

¹هَلُمَّ تَرْجِعْ إِلَى الرَّبِّ لِأَنَّهُ هُوَ افْتَرَسَ قَبَشْفِينَا، صَرَبَ
فَيَجِيرُنَا. ²يُخَيِّتُنَا بَعْدَ يَوْمَيْنِ. فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ يُقِيمُنَا فَتَحْيَا
أَمَامَهُ. ³لَتَعْرِفْ فَلَتَسْبِّحْ لَتَعْرِفِ الرَّبَّ. خُرُوجُهُ يَقِينٌ
كَالْفَجْرِ. يَأْتِي إِلَيْنَا كَالْمَطَرِ. كَمَطَرٍ مُتَأَخِّرٍ يَسْقِي
الْأَرْضَ. ⁴مَاذَا أَصْنَعُ بِكَ يَا أَفْرَايِمُ. مَاذَا أَصْنَعُ بِكَ يَا يَهُودَا.
فَإِنَّ إِحْسَانَكُمْ كَسَخَابِ الصُّيْحِ، وَكَالْبَدَى الْمَاصِي
بَاكِراً. ⁵لِذَلِكَ أَقْرِضُهُم بِالْأَنْبِيَاءِ أَقْبُلُهُمْ بِأَقْوَالِ قَمِي.
وَالْقَضَاءُ عَلَيْكَ كَنُورٍ قَدْ خَرَجَ. ⁶إِنِّي أُرِيدُ رَحْمَةً لَا ذَيْحَةً،
وَمَعْرِفَةَ اللَّهِ أَكْثَرَ مِنْ مُحْرِقَاتٍ. ⁷وَلَكِنَّهُمْ كَادَمَ تَعَدَّوْا
الْعَهْدَ. هُنَاكَ عَدَّوْا بِي. ⁸جِلْعَادُ قَرِيبُهُ فَأَعْلِي الْإِثْمِ مَدُوسُهُ
بِالدَّمِ. ⁹وَكَمَا بُكْمُنْ لَصُوصٍ لِإِنْسَانٍ، كَذَلِكَ زُمَرُهُ الْكَهَنَةُ
فِي الطَّرِيقِ يَقْتُلُونَ تَحَوَّ شَكِيمَ. ¹⁰إِنَّهُمْ قَدْ صَنَعُوا
فَاجِسَةً. ¹¹فِي بَيْتِ إِسْرَائِيلَ رَأَيْتُ أَمراً قَظِيماً. هُنَاكَ
رَأَيْتُ أَفْرَايِمَ. تَتَجَسَّسَ إِسْرَائِيلُ. ¹²وَأَنْتَ أَيضاً يَا يَهُودَا قَدْ
أَعَدَّ لَكَ حَصَاداً، عِنْدَمَا أَرُدُّ سَبْيَ سَعْيِي.

¹Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. ²After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. ³Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth. ⁴O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away. ⁵Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and thy judgments are as the light that goeth forth. ⁶For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. ⁷But they like men have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me. ⁸Gilead is a city of them that work iniquity, and is polluted with blood. ⁹And as troops of robbers wait for a man, so the company of priests murder in the way by consent: for they commit lewdness. ¹⁰I have seen an horrible thing in the house of Israel: there is the whoredom of Ephraim, Israel is defiled. ¹¹Also, O Judah, he hath set an harvest for thee, when I returned the captivity of my people.