

¹يَا أَرْضَ حَفِيفِ الْأَجْنَحَةِ الَّتِي فِي غَيْرِ أَنْهَارِ
 كُوشٍ،² الْمُرْسَلَةِ رُسُلًا فِي الْبَحْرِ وَفِي قَوَارِبَ مِنَ
 الْبَرْدِيِّ عَلَى وَجْهِ الْمَيِّاءِ. اذْهَبُوا إِلَيْهَا الرُّسُلُ السَّرِيعُونَ
 إِلَى أُمَّةٍ طَوِيلَةٍ وَجَرْدَاءَ، إِلَى شَعْبٍ مَخُوفٍ مُنْذُ كَانَ
 قَضَاعِدًا، أُمَّةٌ قُوَّةٌ وَشِدَّةٌ وَدُوسٌ، قَدْ خَرَقَتِ الْأَنْهَارُ
 أَرْضَهَا.³ يَا جَمِيعَ سُكَّانِ الْمَسْكُونَةِ وَقَاطِنِي الْأَرْضِ،
 عِنْدَمَا تَرْتَفِعُ الرَّابَةُ عَلَى الْجِبَالِ تَنْطُرُونَ، وَعِنْدَمَا
 يُصْرَبُ بِالْبُوقِ تَسْمَعُونَ.⁴ لِأَنَّهُ هَكَذَا قَالَ لِي الرَّبُّ، إِنِّي
 أَهْدَأُ وَأَنْطُرُ فِي مَسْكِنِي كَالْحَرِّ الصَّافِي عَلَى الثَّقَلِ،
 كَعَيْمِ النَّدَى فِي حَرِّ الْحَصَادِ.⁵ فَإِنَّهُ قَبْلَ الْحَصَادِ، عِنْدَ
 تَمَامِ الزَّهْرِ، وَعِنْدَمَا يَصِيرُ الزَّهْرُ حَصْرَمًا تَصِيبًا يَقْطَعُ
 الْفُصْبَانِ بِالْمَتَاجِلِ، وَسِرْعَ الْأَفْتَانِ وَيَطْرَحُهَا.⁶ تَتْرُكُ مَعَ
 لِحَوَارِحِ الْجِبَالِ وَلُحُوشِ الْأَرْضِ، قُصَصُفٌ عَلَيْهَا
 الْحَوَارِخُ، وَتُسْتَنَّى عَلَيْهَا جَمِيعُ وَحُوشِ الْأَرْضِ.⁷ فِي ذَلِكَ
 الْيَوْمِ تُقَدِّمُ هَدِيَّةَ لِرَبِّ الْجُنُودِ مِنْ شَعْبٍ طَوِيلٍ وَأَجْرَدٍ،
 وَمِنْ شَعْبٍ مَخُوفٍ مُنْذُ كَانَ قَضَاعِدًا، مِنْ أُمَّةٍ دَابَ قُوَّةٌ
 وَشِدَّةٌ وَدُوسٌ، قَدْ خَرَقَتِ الْأَنْهَارُ أَرْضَهَا، إِلَى مَوْضِعِ
 اسْمِ رَبِّ الْجُنُودِ، جَبَلِ صِهْيُونَ.

¹Woe to the land shadowing with wings,
 which is beyond the rivers of
 Ethiopia:²That sendeth ambassadors by
 the sea, even in vessels of bulrushes upon
 the waters, saying , Go, ye swift
 messengers, to a nation scattered and
 peeled, to a people terrible from their
 beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and
 trodden down, whose land the rivers have
 spoiled!³All ye inhabitants of the world,
 and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he
 lifteth up an ensign on the mountains; and
 when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye.⁴For
 so the LORD said unto me, I will take my
 rest, and I will consider in my dwelling
 place like a clear heat upon herbs, and like
 a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.⁵For
 afore the harvest, when the bud is perfect,
 and the sour grape is ripening in the
 flower, he shall both cut off the sprigs with
 pruning hooks, and take away and cut
 down the branches.⁶They shall be left
 together unto the fowls of the mountains,
 and to the beasts of the earth: and the
 fowls shall summer upon them, and all the
 beasts of the earth shall winter upon
 them.⁷In that time shall the present be
 brought unto the LORD of hosts of a
 people scattered and peeled, and from a
 people terrible from their beginning
 hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden
 under foot, whose land the rivers have
 spoiled, to the place of the name of the
 LORD of hosts, the mount Zion.