

¹مَلَكَ أَمْصِيَا وَهُوَ ابْنُ خَمْسٍ وَعِشْرِينَ سَنَةً، وَمَلَكَ تِسْعًا وَعِشْرِينَ سَنَةً فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ، وَاسْمُ أُمِّهِ يَهُوَعَدَانُ مِنْ أُورُشَلِيمَ.² وَعَمِلَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ فِي عَيْنِي الرَّبِّ، وَلَكِنْ لَيْسَ بِقَلْبِ كَامِلٍ. وَلَمَّا تَبَسَّتِ الْمَمْلَكَةُ عَلَيْهِ قَتَلَ عَبِيدَهُ الَّذِينَ قَتَلُوا الْمَلِكَ أَبَاهُ.⁴ وَأَمَّا بَنُوهُمْ فَلَمْ يَقْتُلْهُمْ، بَلْ كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ فِي الشَّرِيعَةِ فِي سِفْرِ مُوسَى حَيْثُ أَمَرَ الرَّبُّ، لَا تَمُوتُ الْآبَاءُ لِأَجْلِ الْبَنِينَ، وَلَا الْبَنُونَ بِمُوتِ آبَائِهِمْ، بَلْ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ يَمُوتُ لِأَجْلِ خَطِيئَتِهِ.⁵ وَجَمَعَ أَمْصِيَا يَهُودًا وَأَقَامَهُمْ حَسَبَ بُيُوتِ الْآبَاءِ رُؤَسَاءَ أَلُوفٍ وَرُؤَسَاءَ مِائَاتٍ فِي كُلِّ يَهُودَا وَبَنِيَامِينَ، وَأَخْصَاهُمْ مِنْ ابْنِ عِشْرِينَ سَنَةً فَمَا قَوْفٌ، فَوَجَدَهُمْ ثَلَاثَ مِئَةِ أَلْفٍ مُخْتَارٍ خَارِجٍ لِلْحَرْبِ خَاهِلٍ رُمَحٍ وَتُرْسٍ.⁶ وَاسْتَاجَرَ مِنْ إِسْرَائِيلَ مِئَةَ أَلْفٍ جَبَّارٍ بِأَسِيٍّ يَمْنَةً وَزِيَّةٍ مِنَ الْفِصَّةِ.⁷ وَجَاءَ إِلَيْهِ رَجُلٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ قَائِلًا، إِنَّهَا الْمَلِكُ، لَا يَأْتِي مَعَكَ جَيْشُ إِسْرَائِيلَ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ لَيْسَ مَعَ إِسْرَائِيلَ، مَعَ كُلِّ بَنِي أَفْرَايِمَ.⁸ وَإِنْ دَهَبْتَ أَنْتَ فَاعْمَلْ وَتَسِدُّ لِلْقِتَالِ، لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ يُسْقِطُكَ أَمَامَ الْعَدُوِّ، لِأَنَّ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ قُوَّةً لِلْمَسَاعَدَةِ وَالْإِسْقَاطِ.