَعْ إِلَى وَجْهِ الرَّبِّ إِلَهِنَا لِنَرْجِعَ مِنْ آثَامِنَا وَنَقْطِنَ بِخَفَاكَ.¹⁴ فَسَهَرَ الرَّبُّ عَلَى الشَّرِّ وَجَلَبَهُ عَلَيْنَا، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ إِلَهِنَا بَارٌّ فِي كُلِّ أَعْمَالِهِ الَّتِي عَمِلَهَا إِذْ لَمْ تَسْمَعْ صَوْتَهُ.¹⁵ وَالْآنَ أَيُّهَا السَّيِّدُ إِلَهِنَا، الَّذِي أَخْرَجْتَ شَعْبَكَ مِنْ أَرْضِ مِصْرَ بِيَدِ قُوَّتِهِ، وَجَعَلْتَ لِنَفْسِكَ اسْمًا كَمَا هُوَ هَذَا الْيَوْمَ، قَدْ أَخْطَأْنَا. عَمَلْنَا شَرًّا. يَا سَيِّدُ، حَسَبْتَ كُلَّ رَحْمَتِكَ اصْرَفْ سَخَطَكَ وَغَضَبَكَ عَنْ مَدِينَتِكَ أُورُشَلِيمَ جَبَلِ قُدْسِكَ، إِذْ لِحَطَايَانَا وَلِآثَامِ آبَائِنَا صَارَتْ أُورُشَلِيمُ وَشَعْبُكَ غَارًا عِنْدَ جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ حَوْلَنَا.¹⁷ فَاسْمَعْ الْآنَ يَا إِلَهِنَا صَلَاةَ عَبْدِكَ وَتَضَرُّعَاتِهِ، وَأَصْنِ يَوْجَهَكَ عَلَى مَقْدِسِكَ الْخَرِبِ مِنْ أَجْلِ السَّيِّدِ.¹⁸ أَمَلْ أَذُنَكَ يَا إِلَهِي وَاسْمَعْ. افْتَحْ عَيْنَيْكَ

the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.¹¹ Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.¹² And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem.¹³ As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.¹⁴ Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.¹⁵ And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.¹⁶ O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us.¹⁷ Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.¹⁸ O my

وَأَنْظُرْ خَرَبَتَنَا وَالْمَدِينَةَ الَّتِي دُعِيَ اسْمُكَ عَلَيْهَا، لِأَنَّهُ لَا لِأَجْلِ بَرَّتَا تَطْرَحُ تَصَرُّعَاتِنَا أَمَامَ وَجْهِكَ بَلْ لِأَجْلِ مَرَاكِمْكَ الْعَظِيمَةِ.¹⁹ يَا سَيِّدُ اسْمَعْ. يَا سَيِّدُ اغْفِرْ. يَا سَيِّدُ اصْنَعْ وَاصْنَعْ. لَا تُؤَخِّرْ مِنْ أَجْلِ نَفْسِكَ يَا إِلَهِي، لِأَنَّ اسْمَكَ دُعِيَ عَلَى مَدِينَتِكَ وَعَلَى شَعْبِكَ.²⁰ وَبَيْنَمَا أَنَا أَتَكَلَّمُ وَأَصْلِي وَأَعْتَرِفُ بِخَطِيئَتِي وَخَطِيئَةِ شَعْبِي إِسْرَائِيلَ، وَأَطْرَحُ تَصَرُّعِي أَمَامَ الرَّبِّ إِلَهِي عَنْ جَبَلٍ قُدْسٍ إِلَهِي،²¹ وَأَنَا مُتَكَلِّمٌ بَعْدَ الصَّلَاةِ، إِذَا بِالرُّجُلِ جَبْرَائِيلَ الَّذِي رَأَيْتُهُ فِي الرُّؤْيَا فِي الْإِنْتِدَاءِ مُطَارًا وَاعْفَا، لَمَسْنِي عِنْدَ وَقْتِ تَقْدِيمَةِ الْمَسَاءِ.²² وَفَهَّمَنِي وَتَكَلَّمَ مَعِي وَقَالَ، يَا دَانْيَالُ، إِنِّي خَرَجْتُ الْآنَ لِأَعْلَمَكَ الْقَهْمَ.²³ فِي انْتِدَاءِ تَصَرُّعَاتِكَ خَرَجَ الْأَمْرُ، وَأَنَا جُنْتُ لِأَخْبِرَكَ لِأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ مَحْبُوبٌ. فَتَأَمَّلِ الْكَلَامَ وَافْهَمْ الرُّؤْيَا.²⁴ سَبْعُونَ أَسْبُوعًا قُضِيَتْ عَلَى شَعْبِكَ وَعَلَى مَدِينَتِكَ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ لِتُكْمِلَ الْمُعْصِيَةِ وَتُثْمِمَ الْخَطَايَا، وَلِكِفَارَةِ الْإِثْمِ، وَلِيُؤْتَى بِالْبَرِّ الْأَبَدِيِّ، وَلِيَحْتَمَ الرُّؤْيَا وَالنُّبُوءَةُ، وَلِيَمْسَحَ قُدُوسِ الْفُؤُوسِينَ.²⁵ فَاعْلَمْ وَافْهَمْ أَنَّهُ مِنْ خُرُوجِ الْأَمْرِ لِتَجْدِيدِ أُورُشَلِيمَ وَبَنَائِهَا إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الرَّئِيسِ سَبْعَةُ أَسَابِيعَ وَأَثْنَانِ وَسِتُّونَ أَسْبُوعًا، يَعُودُ وَبُنَى سُوقَ وَخَلِيجَ فِي صَبَاحِ الْأَرْمَةِ.²⁶ وَبَعْدَ اثْنَيْنِ وَسِتِّينَ أَسْبُوعًا يَقْطَعُ الْمَسِيحُ وَلَيْسَ لَهُ، وَشَعْبُ رَئِيسٍ آتٍ يُخْرِبُ الْمَدِينَةَ وَالْقُدُسَ، وَانْتِهَاؤُهُ يَغْمَارُهُ، وَإِلَى النَّهَابَةِ حَرْبٌ وَخَرْبٌ قُضِيَ بِهَا.²⁷ وَبُنِيَ عَهْدٌ مَعَ كَثِيرِينَ فِي أَسْبُوعٍ وَاحِدٍ، وَفِي وَسْطِ الْأَسْبُوعِ يُبْطَلُ الدَّبِيحَةُ وَالتَّقْدِيمَةُ، وَعَلَى جَنَاحِ الزَّرْجَاسِ مُحَرَّبٌ حَتَّى يَبْصَبَ الْمَقْضِيُّ عَلَى الْمُحَرَّبِ.

God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.¹⁹ O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.²⁰ And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;²¹ Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.²² And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.²³ At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.²⁴ Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.²⁵ Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again,

and the wall, even in troublous times.²⁶ And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.²⁷ And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.