

¹فَقَدَّمَ كُلُّ رُؤَسَاءِ الْجُيُوشِ وَبُخَاتَانُ بْنُ قَارِيحَ وَبَرْتَنَّا
 بْنُ هُوشَعْيَا وَكُلُّ الشَّعْبِ مِنَ الصَّغِيرِ إِلَى الْكَبِيرِ،² وَقَالُوا
 لِإِزْمِيَا النَّبِيِّ، لَيْتَ تَصْرَعْنَا بَعْقَ أَمَامَكَ فَتُصَلِّيَ لَأَجْلِنَا إِلَى
 الرَّبِّ إِيَّاكَ لِأَجْلِ كُلِّ هَذِهِ الْبَقِيَّةِ. لِأَنَّا قَدْ بَقِيَنا قَلِيلِينَ
 مِنْ كَثِيرِينَ كَمَا تَرَأَتَا عَيْنَاكَ.³ فَيُخِيرْنَا الرَّبُّ إِيَّاكَ عَنْ
 الطَّرِيقِ الَّذِي تَسِيرُ فِيهِ وَالْأَمْرَ الَّذِي تَفْعَلُهُ.⁴ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ
 إِزْمِيَا النَّبِيُّ، قَدْ سَمِعْتُ. هَتَدًا أَصْلِي إِلَى الرَّبِّ إِيَّاكَ
 بِكَقُولِكُمْ، وَتَكُونُ أَنْ كُلَّ الْكَلَامِ الَّذِي يُجِيبُكُمُ الرَّبُّ
 أُخْبِرْكُمْ بِهِ. لَا أَمْنَعُ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئًا.⁵ فَقَالُوا لِإِزْمِيَا، لَيْكُنْ
 الرَّبُّ بَيْنَنَا سَahِدًا صَادِقًا وَأَمِينًا إِنَّا تَفْعَلُ حَسَبَ كُلِّ أَمْرٍ
 يُرْسِلُكَ بِهِ الرَّبُّ إِيَّاكَ إِلَيْنَا،⁶ إِنْ خَيْرًا وَإِنْ شَرًّا. فَإِنَّا
 نَسْمَعُ لَصَوْتِ الرَّبِّ إِيَّاكَ الَّذِي تَحْنُ مُرْسِلُوكَ إِلَيْهِ
 لِيُخَسِّنَ إِلَيْنَا إِذَا سَمِعْنَا لَصَوْتِ الرَّبِّ إِلَيْهَا.⁷ وَكَانَ بَعْدَ
 عَشْرَةِ أَيَّامٍ أَنَّ كَلِمَةَ الرَّبِّ صَارَتْ إِلَى إِزْمِيَا.⁸ قَدَعَا
 بُخَاتَانُ بْنُ قَارِيحَ وَكُلُّ رُؤَسَاءِ الْجُيُوشِ الَّذِينَ مَعَهُ،
 وَكُلُّ الشَّعْبِ مِنَ الصَّغِيرِ إِلَى الْكَبِيرِ⁹ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ، هَكَذَا
 قَالَ الرَّبُّ إِلَهُ إِسْرَائِيلَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلْتُمُونِي إِلَيْهِ لِأَقْبِي
 تَصْرَعَكُمْ أَمَامَهُ.¹⁰ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَسْكُنُونَ فِي هَذِهِ الْأَرْضِ
 فَإِنِّي أَنبِيَكُمْ وَلَا أَقْضُكُمْ، وَأَعْرِشُكُمْ وَلَا أَقْلِعُكُمْ. لِأَنِّي
 تَدِمْتُ عَنِ الشَّرِّ الَّذِي صَنَعْتُمْ بِكُمْ. لَا تَخَافُوا مَلِكَ بَابِلَ
 الَّذِي أَنْتُمْ خَائِفُوهُ. لَا تَخَافُوهُ يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ، لِأَنِّي أَنَا مَعَكُمْ
 لِأَخْلَصْكُمْ وَأَقْدَمَكُمْ مِنْ يَدِهِ.¹² وَأَعْطَيْتُكُمْ نِعْمَةً فَيَرْحَمُكُمْ
 وَيَبْرُدْكُمْ إِلَى أَرْضِكُمْ.¹³ وَإِنْ قُلْتُمْ لَا تَسْكُنُ فِي هَذِهِ
 الْأَرْضِ وَلَمْ تَسْمَعُوا لَصَوْتِ الرَّبِّ إِيَّاكُمْ قَائِلِينَ، لَا بَلْ
 إِلَى أَرْضٍ مِصْرَ تَذْهَبُ حَيْثُ لَا تَرَى خَزْبًا وَلَا تَسْمَعُ
 صَوْتَ بُوقٍ وَلَا تَجُوعُ لِلْخُبْزِ، وَهَنَّاكَ تَسْكُنُ.¹⁵ فَلَا نَ لِدَلِكِ
 اسْمَعُوا كَلِمَةَ الرَّبِّ بِأَبْقِيَّةٍ يَهُودَا، هَكَذَا قَالَ رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ
 إِلَهُ إِسْرَائِيلَ، إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَجْعَلُونَ وَجُوهَكُمْ لِلدُّخُولِ إِلَى
 مِصْرَ وَتَذْهَبُونَ لِتَتَعَرَّبُوا هُنَاكَ،¹⁶ يَحْدُثُ أَنَّ السَّيْفَ الَّذِي
 أَنْتُمْ خَائِفُونَ مِنْهُ يُدْرِكُكُمْ هُنَاكَ فِي أَرْضِ مِصْرَ، وَالْجُوعُ
 الَّذِي أَنْتُمْ خَائِفُونَ مِنْهُ يَلْحَقُكُمْ هُنَاكَ فِي مِصْرَ فَتَمُوتُونَ
 هُنَاكَ.¹⁷ وَتَكُونُ أَنْ كُلَّ الرِّجَالِ الَّذِينَ جَعَلُوا وَجُوهَهُمْ
 لِلدُّخُولِ إِلَى مِصْرَ لِيَتَعَرَّبُوا هُنَاكَ يَمُوتُونَ بِالسَّيْفِ
 وَالْجُوعِ وَالْوَبَاءِ، وَلَا يَكُونُ مِنْهُمْ بَاقٍ وَلَا تَاجٍ مِنَ الشَّرِّ
 الَّذِي أَجْلِيَهُ أَنَا عَلَيْهِمْ.¹⁸ لِأَنَّهُمْ هَكَذَا قَالَ رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ إِلَهُ
 إِسْرَائِيلَ، كَمَا أَنَسَكَبَ عَصِيبي وَعَظِطِي عَلَى سُكَّانِ
 أَوْرَشَلِيمَ هَكَذَا يَنْسَكِبُ عَظِطِي عَلَيْكُمْ عِنْدَ دُخُولِكُمْ إِلَى
 مِصْرَ، فَتَصِيرُونَ خَلْفًا وَدَهْشًا وَلَعْنَةً وَغَارًا وَلَا تَرَوْنَ بَعْدَ

