

¹وَحَيٍّ مِنْ جِهَةِ بَرِّيَّةِ الْبَحْرِ، كَرَوَاعٍ فِي الْجَنُوبِ عَاصِفَةٍ،
يَأْتِي مِنَ الْبَرِّيَّةِ مِنْ أَرْضِ مَحْوَفَةٍ.² قَدْ أَعْلَنْتُ لِي رُؤْيَا
قَاسِيَةً، النَّاهِبُ تَاهِبًا وَالْمُحَرَّبُ مُحَرَّبًا. إِضْعَدِي يَا عِيلَامُ.
خَاصِرِي يَا مَادِي. قَدْ أَبْطَلْتُ كُلَّ أُنْيَهَا.³ لِدَلِكِ امْتَلَأْتُ
خَقَوَائِ وَخَعًا، وَأَخَذَنِي مَخَاضٌ كَمَخَاضِ الْوَالِدَةِ. تَلَوَّيْتُ
حَتَّى لَا أَسْمَعُ. أَنْدَهَشْتُ حَتَّى لَا أَنْطُرُ.⁴ تَاهَ قَلْبِي. بَغْتَنِي
رُغْبٌ. لَيْلُهُ لَدَّتْنِي جَعَلَهَا لِي رَغْدَةً.⁵ يَرْتَبُونَ الْمَائِدَةَ،
يَخْرُسُونَ الْجَرَّاسَةَ، يَأْكُلُونَ. يَشْرَبُونَ فُومُوا أَهْلُهَا
الرُّؤَسَاءُ امْسَحُوا الْمَجَنَّ.⁶ لَأَنَّهُ هَكَذَا قَالَ لِي السَّيِّدُ،
اذهُبْ أَقِمِ الْخَارِسَ لِيُخَيِّرَ يَمًا يَرَى.⁷ قَرَأِي رُكَّابًا أَزْوَاجَ
فُرْسَانٍ. رُكَّابَ حَمِيرٍ. رُكَّابَ جِمَالٍ. قَاصَعِي إِضْعَاءَ
سَيِّدًا.⁸ ثُمَّ صَرَخَ كَأَسَدٍ، أَهْلُهَا السَّيِّدُ، أَنَا قَائِمٌ عَلَى
الْمُرْصَدِ دَائِمًا فِي النَّهَارِ، وَأَنَا وَاقِفٌ عَلَى الْمَخْرَسِ كُلِّ
الليالي.⁹ وَهُوَذَا رُكَّابٌ مِنَ الرِّجَالِ. أَزْوَاجٌ مِنَ الْفُرْسَانِ.
فَأَجَابَ، سَقَطْتُ سَقَطْتُ بَابِلُ، وَجَمِيعُ تَمَائِيلِ أَهْلِهَا
الْمُنْحَوْتَةِ كَسَرَهَا إِلَى الْأَرْضِ.¹⁰ يَا دِيَّاسِي وَبَنِي بَيْدَرِي.
مَا سَمِعْتُهُ مِنْ رَبِّ الْجُنُودِ إِلَهِ إِسْرَائِيلَ أَحْبَرْتُكُمْ
بِهِ.¹¹ وَحَيٍّ مِنْ جِهَةِ دُومَةِ، صَرَخَ إِلَيَّ صَارِخٌ مِنْ سَعِيرٍ، يَا
خَارِسُ، مَا مِنَ اللَّيْلِ. يَا خَارِسُ، مَا مِنَ اللَّيْلِ.¹² قَالَ
الْخَارِسُ، أَتَى صَبَاحٌ وَأَيْضًا لَيْلٌ. إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَطْلُبُونَ
فَاطْلُبُوا. ارْجِعُوا تَعَالَوْا.¹³ وَحَيٍّ مِنْ جِهَةِ يِلَادِ الْعَرَبِ، فِي
الْوَعْرِ فِي يِلَادِ الْعَرَبِ تَبَيَّنَ يَا قَوَافِلِ الدَّذَائِبِ.¹⁴ هَاتُوا
مَاءً لِمَلَاقَةِ الْعَطْشَانِ يَا سُكَّانَ أَرْضِ تِيمَاءَ. وَأَفُوا
الْهَارِبَ بِخُبْرِهِ.¹⁵ فَإِنَّهُمْ مِنْ أَمَامِ السُّيُوفِ قَدْ هَرَبُوا. مِنْ
أَمَامِ السَّيْفِ الْمَسْلُوقِ وَمِنْ أَمَامِ الْقَوْسِ الْمَشْدُودَةِ
وَمِنْ أَمَامِ شِدَّةِ الْحَرْبِ.¹⁶ فَإِنَّهُ هَكَذَا قَالَ لِي السَّيِّدُ، فِي
مُدَّةِ سِتَّةِ كَسْتَةِ الْأَجِيرِ بَقَيْتُ كُلَّ مَجْدٍ قِيدَارٍ.¹⁷ وَبَقِيَّةُ عَدْرِ
قِسِي أَبْطَالِ بَنِي قِيدَارٍ تَقِلُّ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ إِلَهَ إِسْرَائِيلَ قَدْ
تَكَلَّمَ.

¹The burden of the desert of the sea. As whirlwinds in the south pass through; so it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land.²A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease.³Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was bowed down at the hearing of it; I was dismayed at the seeing of it.⁴My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me: the night of my pleasure hath he turned into fear unto me.⁵Prepare the table, watch in the watchtower, eat, drink: arise, ye princes, and anoint the shield.⁶For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth.⁷And he saw a chariot with a couple of horsemen, a chariot of asses, and a chariot of camels; and he hearkened diligently with much heed:⁸And he cried, A lion: My lord, I stand continually upon the watchtower in the daytime, and I am set in my ward whole nights:⁹And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.¹⁰O my threshing, and the corn of my floor: that which I have heard of the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, have I declared unto you.¹¹The burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?¹²The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if

ye will enquire, enquire ye: return, come.¹³ The burden upon Arabia. In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies of Dedanim.¹⁴ The inhabitants of the land of Tema brought water to him that was thirsty, they prevented with their bread him that fled.¹⁵ For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war.¹⁶ For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Within a year, according to the years of an hireling, and all the glory of Kedar shall fail:¹⁷ And the residue of the number of archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, shall be diminished: for the LORD God of Israel hath spoken it .