⁹ فَقَالَ أَمْصِيَا لِرَجُلِ اللَّهِ، قَمَادًا يُعْمَلُ لِأَجْلِ الْوَرِيَّةِ الْوَرِيَّةِ الَّتِي أُعْطِيَتْهَا لِعُزَاةِ إِسْرَائِيلَ. فَقَالَ رَجُلُ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ الرَّبَّ قَادِرٌ أَنْ يُعْطِيَكَ أَكْثَرَ مِنْهَا.¹⁰ فَأَفَرَّ أَمْصِيَا الْعُزَاةَ الَّذِينَ جَاءُوا إِلَيْهِ مِنْ أَفْرَايِمَ لِيُتَلَفُوا إِلَى مَكَانِهِمْ، فَحَمِيَ عَصَبُهُمْ جِدًّا عَلَى يَهُودَا وَرَجَعُوا إِلَى مَكَانِهِمْ بِخُمُومِ الْعَصَبِ.¹¹ وَأَمَّا أَمْصِيَا فَتَشَدَّدَ وَافْتَدَّ سَعْبَهُ وَدَهَبَ إِلَى وَادِي الْمِلْحِ، وَصَرَبَ مِنْ بَنِي سَاعِيرَ عَشْرَةَ آلَافٍ.¹² وَعَشْرَةَ آلَافٍ أَحْيَاءَ سَبَاهُمْ بَنُو يَهُودَا وَأَتَوْا بِهِمْ إِلَى رَأْسِ سَالَعٍ وَطَرَحُوهُمْ عَنْ رَأْسِ سَالَعٍ فَتَكَسَّرُوا أَجْمَعُونَ.¹³ وَأَمَّا الْعُزَاةُ الَّذِينَ أَرْجَعَهُمْ أَمْصِيَا عَنِ الدَّهَابِ مَعَهُ إِلَى الْقِتَالِ فَاقْتَحَمُوا مُدْنَ يَهُودَا مِنَ السَّامِرَةِ إِلَى بَيْتِ حُورُونَ، وَصَرَبُوا مِنْهُمْ ثَلَاثَةَ آلَافٍ وَنَهَبُوا نَهَبًا كَثِيرًا.¹⁴ ثُمَّ بَعْدَ مَجِيءِ أَمْصِيَا مِنْ صَرْبِ الْأَدُومِيِّينَ أَتَى بِأَلِهَةِ بَنِي سَاعِيرَ وَأَقَامَهُمْ لَهُ آلِهَةً، وَسَجَدَ أَمَامَهُمْ وَأَوْقَدَ لَهُمْ.¹⁵ فَحَمِيَ غَضَبُ الرَّبِّ عَلَى أَمْصِيَا وَأَرْسَلَ إِلَيْهِ نَبِيًّا فَقَالَ لَهُ، لِمَاذَا طَلَبْتَ إِلَهَةَ الشَّعْبِ الَّذِينَ لَمْ يُنْقِدُوا سَعْبَهُمْ مِنْ يَدِكَ.¹⁶ وَفِيمَا هُوَ يُكَلِّمُهُ قَالَ لَهُ، هَلْ جَعَلُوكَ مُشِيرًا لِلْمَلِكِ. كُفَّ. لِمَاذَا يَقْتُلُوكَ. فَكَفَّ النَّبِيُّ وَقَالَ، قَدْ عَلِمْتُ أَنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ قَضَى بِهَلَاكِكَ لِأَنَّكَ عَمِلْتَ هَذَا وَلَمْ تَسْمَعْ لِمُسُورَتِي.¹⁷ فَاسْتَسَارَ أَمْصِيَا مَلِكَ يَهُودَا، وَأَرْسَلَ إِلَى يُوَاسَ بْنِ يَهُوَاخَازَ بْنِ يَاهُوَ مَلِكِ إِسْرَائِيلَ قَائِلًا، هَلُمَّ

