

¹Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence,²As when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence!³When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence.⁴For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.⁵Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved.⁶But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.⁷And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.⁸But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.⁹Be not wroth very sore, O LORD, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all thy people.¹⁰Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.¹¹Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire: and all our pleasant

¹لَيْتَكَ تَشُقُّ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَتَنْزِلُ. مِنْ حَضْرَتِكَ تَنْزِلُ الْجِبَالُ.²كَمَا تُسْعِلُ النَّارُ الْهَشِيمَ، وَتَجْعَلُ الْبَارُ الْمِيَاهُ تَغْلِي، لَتُعْرِفَ أَعْدَاؤُكَ اسْمَكَ، لَتَرْتَعِدَ الْأُمَمُ مِنْ حَضْرَتِكَ.³حِينَ صَنَعْتَ مَخَاوِفَ لَمْ تَنْتَظِرْهَا، تَزَلَّتْ تَزَلَّتْ الْجِبَالُ مِنْ حَضْرَتِكَ.⁴وَمُنْذُ الْأَرَلِ لَمْ يَسْمَعُوا وَلَمْ يُصْغُوا. لَمْ تَرَ عَيْنٌ إِلَهًا غَيْرَكَ يَصْنَعُ لِمَنْ يَنْتَظِرُهُ. تَلَاقَى الْقَرَحُ الصَّانِعَ الْيَرَّ. الَّذِينَ يَذْكُرُونَكَ فِي طُرُقِكَ. هَا أَنْتَ سَخَطْتَ إِذْ أَخْطَأْنَا. هِيَ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ فَتَخْلُصُ.⁶وَقَدْ صِرْنَا كُلُّنَا كَنَجَسٍ، وَكُتُوبُ عِدَّةٍ كُلِّ أَعْمَالٍ بَرِّئًا، وَقَدْ ذُبُلْنَا كَوَرْقَةٍ، وَأَنَامْنَا كَرِيحٍ تَحْمِلُنَا.⁷وَلَيْسَ مَنْ يَدْعُو بِاسْمِكَ أَوْ يَنْتَبِهَ لِيَتَمَسَّكَ بِكَ، لِأَنَّكَ خَجَيْتَ وَجْهَكَ عَنَّا وَأَذْبَتَا بِسَبَبِ أَنَامِنَا، وَالْآنَ يَا رَبُّ أَنْتَ أَبُوتَا. نَحْنُ الطِّينُ وَأَنْتَ جَائِلُنَا، وَكُلُّنَا عَمَلٌ بَدِيكُ.⁹لَا تَسْخَطُ كُلَّ الْيَسَخَطِ يَا رَبُّ وَلَا تَذْكُرِ الْإِنِّمَ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ. هَا انْطَرُ. سَعَبَكَ كُلُّنَا.¹⁰مُنْذُ قُدْسِكَ صَارَتْ بَرِّيَّةً. صَهْيُونُ صَارَتْ بَرِّيَّةً وَأَوْرُشَلِيمُ مُوحَشَةً.¹¹بَيْتُ قُدْسِنَا وَجَمَالِنَا حَيْثُ سَبَّحَكَ آبَاؤُنَا قَدْ صَارَ خَرِيقَ نَارٍ، وَكُلُّ مُسْتَهْيَاتِنَا صَارَتْ خَرَابًا.¹²الْأَجَلَ هَذِهِ تَجْلُدُ يَا رَبُّ. أَتَسْكُتُ وَنُذِلْنَا كُلُّ الدَّلِّ.

things are laid waste.¹² Wilt thou refrain
thyself for these things , O LORD? wilt
thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very
sore?