¹Then all the captains of the forces, and
 Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah
 the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people
 from the least even unto the greatest,
 came near,² And said unto Jeremiah the
 prophet, Let, we beseech thee, our
 supplication be accepted before thee, and
 pray for us unto the LORD thy God, even
 for all this remnant; (for we are left but a
 few of many, as thine eyes do behold
 us:)³ That the LORD thy God may shew us
 the way wherein we may walk, and the
 thing that we may do.⁴ Then Jeremiah the
 prophet said unto them, I have heard you ;
 behold, I will pray unto the LORD your
 God according to your words; and it shall
 come to pass, that whatsoever thing the
 LORD shall answer you, I will declare it
 unto you; I will keep nothing back from
 you.⁵ Then they said to Jeremiah, The
 LORD be a true and faithful witness
 between us, if we do not even according to
 all things for the which the LORD thy God
 shall send thee to us.⁶ Whether it be good,
 or whether it be evil, we will obey the
 voice of the LORD our God, to whom we
 send thee; that it may be well with us,
 when we obey the voice of the LORD our
 God.⁷ And it came to pass after ten days,
 that the word of the LORD came unto
 Jeremiah.⁸ Then called he Johanan the son
 of Kareah, and all the captains of the
 forces which were with him, and all the
 people from the least even to the
 greatest,⁹ And said unto them, Thus saith
 the LORD, the God of Israel, unto whom ye
 sent me to present your supplication
 before him;¹⁰ If ye will still abide in this
 land, then will I build you, and not pull you

