

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,²And 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:)³That the LORD thy God may shew us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do.⁴Then 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.⁵Then 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.⁶Whether 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.⁷And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah.⁸Then 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,⁹And said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto whom ye sent me to present your supplication before him;¹⁰If ye will still abide in this land, then will I build you, and not pull you

¹فَتَقَدَّمَ كُلُّ رُؤَسَاءِ الْجُيُوشِ وَيُوحَنَّا بْنُ قَارِيحَ وَبَرِيئَا بْنُ هُوشَعْيَا وَكُلُّ الشَّعْبِ مِنَ الصَّغِيرِ إِلَى الْكَبِيرِ،²وَقَالُوا لِإِزْمِيَا النَّبِيِّ، لَيْتَ تَصْرَعْتَأَيَّامَكَ فَنُصَلِّيَ لِأَجْلِنَا إِلَى الرَّبِّ إِلَهِكَ لِأَجْلِ كُلِّ هَذِهِ الْبَقِيَّةِ. لِأَنَّنَا قَدْ بَقِيَنا قَلِيلِينَ مِنْ كَثِيرِينَ كَمَا تَرَانَا عَيْنَاكَ.³فَيُخَيِّرُنَا الرَّبُّ إِلَهُكَ عَنِ الطَّرِيقِ الَّذِي تَسِيرُ فِيهِ وَالْأَمْرَ الَّذِي تَفْعَلُهُ.⁴فَقَالَ لَهُمْ إِزْمِيَا النَّبِيُّ، قَدْ سَمِعْتُ. هَتَبَدَا أَصْلِي إِلَى الرَّبِّ إِلَهِكُمْ كَقَوْلِكُمْ، وَيَكُونُ أَنَّ كُلَّ الْكَلَامِ الَّذِي يُحْيِيكُمْ الرَّبُّ أُخَيِّرُكُمْ بِهِ. لَا أَمْنَعُ عَنْكُمْ شَيْئًا.⁵فَقَالُوا لِإِزْمِيَا، لَيْكُنِ الرَّبُّ بَيْنَنَا شَاهِدًا صَادِقًا وَأَمِينًا لِأَنَّنَا نَفْعَلُ حَسَبَ كُلِّ أَمْرٍ يُرْسِلُكَ بِهِ الرَّبُّ إِلَهُكَ إِلَيْنَا،⁶إِنْ خَيْرًا وَإِنْ شَرًّا. فَإِنَّا نَسْمَعُ لَصَوْتِ الرَّبِّ إِلَهِكَ الَّذِي تَحْنُ مُرْسِلُوكَ إِلَيْهِ لِيُخَسِّنَ إِلَيْنَا إِذَا سَمِعْنَا لَصَوْتِ الرَّبِّ إِلَهِنَا.⁷وَكَانَ بَعْدَ عَشْرَةِ أَيَّامٍ أَنَّ كَلِمَةَ الرَّبِّ صَارَتْ إِلَى إِزْمِيَا.⁸فَدَعَا يُوحَنَّا بْنُ قَارِيحَ وَكُلَّ رُؤَسَاءِ الْجُيُوشِ الَّذِينَ مَعَهُ، وَكُلَّ الشَّعْبِ مِنَ الصَّغِيرِ إِلَى الْكَبِيرِ⁹وَقَالَ لَهُمْ، هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ إِلَهُ إِسْرَائِيلَ الَّذِي أُرْسَلْتُمُونِي إِلَيْهِ لِأَلْقِي تَصْرَعَكُمْ أَمَامَهُ.¹⁰إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَسْكُنُونَ فِي هَذِهِ الْأَرْضِ فَإِنِّي أَنبِيَكُمْ وَلَا أَفْقُضْكُمْ، وَأَعْرِسْكُمْ وَلَا أَفْتَلِعْكُمْ. لِأَنِّي نِيَمْتُ عَنْ الشَّرِّ الَّذِي صَنَعْتُمْ بِكُمْ. لَا تَخَافُوا مَلِكَ بَابِلَ الَّذِي أَنْتُمْ خَائِفُوهُ. لَا تَخَافُوهُ يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ، لِأَنِّي أَنَا مَعَكُمْ لِأَخْلَصْكُمْ وَأَنْقِذْكُمْ مِنْ يَدِهِ.¹²وَأَعْطَيْتُكُمْ نِعْمَةً فَبَرَحْتُمْكُمْ وَبَرَدْتُكُمْ إِلَى أَرْضِكُمْ.¹³وَإِنْ قُلْتُمْ لَا تَسْكُنُ فِي هَذِهِ الْأَرْضِ وَلَمْ تَسْمَعُوا لَصَوْتِ الرَّبِّ إِلَهِكُمْ¹⁴فَأَنِلِينَ، لَا بَلْ إِلَى أَرْضٍ مِصْرَ تَذْهَبُ حَيْثُ لَا تَرَى حَرْبًا وَلَا تَسْمَعُ صَوْتَ بُوْقٍ وَلَا تَجُوعُ لِلْخُبْزِ، وَهَنَّاكَ تَسْكُنُ.¹⁵فَالآنَ لِدَلِكْ اسْمَعُوا كَلِمَةَ الرَّبِّ يَا بَقِيَّةَ يَهُودَا، هَكَذَا قَالَ رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ إِلَهُ إِسْرَائِيلَ، إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَجْعَلُونَ وُجُوهَكُمْ لِلدُّخُولِ إِلَى مِصْرَ وَتَذْهَبُونَ لِتَتَعَرَّبُوا هُنَاكَ،¹⁶يَحْدُثُ أَنَّ السَّيْفَ الَّذِي أَنْتُمْ خَائِفُونَ مِنْهُ يَذْرُكُكُمْ هُنَاكَ فِي أَرْضِ مِصْرَ، وَالْجُوعُ الَّذِي أَنْتُمْ خَائِفُونَ مِنْهُ يَلْحَقُكُمْ هُنَاكَ فِي مِصْرَ فَيَقْتُلُوكُمْ هُنَاكَ.¹⁷وَيَكُونُ أَنَّ كُلَّ الرِّجَالِ الَّذِينَ جَعَلُوا وُجُوهَهُمْ لِلدُّخُولِ إِلَى مِصْرَ لِيَتَعَرَّبُوا هُنَاكَ يَمُوتُونَ بِالسَّيْفِ وَالْجُوعِ وَالْوَبَاءِ، وَلَا يَكُونُ مِنْهُمْ بَاقٍ وَلَا تَاجٍ مِنَ الشَّرِّ الَّذِي أَجْلَبْتُهُ أَنَا عَلَيْهِمْ.¹⁸لَأَنَّهُمْ هَكَذَا قَالَ رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ إِلَهُ إِسْرَائِيلَ، كَمَا انْسَكَبَ غَضَبِي وَعَظِيطِي عَلَى سُكَّانِ أَوْرُشَلِيمَ هَكَذَا يَنْسَكِبُ غَضَبِي عَلَيْكُمْ عِنْدَ دُخُولِكُمْ إِلَى مِصْرَ، فَتَصِيرُونَ خَلْفًا وَدَهْشًا وَلَعْنَةً وَغَارًا وَلَا تَرَوْنَ بَعْدَ

