

¹اسْمَعُوا قَوْلَ الرَّبِّ يَا بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ، إِنَّ لِلرَّبِّ مُحَاكَمَةً
مَعَ سُكَّانِ الْأَرْضِ، لِأَنَّهُ لَا أَمَانَةَ وَلَا إِحْسَانَ وَلَا مَعْرِفَةَ
اللَّهِ فِي الْأَرْضِ. ²لَعْنٌ وَكَذِبٌ وَقَتْلٌ وَسِزْقَةٌ وَفِسْقٌ.
يَعْتِفُونَ، وَدِمَاءٌ تَلْحَقُ دِمَاءً. ³لِذَلِكَ تَنُوحُ الْأَرْضُ وَيَذْبُلُ
كُلُّ مَنْ يَسْكُنُ فِيهَا مَعَ حَيَوَانِ الْبَرِّ وَطُيُورِ السَّمَاءِ،
وَأَسْمَاكِ الْبَحْرِ أَيْضاً تَنْتَرِعُ. ⁴وَلَكِنْ لَا يُحَاكِمُ أَحَدٌ وَلَا
يُعَاتِبُ أَحَدٌ. وَسَعْيُكَ كَمَنْ يُخَاصِمُ كَاهِنًا. ⁵فَتَتَعَتَّرُ فِي
النَّهَارِ وَيَتَعَتَّرُ أَيْضاً النَّبِيُّ مَعَكَ فِي اللَّيْلِ، وَأَنَا أَخْرُبُ
أَمَّكَ. ⁶قَدْ هَلَكَ شَعْبِي مِنْ عَدَمِ الْمَعْرِفَةِ. لِأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ
رَفَضْتَ الْمَعْرِفَةَ أَرْفُضُكَ أَنَا حَتَّى لَا تَكُنَ لِي. وَلِأَنَّكَ
تَسِيَتْ شَرِيعَةَ إِلَهِكَ أَنْسَى أَنَا أَيْضاً نَبِيَّكَ. ⁷عَلَى حَسْبَمَا
كَثُرُوا هَكَذَا أَخْطَاوَا إِلَيَّ، فَأَبْدِلُ كَرَامَتَهُمْ يَهُوَانَ. ⁸يَأْكُلُونَ
حَطِيئَةَ شَعْبِي وَإِلَى إِبْهَمِهِمْ يَحْمِلُونَ نُفُوسَهُمْ. ⁹فَيَكُونُ كَمَا
السَّعْبُ هَكَذَا الْكَاهِنُ. وَأَعَاقِبُهُمْ عَلَى طَرَفِهِمْ وَأَرُدُّ
أَعْمَالَهُمْ عَلَيْهِمْ. ¹⁰فَيَأْكُلُونَ وَلَا يَشْبَعُونَ، وَيَرْزُونَ وَلَا
يَكْتُرُونَ، لِأَنَّهُمْ قَدْ تَرَكُوا عِبَادَةَ الرَّبِّ. ¹¹الرَّزَى وَالْحَمْرُ
وَالسَّلَاقَةُ تَحْلِبُ الْقَلْبَ. ¹²شَعْبِي يَسْأَلُ حَسْبَهُ وَعَصَاهُ
تُحِيرُهُ، لِأَنَّ رُوحَ الرَّزَى قَدْ أَضَلَّهُمْ فَزَنُوا مِنْ تَحْتِ
إِلَهُمْ. ¹³يَذْبَحُونَ عَلَى رُؤُوسِ الْجِبَالِ وَيُذَبِّحُونَ عَلَى
الْأَلْأَلِ تَحْتَ الْبَلُوطِ وَاللَّبْنَى وَالنُّطْمِ لِأَنَّ طِلْهًا حَسَنًا.
لِذَلِكَ تَرْنِي بَنَاتُكُمْ وَتَفْسِقُ كَنَانُكُمْ. ¹⁴لَا أَعَاقِبُ بَنَاتِكُمْ
لِأَنَّهُنَّ يَزْنِينَ وَلَا كَنَانِكُمْ لِأَنَّهُنَّ يَفْسِقْنَ. لِأَنَّهُمْ يَعْتَزِلُونَ مَعَ
الرَّائِيَاتِ وَيَذْبَحُونَ مَعَ النَّازِرَاتِ الرَّزَى. وَشَعْبٌ لَا يَعْقِلُ
يُضْرَعُ. ¹⁵إِنْ كُنْتُ أَنْتَ زَانِيًا يَا إِسْرَائِيلُ فَلَا يَأْتِمُّ يَهُودًا. وَلَا
تَأْتُوا إِلَى الْجُلُجَالِ وَلَا تَصْعَدُوا إِلَى بَيْتِ آوَنَ وَلَا تَخْلِفُوا،
حَيْ هُوَ الرَّبُّ. ¹⁶إِنَّهُ قَدْ جَمَعَ إِسْرَائِيلُ كِبَرَةً جَامِعَةً.
الآنَ بَرَعَاهُمُ الرَّبُّ كَحَرْوِي فِي مَكَانٍ وَاسِعٍ. ¹⁷أَفْرَائِمُ
مُوثِقٌ بِالْأَصْنَامِ. ائْرُكُوهُ. ¹⁸مَتَى انْتَهَتْ مُنَادِمَتُهُمْ زَنُوا
زِنَى. أَحَبَّ مَجَانَّتَهَا، أَحَبُّوا الْهَوَانَ. ¹⁹قَدْ صَرَّتْهَا الرِّيحُ فِي
أَجْنِحَتِهَا، وَحَجَلُوا مِنْ دَبَاجِهِمْ.

¹Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. ²By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. ³Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away. ⁴Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people are as they that strive with the priest. ⁵Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother. ⁶My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. ⁷As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame. ⁸They eat up the sin of my people, and they set their heart on their iniquity. ⁹And there shall be, like people, like priest: and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings. ¹⁰For they shall eat, and not have enough: they shall commit whoredom, and shall not increase: because they have left off to take heed to the LORD. ¹¹Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart. ¹²My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to

err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God.¹³ They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, because the shadow thereof is good: therefore your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your spouses shall commit adultery.¹⁴ I will not punish your daughters when they commit whoredom, nor your spouses when they commit adultery: for themselves are separated with whores, and they sacrifice with harlots: therefore the people that doth not understand shall fall.¹⁵ Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, yet let not Judah offend; and come not ye unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to Bethaven, nor swear, The LORD liveth.¹⁶ For Israel slideth back as a backsliding heifer: now the LORD will feed them as a lamb in a large place.¹⁷ Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone.¹⁸ Their drink is sour: they have committed whoredom continually: her rulers with shame do love, Give ye.¹⁹ The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.