هَذَا الْمَوْضِعِ. ¹⁹ قَدْ تَكَلَّمَ الرَّبُّ عَلَيْكُمْ يَا بَقِيَّةَ يَهُودَا لَا تَدْخُلُوا مِصْرَ. اَعْلَمُوا عِلْمًا أَنِّي قَدْ أَنْذَرْتُكُمْ الْيَوْمَ. ²⁰ لَأَتَّكُمُ قَدْ حَدَعْتُمْ أَنْفُسَكُمْ إِذْ أَرْسَلْتُمُونِي إِلَى الرَّبِّ إِلَهُكُمْ قَائِلِينَ، صَلِّ لَأَجْلِنَا إِلَى الرَّبِّ إِلَهِنَا، وَحَسَبَ كُلِّ مَا يَقُولُهُ الرَّبُّ إِلَهُنَا هَكَذَا أَحْبَرْنَا فَتَفَعَلَ. ²¹ قَدْ أَحْبَرْتُكُمْ الْيَوْمَ فَلَمْ تَسْمَعُوا لَصَوْتِ الرَّبِّ إِلَهُكُمْ وَلَا لِسَيِّءٍ مِمَّا أَرْسَلَنِي بِهِ إِلَيْكُمْ. ²² فَالآنَ ااعْلَمُوا عِلْمًا أَنَّكُمْ تَمُوتُونَ بِالسَّيْفِ وَالْجُوعِ وَالْوَبَاءِ فِي الْمَوْضِعِ الَّذِي ابْتَعَيْتُمْ أَنْ تَدْخُلُوهُ لِتَعْتَزُّبُوا فِيهِ.

down, and I will plant you, and not pluck you up: for I repent me of the evil that I have done unto you. ¹¹ Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid; be not afraid of him, saith the LORD: for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand. ¹² And I will shew mercies unto you, that he may have mercy upon you, and cause you to return to your own land. ¹³ But if ye say, We will not dwell in this land, neither obey the voice of the LORD your God, ¹⁴ Saying, No; but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger of bread; and there will we dwell: ¹⁵ And now therefore hear the word of the LORD, ye remnant of Judah; Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; If ye wholly set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to sojourn there; ¹⁶ Then it shall come to pass, that the sword, which ye feared, shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt, and the famine, whereof ye were afraid, shall follow close after you there in Egypt; and there ye shall die. ¹⁷ So shall it be with all the men that set their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn there; they shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: and none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring upon them. ¹⁸ For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; As mine anger and my fury hath been poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem; so shall my fury be poured forth upon you, when ye shall enter into Egypt: and ye shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and ye shall see this place no

more.¹⁹ The LORD hath said concerning you, O ye remnant of Judah; Go ye not into Egypt: know certainly that I have admonished you this day.²⁰ For ye dissembled in your hearts, when ye sent me unto the LORD your God, saying, Pray for us unto the LORD our God; and according unto all that the LORD our God shall say, so declare unto us, and we will do it.²¹ And now I have this day declared it to you; but ye have not obeyed the voice of the LORD your God, nor any thing for the which he hath sent me unto you.²² Now therefore know certainly that ye shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place whither ye desire to go and to sojourn.