

¹And I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel; Is it not for you to know judgment?²Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones;³Who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron.⁴Then shall they cry unto the LORD, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings.⁵Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him.⁶Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.⁷Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God.⁸But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.⁹Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity.¹⁰They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.¹¹The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean

¹وَقُلْتُ، اسْمَعُوا يَا رُؤَسَاءَ يَهُفُوبَ وَقُصَاةَ بَيْتِ إِسْرَائِيلَ. أَلَيْسَ لَكُمْ أَنْ تَعْرِفُوا الْحَقَّ؟²الْمُبْغِضِينَ الْخَيْرَ وَالْمُحِبِّينَ الشَّرَّ، الَّذِينَ يَزِيلُونَ جُلُودَهُمْ عَنْهُمْ وَلَحَمَهُمْ عَنْ عِظَامِهِمْ،³وَالَّذِينَ يَأْكُلُونَ لَحْمَ شَعْبِي وَيَكْسُطُونَ جِلْدَهُمْ عَنْهُمْ، وَيَهْشُمُونَ عِظَامَهُمْ، وَيُسَقِّفُونَ كَمَا فِي الْقَدْرِ، وَكَاللَّحْمِ فِي وَسْطِ الْمِقْلَى.⁴حِينَئِذٍ يَصْرُخُونَ إِلَى الرَّبِّ قَلًا يُجِيبُهُمْ، بَلْ يَسْتَرْ وَجْهَهُ عَنْهُمْ فِي ذَلِكَ الْوَقْتِ كَمَا أَسَاءُوا أَعْمَالَهُمْ.⁵هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ عَلَى الْأَنْبِيَاءِ الَّذِينَ يُضِلُّونَ شَعْبِي، الَّذِينَ يَنْهَشُونَ بِأَسْنَانِهِمْ، وَيُبَادُونَ، سَلَامًا، وَالَّذِي لَا يَجْعَلُ فِي أَفْوَاهِهِمْ شَيْئًا يَفْتَحُونَ عَلَيْهِ خَرَابًا،⁶لِذَلِكَ تَكُونُ لَكُمْ لَيْلَةٌ لَا رُؤْيَا. طَلَامَ لَكُمْ يَدُونَ عِرَاقَةً، وَتَغِيبُ الشَّمْسُ عَنِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَيُظْلِمُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْبَهَارُ.⁷فَيَحْزَى الرَّأُوُونَ، وَيَحْجَلُ الْعَرَّافُونَ، وَيُعْطُونَ كُلُّهُمْ سَوَارِيَهُمْ، لِأَنَّهُ لَيْسَ جَوَابٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ.⁸لَكِنِّي أَنَا مَلَأْتُ قُوَّةَ رُوحِ الرَّبِّ وَحَقًّا وَبَاسًا، لَأُخَبِّرَ يَهُفُوبَ بِذُنُوبِهِ وَإِسْرَائِيلَ بِخَطِيئَتِهِ.⁹اسْمَعُوا هَذَا يَا رُؤَسَاءَ بَيْتِ يَهُفُوبَ وَقُصَاةَ بَيْتِ إِسْرَائِيلَ الَّذِينَ يَكْذِبُونَ الْحَقَّ وَيُغْوِجُونَ كُلَّ مُسْتَقِيمٍ.¹⁰الَّذِينَ يَبْنُونَ صِهْيُونَ بِالدِّمَاءِ وَأُورُشَلِيمَ بِالظُّلْمِ،¹¹رُؤَسَاؤُهَا يَقْضُونَ بِالرُّشُوءِ وَكَهَنَتُهَا يُعْلَمُونَ بِالْأَجْرَةِ، وَأَنْبِيَائُهَا يَعْرِفُونَ بِالْفِصَّةِ، وَهُمْ يَتَوَكَّلُونَ عَلَى الرَّبِّ قَائِلِينَ، أَلَيْسَ الرَّبُّ فِي وَسْطِنَا. لَا يَأْنِي عَلَيْنَا يَسْرُ.¹²لِذَلِكَ يَسْبِكُكُمْ تُفْلِحُ صِهْيُونُ كَحَقْلٍ، وَتَصِيرُ أُورُشَلِيمُ خَرَابًا، وَجَبَلُ الْبَيْتِ سَوَامِجٍ وَعَرٍ.

upon the LORD, and say, Is not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us.¹² Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.