

¹أَرْسِلُوا خِزْقَانَ حَاكِمَ الْأَرْضِ مِنْ سَالَعٍ تَحَوُّ الْبَرِّيَّةَ إِلَى
جَبَلِ ابْنَةِ صِهْيَوْنَ. ²وَبَحْدُثُ أَنَّهُ كَطَائِرٍ تَائِهٍ، كَفِرَاحٍ مُنْفَرَةٍ
تَكُونُ بَنَاتُ مُوَابَ فِي مَعَابِرِ أَرْنُون. ³هَاتِي مَشُورَةً.
اصْنَعِي إِنْصَافًا. اجْعَلِي طَلِّكَ كَاللَّيْلِ فِي وَسْطِ الظَّهِيرَةِ.
اسْبُغِي الْمَطْرُودِينَ. لَا تُظْهِرِي الْهَارِبِينَ. ⁴لِيَعْتَرِبَ عِنْدَكَ
مَطْرُودُو مُوَابَ. كُونِي سِرًّا لَهُمْ مِنْ وَجْهِ الْمُخَرَّبِ، لِأَنَّ
الطَّلَامَ يَبِيدُ، وَتَنْتَهِي الْحَرَابُ، وَتَفْتَى عَنِ الْأَرْضِ
الذَّائِسُونَ. ⁵فَيَتَبَثُّ الْكُرْسِيُّ بِالرَّحْمَةِ، وَيَجْلِسُ عَلَيْهِ
بِالْأَمَانَةِ فِي حَيَمَةِ دَاوُدَ قَاضٍ، وَيَطْلُبُ الْحَقَّ وَيُبَادِرُ
بِالْعَدْلِ. ⁶قَدْ سَمِعْنَا بِكِبْرِيَاءِ مُوَابَ الْمُتَكَبِّرَةِ جَدًّا عَظَمَتِهَا
وَكِبْرِيَانِهَا وَصَلَفِهَا يُطْلُ أِفْتِحَارَهَا. ⁷يَذَلُّكَ تَوَلُّوْهُ مُوَابَ.
عَلَى مُوَابَ كُلِّهَا يُوَلُّوْهُ. تَتَنَوَّنُ عَلَى أَسْسٍ قَبِيرٍ حَارِسَةٍ.
إِنَّمَا هِيَ مَضْرُوبَةٌ. ⁸لَأَنَّ حُفُولَ حَشُونٍ ذُبُلَتْ. كَرَمُهُ
سَبَمَةٌ كَسَرَ أَمْرَاءُ الْأُمَمِ أَفْضَلَهَا. وَصَلَتْ إِلَى بَغْزِيرَ.
تَاهَتْ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ. ائْتَدَتْ أَغْصَانُهَا. عَبَّرَتِ الْبَحْرَ. ⁹يَذَلُّكَ
أَبْكِي بُكَاءَ بَغْزِيرَ عَلَى كَرَمِ سَبَمَةٍ. أَرْوَبُكُمَا بِدُمُوعِي يَا
حَشُونُ وَالْعَالَةُ. لِأَنَّهُ عَلَى قِطَافِكِ وَعَلَى خَصَادِكِ قَدْ
وَقَعَتْ جَلْبُهُ ¹⁰وَأَشْرَعَ الْفَرْخُ وَالْإِنْبَهَاجُ مِنَ الْبُسْتَانِ، وَلَا
يُعْنَى فِي الْكُرُومِ وَلَا يَتَرَنَّمُ، وَلَا يَذُوسُ دَائِسُ حَمْرًا فِي
الْمَعَاصِرِ. أَبْطَلْتُ الْهَتَافَ. ¹¹لِذَلِكَ تَرْنُّ أَحْشَائِي كَعُودٍ مِنْ
أَجْلِ مُوَابَ وَتَطْنِي مِنْ أَجْلِ قَبِيرٍ حَارِسٍ. ¹²وَتَكُونُ إِذَا
طَهَّرْتُ، إِذَا تَعَبْتُ مُوَابَ عَلَى الْمُرْتَفَعَةِ وَدَخَلْتُ إِلَى
مَقْدِسِهَا نُصَلِّي، أَهْهَا لَا تَقُورُ. ¹³هَذَا هُوَ الْكَلَامُ الَّذِي كَلَّمْتُ
بِهِ الرَّبُّ مُوَابَ مُنْذُ زَمَانٍ. ¹⁴وَالآنَ تَكَلَّمَ الرَّبُّ قَائِلًا، فِي
ثَلَاثِ سِنِينَ كَسِبَنِي الْأَجْبَرُ يَهَانُ مَجْدُ مُوَابَ يَكُلُّ الْجُمْهُورُ
الْعَظِيمَ، وَتَكُونُ الْبَقِيَّةُ قَلِيلَةً صَغِيرَةً لَا كَبِيرَةً.

¹Send ye the lamb to the ruler of the land from Sela to the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion. ²For it shall be, that, as a wandering bird cast out of the nest, so the daughters of Moab shall be at the fords of Arnon. ³Take counsel, execute judgment; make thy shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; bewray not him that wandereth. ⁴Let mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler: for the extortioner is at an end, the spoiler ceaseth, the oppressors are consumed out of the land. ⁵And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness. ⁶We have heard of the pride of Moab; he is very proud: even of his haughtiness, and his pride, and his wrath: but his lies shall not be so. ⁷Therefore shall Moab howl for Moab, every one shall howl: for the foundations of Kirhareth shall ye mourn; surely they are stricken. ⁸For the fields of Heshbon languish, and the vine of Sibmah: the lords of the heathen have broken down the principal plants thereof, they are come even unto Jazer, they wandered through the wilderness: her branches are stretched out, they are gone over the sea. ⁹Therefore I will bewail with the weeping of Jazer the vine of Sibmah: I will water thee with my tears, O Heshbon, and Elealeh: for the shouting for thy summer fruits and for thy harvest is fallen. ¹⁰And gladness is taken away, and joy out of the plentiful field; and in the vineyards there shall be no singing,

neither shall there be shouting: the treaders shall tread out no wine in their presses; I have made their vintage shouting to cease.¹¹ Wherefore my bowels shall sound like an harp for Moab, and mine inward parts for Kirharesh.¹² And it shall come to pass, when it is seen that Moab is weary on the high place, that he shall come to his sanctuary to pray; but he shall not prevail.¹³ This is the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning Moab since that time.¹⁴ But now the LORD hath spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of an hireling, and the glory of Moab shall be contemned, with all that great multitude; and the remnant shall be very small and feeble.