

¹هَكَذَا أَرَانِي السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ وَإِذَا سَلَّةٌ لِلْقِطَافِ. ²قَسَالَ مَاذَا أَنْتَ رَأَيْتَ يَا غَامُوسُ قُلْتُ سَلَّةٌ لِلْقِطَافِ. فَقَالَ لِي الرَّبُّ قَدْ أَنْتَ التَّهَابَةُ عَلَى سَعْيِي إِسْرَائِيلَ. لَا أَعُودُ أَصْفَحُ لَهُ بَعْدُ. ³قَتَصِيرُ أَغَانِي الْقَصْرِ وَلَاوِلَ فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ، يَقُولُ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ. الْجُنْتُ كَثِيرَةٌ يَطْرُخُونَهَا فِي كُلِّ مَوْضِعٍ بِالسُّكُوتِ. ⁴إِسْمَعُوا هَذَا أَيُّهَا الْمُتَهَمُّونَ الْمَسَاكِينَ لِيُيَبِّدُوا بَائِسِي الْأَرْضِ، ⁵قَائِلِينَ مَتَى يَمْضِي رَأْسُ الشَّهْرِ لِيَتَّبِعَ قَمَحًا، وَالسَّبْتُ لِيَتَّعِزَّ جَنَّةً لِيَصْغَرَ الْإِبَقَةُ وَتُكَبَّرَ الشَّافِلُ وَتُغَوَّجَ مَوَازِينُ الْغَشِّ. ⁶لِيَشْتَرِيَ الصُّعَفَاءُ بِفِضَّةٍ، وَالبَائِسُ يَبْعَلِينَ، وَيَبْعُ ثِقَايَةَ الْقَمْحِ. ⁷قَدْ أَقْسَمَ الرَّبُّ يَقْحَرُ يَغْفُوبُ إِيَّيَ لَنْ أُنْسِيَ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ جَمِيعَ أَعْمَالِهِمْ. ⁸أَلَيْسَ مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا تَزِيدُ الْأَرْضُ، وَيَبْثُجُ كُلُّ سَاكِنٍ فِيهَا، وَتَطْمُو كُلُّهَا كَتَهْرٍ، وَتَفِيضُ وَتَنْصُبُ كَيْبِلَ يَمْضِرُ وَيَكُونُ فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ، يَقُولُ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ، أَنِّي أَغَيَّبُ الشَّمْسَ فِي الظُّهْرِ، وَأَقْتِمُ الْأَرْضَ فِي يَوْمِ نُورٍ، ⁹وَأَحُولُ أَعْيَادَكُمْ تَوْحًا وَجَمِيعَ أَعْيَانِكُمْ مَرَانِي، وَأَضَعُ عَلَى كُلِّ الْأَحْقَاءِ مِسْحًا وَعَلَى كُلِّ رَأْسٍ قَرْعَةً، وَأَجْعَلُهَا كَمَتَاخَةِ الْوَجِيدِ وَأَخْرِهَا يَوْمًا مُرًّا. ¹⁰هَؤُلَاءِ أَيَّامٌ تَأْتِي، يَقُولُ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ، أُرْسِلُ جُوعًا فِي الْأَرْضِ، لَا جُوعًا لِلْخُبْزِ وَلَا عَطَشًا لِلْمَاءِ، بَلْ لِسِتْمَاعِ كَلِمَاتِ الرَّبِّ. ¹¹فَيَجُولُونَ مِنْ بَحْرِ إِلَى بَحْرٍ، وَمِنْ الشَّامَالِ إِلَى الْمَشْرِقِ، يَبْطَوُّونَ لِيَطْلُبُوا كَلِمَةَ الرَّبِّ فَلَا يَجِدُونَهَا. ¹²فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ تَذْبُلُ بِالْعَطَشِ الْعَذَارَى الْجَمِيلَاتُ وَالْفَتَيَانُ، الَّذِينَ يَخْلِفُونَ بِذَنْبِ السَّامِرَةِ، وَيَقُولُونَ حَيَّ إِلَهُكَ يَا دَانُ، وَحَيَّةَ طَرِيقَهُ يَنْرُ سَعِي. فَيَسْقُطُونَ وَلَا يَقُومُونَ بَعْدُ.

¹Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and behold a basket of summer fruit. ²And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the LORD unto me, The end is come upon my people of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more. ³And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord GOD: there shall be many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast them forth with silence. ⁴Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail, ⁵Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit? ⁶That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; yea, and sell the refuse of the wheat? ⁷The LORD hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works. ⁸Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwelleth therein? and it shall rise up wholly as a flood; and it shall be cast out and drowned, as by the flood of Egypt. ⁹And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord GOD, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day: ¹⁰And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning of an only son, and the end thereof as a bitter day. ¹¹Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread,

nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:¹² And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it .¹³ In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.¹⁴ They that swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, Thy god, O Dan, liveth; and, The manner of Beersheba liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again.