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

هَذَا الْمَوْضِعِ.¹⁹ قَدْ تَكَلَّمَ الرَّبُّ عَلَيْكُمْ يَا بَقِيَّةَ يَهُودَا لَا تَدْخُلُوا مِصْرَ. اَعْلَمُوا عِلْمًا أَنِّي قَدْ أَنْذَرْتُكُمْ الْيَوْمَ.²⁰ لِأَنَّكُمْ قَدْ حَذَرْتُمْ أَنْفُسَكُمْ إِذْ أَرْسَلْتُمُونِي إِلَى الرَّبِّ إِلَهُكُمْ قَائِلِينَ، صَلِّ لَأَجْلِنَا إِلَى الرَّبِّ إِلَهِنَا، وَحَسَبَ كُلِّ مَا يَقُولُهُ الرَّبُّ إِلَهِنَا هَكَذَا أَحْبَبْنَا قَتْلَكَ.²¹ فَقَدْ أَحْبَبْتُمْ الْيَوْمَ فَلَمْ تَسْمَعُوا لَصَوْتِ الرَّبِّ إِلَهُكُمْ وَلَا لِسَيِّئِ مِمَّا أَرْسَلَنِي بِهِ إِلَيْكُمْ.²² قَالَانَ ااعْلَمُوا عِلْمًا أَنَّكُمْ تَمُوتُونَ بِالسَّيْفِ وَالْجُوعِ وَالْوَبَاءِ فِي الْمَوْضِعِ الَّذِي ابْتَغَيْتُمْ أَنْ تَدْخُلُوهُ لِتَتَغَرَّبُوا فِيهِ.

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.