

¹وَرَجَعَ يَهُوشَافَاثُ مَلِكُ يَهُودَا إِلَى بَيْتِهِ بِسَلَامٍ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ. ²وَخَرَجَ لِلِقَائِهِ يَاهُو بْنُ حَنَانِي الرَّائِي وَقَالَ لِلْمَلِكِ يَهُوشَافَاثَ، أَتَسَاعِدُ السَّرِيرَ وَتُحِبُّ مُبْغِضِي الرَّبِّ. ³فَلِذَلِكَ الْغَضَبُ عَلَيْكَ مِنْ قِبَلِ الرَّبِّ. ⁴غَيْرَ أَنَّهُ وَجَدْتُ فِيكَ أُمُورَ صَالِحَةٍ لَأَنَّكَ تَرَعْتَ السَّوَارِيَ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ وَهَيَّاتُ قَلْبَكَ لِطَلَبِ اللَّهِ. ⁵وَأَقَامَ يَهُوشَافَاثُ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ ثُمَّ رَجَعَ وَخَرَجَ أَيْضاً بَيْنَ الشَّعْبِ مِنْ بَيْتِ سَنِعَ إِلَى جَبَلِ أَفْرَايِمَ وَرَدَّهُمْ إِلَى الرَّبِّ إِلَهُ آبَائِهِمْ. ⁶وَأَقَامَ قَضَاةً فِي الْأَرْضِ فِي كُلِّ مَدِينٍ يَهُودَا الْمُحَصَّنَةِ فِي كُلِّ مَدِينَةٍ قَمَدِينَةٍ. ⁷وَقَالَ لِلْقَضَاةِ انْطَرُوا مَا أَنْتُمْ قَاعِلُونَ لِأَنَّكُمْ لَا تَقْضُونَ لِلْإِنْسَانِ بَلْ لِلرَّبِّ، وَهُوَ مَعَكُمْ فِي أَمْرِ الْقَضَاءِ. ⁸وَالآنَ لَتَكُنْ هَيْبَةُ الرَّبِّ عَلَيْكُمْ. ⁹أَحْذَرُوا وَافْعَلُوا. ¹⁰لأنَّهُ لَيْسَ عِنْدَ الرَّبِّ إِلَهِنَا ظُلْمٌ وَلَا مُحَابَاةٌ وَلَا إِزْنَاءٌ. ¹¹وَكَذَا فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ أَقَامَ يَهُوشَافَاثُ مِنَ الْلاَوِيِّينَ وَالْكَهَنَةِ وَمِنْ رُؤُوسِ آبَاءِ إِسْرَائِيلَ لِقَضَاءِ الرَّبِّ وَالِدَعَاوِي. ¹²وَرَجَعُوا إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ. ¹³وَأَمَرَهُمْ، هَكَذَا تَفْعَلُونَ: يَتَّقُوا الرَّبَّ بِأَمَانَةٍ وَقَلْبٍ كَامِلٍ. ¹⁴وَفِي كُلِّ دَعْوَى تَأْتِي إِلَيْكُمْ مِنْ إِخْوَتِكُمُ السَّاكِنِينَ فِي مَدِينِهِمْ بَيْنَ دَمٍ وَدَمٍ، بَيْنَ شَرِيعَةٍ وَوَصِيَّةٍ مِنْ جِهَةٍ قَرَائِصَ أَوْ أَحْكَامٍ، حَذَرُوهُمْ فَلَا يَأْتُمُوا إِلَى الرَّبِّ فَيَكُونُ غَضَبٌ عَلَيْكُمْ وَعَلَى إِخْوَتِكُمْ. ¹⁵هَكَذَا افْعَلُوا فَلَا تَأْتُمُوا. ¹⁶وَهُؤُودَا أَمَرَتِ الْكَاهِنُ الرَّأْسُ عَلَيْكُمْ فِي كُلِّ أُمُورِ الرَّبِّ، وَرَبِّدَيَا بْنُ يَشْمَعْيِيلَ الرَّئِيسُ عَلَى بَيْتِ يَهُودَا فِي كُلِّ أُمُورِ الْمَلِكِ وَالْعُرَفَاءِ الْلاَوِيِّينَ أَمَامَكُمْ. ¹⁷تَسَدَّدُوا وَافْعَلُوا، وَلْيَكُنِ الرَّبُّ مَعَ الصَّالِحِ.

¹And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem. ²And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldst thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? therefore is wrath upon thee from before the LORD. ³Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God. ⁴And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and he went out again through the people from Beersheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them back unto the LORD God of their fathers. ⁵And he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city, ⁶And said to the judges, Take heed what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for the LORD, who is with you in the judgment. ⁷Wherefore now let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed and do it : for there is no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts. ⁸Moreover in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat set of the Levites, and of the priests, and of the chief of the fathers of Israel, for the judgment of the LORD, and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem. ⁹And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart. ¹⁰And what cause soever shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, ye shall even warn them that they trespass not against the LORD, and so wrath come upon you, and upon your

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brethren: this do, and ye shall not trespass.¹¹ And, behold, Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of the LORD; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters: also the Levites shall be officers before you. Deal courageously, and the LORD shall be with the good.