

¹And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee.²And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me.³And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day.⁴For they are impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD.⁵And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.⁶And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.⁷And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious.⁸But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee.⁹And when I looked, behold, an hand was sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein;¹⁰And he spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.

¹قَالَ لِي، يَا ابْنَ آدَمَ، قُمْ عَلَى قَدَمَيْكَ فَاتَكَلَّمْ
²مَعَكَ. فَدَخَلَ فِيَّ رُوحٌ لَمَّا تَكَلَّمْتُ مَعِيَ. وَأَقَامَنِي عَلَى
³قَدَمَيَّ فَسَمِعْتُ الْمُتَكَلِّمَ مَعِيَ. وَقَالَ لِي، يَا ابْنَ آدَمَ، أَنَا
⁴مُرْسِلُكَ إِلَى بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ، إِلَى أُمَّةٍ مُتَمَرِّدَةٍ قَدْ تَمَرَّدَتْ
⁵عَلَيَّ. هُمْ وَأَبَاؤُهُمْ عَصَوْا عَلَيَّ إِلَى ذَاتِ هَذَا
⁶الْيَوْمِ. وَالْبَنُونَ الْفُسَاةُ الْوُجُوهُ وَالصَّلَابُ الْقُلُوبِ أَنَا
⁷مُرْسِلُكَ إِلَيْهِمْ. فَتَقُولُ لَهُمْ، هَكَذَا قَالَ السَّيِّدُ
⁸الرَّبُّ. وَهُمْ إِنْ سَمِعُوا وَإِنْ امْتَنَعُوا لِأَنَّهُمْ بَيْتٌ مُتَمَرِّدٌ
⁹فَأِنَّهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ نَبِيًّا كَانَ بَيْنَهُمْ.⁶ أَمَّا أَنْتَ يَا ابْنَ آدَمَ فَلَا
⁷تَخَفْ مِنْهُمْ، وَمِنْ كَلَامِهِمْ لَا تَخَفْ، لِأَنَّهُمْ قَرِيسٌ وَسُلَاءٌ
⁸لَدَيْكَ، وَأَنْتَ سَاكِنٌ بَيْنَ الْعَقَارِبِ. مِنْ كَلَامِهِمْ لَا تَخَفْ
⁹وَمِنْ وُجُوهِهِمْ لَا تَرْعِبْ، لِأَنَّهُمْ بَيْتٌ مُتَمَرِّدٌ. وَتَكَلَّمْ
¹⁰مَعَهُمْ بِكَلَامِي إِنْ سَمِعُوا وَإِنْ امْتَنَعُوا، لِأَنَّهُمْ
¹¹مُتَمَرِّدُونَ.⁸ وَأَنْتَ يَا ابْنَ آدَمَ فَاسْمَعْ مَا أَنَا مُكَلِّمُكَ بِهِ. لَا
¹²تَكُنْ مُتَمَرِّدًا كَالْبَيْتِ الْمُتَمَرِّدِ. افْتَحْ فَمَكَ وَكُلْ مَا أَنَا
¹³مُعْطِيكَهُ. فَتَنْظُرُ وَإِذَا بِيَدِي مَمْدُودَةٌ إِلَيَّ، وَإِذَا يَدِي سَافِرَةٌ
¹⁴فِيهَا.¹⁰ فَتَسْرَهُ أَمَامِي وَهُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ مِنْ دَاخِلٍ وَمِنْ قِفَاةٍ،
وَكُتِبَ فِيهِ مَرَاتٍ وَنَحِيبٌ وَوَيْلٌ.