¹Amaziah was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.²And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a perfect heart.³Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was established to him, that he slew his servants that had killed the king his father.⁴But he slew not their children, but did as it is written in the law in the book of Moses, where the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.⁵Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together, and made them captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of their fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbered them from twenty years old and above, and found them three hundred thousand choice men, able to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield.⁶He hired also an hundred thousand mighty men of valour out of Israel for an hundred talents of silver.⁷But there came a man of God to him, saying, O king, let not the army of Israel go with thee; for the LORD is not with Israel, to wit, with all the children of Ephraim.⁸But if thou wilt go, do it, be strong for the battle: God shall make thee fall before the enemy: for God hath power to help, and to cast down.⁹And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel? And the man of God answered, The LORD is able to give

تَرَاءَ مُوَاخَّةً. ¹⁸ فَأَرْسَلَ يُوَأَشُّ مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيلَ إِلَى أَمَصِيَا مَلِكُ يَهُودَا قَائِلًا، الْعُوسُجُ الَّذِي فِي لُبْنَانَ أَرْسَلَ إِلَيَّ الْأَزْرَ الَّذِي فِي لُبْنَانَ يَقُولُ، أَعْطِ ابْنَتَكَ لِابْنِي امْرَأَةً. فَعَبَّرَ حَيَوَانُ بَرِّي كَانَ فِي لُبْنَانَ وَدَاسَ الْعُوسُجُ. ¹⁹ تَقُولُ، هَنَذَا قَدْ صَرَنْتُ أَدُومَ. فَرَفَعَكَ قَلْبُكَ لِلتَّمَجُّدِ. قَالَآنَ أَقِمُ فِي بَيْتِكَ. لِمَاذَا تَهْجِمُ عَلَى الشَّرِّ فَتَسْقُطَ أَنْتَ وَيَهُودَا مَعَكَ. ²⁰ فَلَمْ يَسْمَعْ أَمَصِيَا لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ مِنْ قِبَلِ اللَّهِ أَنْ يُسَلِّمَهُمْ، لِأَنَّهُمْ طَلَبُوا آلِهَةَ أَدُومَ. ²¹ وَصَعِدَ يُوَأَشُّ مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيلَ فَتَرَاءَا مُوَاخَّةً، هُوَ وَأَمَصِيَا مَلِكُ يَهُودَا، فِي بَيْتِ شَمْسٍ الَّتِي لِيَهُودَا. ²² فَأَنهَزَمَ يَهُودَا أَمَامَ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَهَرَبُوا كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ إِلَى حَبْمَتِهِ. ²³ وَأَمَّا أَمَصِيَا مَلِكُ يَهُودَا فَأَمْسَكَهُ يُوَأَشُّ مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيلَ فِي بَيْتِ شَمْسٍ وَجَاءَ بِهِ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ، وَهَدَمَ سُورَ أُورُشَلِيمَ مِنْ بَابِ أَقْرَائِمَ إِلَى بَابِ الرَّائِيَةِ، أَرْبَعَ مِئَةَ ذِرَاعٍ. ²⁴ وَأَخَذَ كُلَّ الذَّهَبِ وَالْفِصَّةِ وَكُلَّ الْآبِيَةِ الْمُؤْجُودَةِ فِي بَيْتِ اللَّهِ مَعَ عُوبَيْدَ أَدُومَ وَخَزَائِنِ بَيْتِ الْمَلِكِ وَالرُّهْنَاءِ وَرَجَعَ إِلَى السَّامِيرَةِ. ²⁵ وَغَاشَ أَمَصِيَا بُنُ يَهُوَأَشَّ مَلِكُ يَهُودَا بَعْدَ مَوْتِ يُوَأَشَّ بْنِ يَهُوَأَحَازَ مَلِكِ إِسْرَائِيلَ خَمْسَ عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً. ²⁶ وَبَقِيَهِ أُمُورُ أَمَصِيَا الْأُولَى وَالْآخِرَةِ مَكْتُوبَةً فِي سِفْرِ مُلُوكِ يَهُودَا وَإِسْرَائِيلَ. ²⁷ وَمِنْ جِنِّ حَادٍ أَمَصِيَا مِنْ وَرَاءِ الرَّبِّ قَتَلُوا عَلَيْهِ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ، فَهَرَبَ إِلَى لَخِيَشَ فَأَرْسَلُوا وَرَاءَهُ إِلَى لَخِيَشَ وَقَتَلُوهُ هُنَاكَ، ²⁸ وَحَمَلُوهُ عَلَى الْخَيْلِ وَدَفَنُوهُ مَعَ آبَائِهِ فِي مَدِينَةِ يَهُودَا.

thee much more than this. ¹⁰ Then Amaziah separated them, to wit , the army that was come to him out of Ephraim, to go home again: wherefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in great anger. ¹¹ And Amaziah strengthened himself, and led forth his people, and went to the valley of salt, and smote of the children of Seir ten thousand. ¹² And other ten thousand left alive did the children of Judah carry away captive, and brought them unto the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, that they all were broken in pieces. ¹³ But the soldiers of the army which Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto Bethhoron, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoil. ¹⁴ Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up to be his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense unto them. ¹⁵ Wherefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent unto him a prophet, which said unto him, Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people, which could not deliver their own people out of thine hand? ¹⁶ And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that the king said unto him, Art thou made of the king's counsel? forbear; why shouldst thou be smitten? Then the prophet forbore, and said, I know that God hath determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel. ¹⁷ Then Amaziah king of

Judah took advice, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us see one another in the face.¹⁸ And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle.¹⁹ Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast smitten the Edomites; and thine heart lifteth thee up to boast: abide now at home; why shouldest thou meddle to thine hurt, that thou shouldest fall, even thou, and Judah with thee?²⁰ But Amaziah would not hear; for it came of God, that he might deliver them into the hand of their enemies, because they sought after the gods of Edom.²¹ So Joash the king of Israel went up; and they saw one another in the face, both he and Amaziah king of Judah, at Bethshemesh, which belongeth to Judah.²² And Judah was put to the worse before Israel, and they fled every man to his tent.²³ And Joash the king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at Bethshemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits.²⁴ And he took all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of God with Obbededom, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.²⁵ And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen

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years.²⁶ Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, behold, are they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel?²⁷ Now after the time that Amaziah did turn away from following the LORD they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish: but they sent to Lachish after him, and slew him there.²⁸ And they brought him upon horses, and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah.