

¹الْكَلَامُ الَّذِي صَارَ إِلَيَّ إِزْمِيًا مِنَ الرَّبِّ، ²فَمَ انْزِلْ إِلَى بَيْتِ الْفَخَّارِيِّ وَهُنَاكَ أَسْمِعُكَ كَلَامِي. ³فَتَرْتُّ إِلَى بَيْتِ الْفَخَّارِيِّ، وَإِذَا هُوَ يَصْنَعُ عَمَلًا عَلَى الدُّوَلَابِ. ⁴فَقَسَدَ الْوَعَاءُ الَّذِي كَانَ يَصْنَعُهُ مِنَ الطِّينِ بِيَدِ الْفَخَّارِيِّ، فَقَادَ وَعْمَلُهُ وَغَاءَ آخَرُ كَمَا حَسَنَ فِي عَيْتِي الْفَخَّارِيِّ أَنْ يَصْنَعَهُ. ⁵فَصَارَ إِلَيَّ كَلَامُ الرَّبِّ، ⁶أَمَا أَسْتَطِيعُ أَنْ أَصْنَعَ بِكُمْ كَهَذَا الْفَخَّارِيِّ يَا بَيْتَ إِسْرَائِيلَ يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ. هُوَذَا كَالطِّينِ بِيَدِ الْفَخَّارِيِّ أَنْتُمْ هَكَذَا بِيَدِي يَا بَيْتَ إِسْرَائِيلَ. ⁷تَارَةً أَتُكَلِّمُ عَلَى أَمَةٍ وَعَلَى مَمْلَكَةٍ بِالْقُلْعِ وَالْهَدْمِ وَالْإِهْلَاكِ، ⁸فَتَرْجِعُ تِلْكَ الْأُمَّةُ الَّتِي تَكَلَّمْتُ عَلَيْهَا عَنْ سَرَّهَا، فَأُنْذِمُ عَنِ الْبَشَرِ الَّذِي قَصَدْتُ أَنْ أَصْنَعَهُ بِهَا. ⁹وَتَارَةً أَتُكَلِّمُ عَلَى أَمَةٍ وَعَلَى مَمْلَكَةٍ بِالْبِنَاءِ وَالْعَرْسِ، ¹⁰فَتَفْعَلُ الشَّرَّ فِي عَيْتِي، فَلَا تَسْمَعُ لَصَوْتِي، فَأُنْذِمُ عَنِ الْخَيْرِ الَّذِي قُلْتُ إِنِّي أَحْسِنُ إِلَيْهَا بِهِ. ¹¹فَالآنَ قُلْ لِرِجَالِ يَهُوذَا وَسُكَّانِ أُورُشَلِيمَ، هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ، هَتِّدًا مُصْدِرٌ عَلَيْكُمْ شَرًّا وَقَاصِدٌ عَلَيْكُمْ قَصْدًا. فَارْجِعُوا كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ عَنْ طَرِيقِهِ الرَّدِيِّ، وَأَضْلَحُوا طُرُقَكُمْ وَأَعْمَالَكُمْ. ¹²فَقَالُوا، بَاطِلٌ. لَأَنَّا نَسْعَى وَرَاءَ أَفْكَارِنَا، وَكُلُّ وَاحِدٍ يَعْمَلُ حَسَبَ عِتَادِ قَلْبِهِ الرَّدِيِّ. ¹³لِذَلِكَ هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ، اسْأَلُوا بَيْنَ الْأُمَمِ. مَنْ سَمِعَ كَهَذَا. مَا يُفْسَعَرُ مِنْهُ جَدًّا عَمِلَتْ عَذْرَاءُ إِسْرَائِيلَ. ¹⁴هَلْ يَخْلُو صَخْرٌ حَقْلِي مِنْ تَلَجٍ لُبْنَانٍ. أَوْ هَلْ تَنْسِفُ الْمِيَاهُ الْمُتَفَجِّرَةُ الْبَارِدَةُ الْجَارِيَةَ. ¹⁵لَآنَّ سَعْيِي قَدْ تَسِيَتِي. بَحَرُوا لِلْبَاطِلِ، وَقَدْ أَغْتَرَوْهُمْ فِي طُرُقِهِمْ فِي السَّيْلِ الْقَدِيمَةِ لِيَسْلُكُوا فِي سَعْبٍ، فِي طَرِيقٍ غَيْرِ مُسْتَهْلٍ. ¹⁶لِيُجْعَلَ أَرْضُهُمْ خَرَابًا وَضَفِيرًا أَبَدِيًّا. كُلُّ مَارٍّ فِيهَا يَذْهَبُ وَيَنْغِصُ رَأْسَهُ. ¹⁷كَرِجِ شَرْقِيَّةٍ أَبَدَتْهُمْ أَمَامَ الْعَذْوِ. أَرِيهِمُ الْقَفَا لَا الْوَجْهَ فِي يَوْمٍ مُصِيبَتِهِمْ. ¹⁸فَقَالُوا، هَلُمَّ فَتُفَكِّرْ عَلَى إِزْمِيَا أَفْكَارًا، لَآنَّ الشَّرِيعَةَ لَا تَبِيدُ عَنِ الْكَاهِنِ وَلَا الْمَشُورَةَ عَنِ الْحَكِيمِ وَلَا الْكَلِمَةَ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ. هَلُمَّ فَصْرِبْهُ بِاللِّسَانِ وَلِكُلِّ كَلَامِهِ لَا نُضِغْ. ¹⁹أَضِغْ لِي يَا رَبُّ وَاسْمَعْ صَوْتَ أَحْصَامِي. هَلْ يُجَارَى عَنْ خَيْرٍ بِشَرٍّ. لَأَنَّهُمْ حَقَرُوا حُفْرَةَ لِنَفْسِي. اذْكُرْ وَفُوفِي أَمَامَكَ لِأَتُكَلِّمَ عَنْهُمْ بِالْخَيْرِ لَأَرُدَّ عَصِيكَ عَنْهُمْ. ²¹لِذَلِكَ سَلِّمْ بَيْنَهُمُ لِلْجُوعِ، وَادْفَعْهُمْ لِيَدِ السَّيْفِ، فَتَصِيرَ نِسَاؤُهُمْ تَكَالَى وَأَرَامِلَ، وَتَصِيرَ رِجَالُهُمْ قَتْلَى الْمَوْتِ، وَشَبَابُهُمْ مَضْرُوبِي السَّيْفِ فِي الْحَرْبِ. ²²لِيَسْمَعْ صِيَاحٌ مِنْ بُيُوتِهِمْ إِذْ تَجْلِبُ عَلَيْهِمْ جَيْشًا بَغْتَةً. لَأَنَّهُمْ حَقَرُوا حُفْرَةَ لِيُفْسِكُونِي، وَطَمَرُوا فِخَاخًا

¹The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, ²Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words. ³Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. ⁴And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. ⁵Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁶O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel. ⁷At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it; ⁸If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them. ⁹And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; ¹⁰If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them. ¹¹Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return ye now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good. ¹²And they said, There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart. ¹³Therefore thus saith the LORD; Ask ye now among the heathen, who hath heard such things: the virgin of Israel hath

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لِلْمَوْتِ. لَا تَصْفَحْ عَنْهُمْ وَلَا تَمْحُ خَطِيئَتَهُمْ مِنْ
أَمَامِكَ، بَلْ لِيَكُونُوا مُتَعَتِّرِينَ أَمَامَكَ. فِي وَقْتِ عَصَبِكَ
غَامِلُهُمْ.

done a very horrible thing. ¹⁴Will a man leave the snow of Lebanon which cometh from the rock of the field? or shall the cold flowing waters that come from another place be forsaken? ¹⁵Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths, to walk in paths, in a way not cast up; ¹⁶To make their land desolate, and a perpetual hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished, and wag his head. ¹⁷I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will shew them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity. ¹⁸Then said they, Come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us smite him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words. ¹⁹Give heed to me, O LORD, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me. ²⁰Shall evil be recompensed for good? for they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember that I stood before thee to speak good for them, and to turn away thy wrath from them. ²¹Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and pour out their blood by the force of the sword; and let their wives be bereaved of their children, and be widows; and let their men be put to death; let their young men be slain by the sword in battle. ²²Let a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them: for they have digged a pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet. ²³Yet, LORD, thou knowest all their

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counsel against me to slay me : forgive not their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from thy sight, but let them be overthrown before thee; deal thus with them in the time of thine anger.