

¹And I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel; Is it not for you to know judgment?²Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones;³Who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron.⁴Then shall they cry unto the LORD, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings.⁵Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him.⁶Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.⁷Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God.⁸But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.⁹Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity.¹⁰They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.¹¹The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean

¹وَقُلْتُ، اسْمَعُوا يَا رُؤَسَاءَ يَهُفُوبَ وَقُصَاةَ بَيْتِ إِسْرَائِيلَ. أَلَيْسَ لَكُمْ أَنْ تَعْرِفُوا الْحَقَّ؟²الْمُبْغِضِينَ الْخَيْرَ وَالْمُحِبِّينَ الشَّرَّ، الَّذِينَ يَنْزِعُونَ جُلُودَهُمْ عَنْهُمْ وَلَحْمَهُمْ عَنْ عِظَامِهِمْ.³وَالَّذِينَ يَأْكُلُونَ لَحْمَ شَعْبِي وَيَكْسُطُونَ جِلْدَهُمْ عَنْهُمْ، وَيَهْشُمُونَ عِظَامَهُمْ، وَيُسَقِّفُونَ كَمَا فِي الْقَدْرِ، وَكَاللَّحْمِ فِي وَسْطِ الْمِقْلَى.⁴حِينَئِذٍ يَصْرُخُونَ إِلَى الرَّبِّ قَلًا يُجِيبُهُمْ، بَلْ يَسْتَرْ وَجْهَهُ عَنْهُمْ فِي ذَلِكَ الْوَقْتِ كَمَا أَسَاءُوا أَعْمَالَهُمْ.⁵هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ عَلَى الْأَنْبِيَاءِ الَّذِينَ يُضِلُّونَ شَعْبِي، الَّذِينَ يَنْهَشُونَ بِأَسْنَانِهِمْ، وَيُثَادُونَ، سَلَامًا. وَالَّذِي لَا يَجْعَلُ فِي أَفْوَاهِهِمْ شَيْئًا يَفْتَحُونَ عَلَيْهِمْ حَرْبًا، لِذَلِكَ تَكُونُ لَكُمْ لَيْلَةٌ لَا رُؤْيَا. طَلَامَ لَكُمْ يَدُونَ عِرَاقَةٍ. وَتَغِيبُ الشَّمْسُ عَنِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَيُظْلِمُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْبَهَارُ.⁷فَيَحْزَى الرَّأُوُونَ، وَيَحْجَلُ الْعَرَّافُونَ، وَيُعْطُونَ كُلُّهُمْ سَوَارِيَهُمْ، لِأَنَّهُ لَيْسَ جَوَابٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ. لَكِنِّي أَنَا مَلَأْتُ قُوَّةَ رُوحِ الرَّبِّ وَحَقًّا وَبَاسًا، لِأَخْبَرَ يَهُفُوبَ بِذُنُوبِهِ وَإِسْرَائِيلَ بِخَطِيئَتِهِ.⁹اسْمَعُوا هَذَا يَا رُؤَسَاءَ بَيْتِ يَهُفُوبَ وَقُصَاةَ بَيْتِ إِسْرَائِيلَ الَّذِينَ يَكْرَهُونَ الْحَقَّ وَيُغْوِجُونَ كُلَّ مُسْتَقِيمٍ.¹⁰الَّذِينَ يَبْنُونَ صِهْيُونَ بِالدِّمَاءِ وَأُورُشَلِيمَ بِالظُّلْمِ.¹¹رُؤَسَاؤُهَا يَقْضُونَ بِالرُّشُوءِ وَكَهَنَتُهَا يُعَلِّمُونَ بِالْأَجْرَةِ، وَأَنْبِيَآؤُهَا يَعْرِفُونَ بِالْفِصَّةِ، وَهُمْ يَتَوَكَّلُونَ عَلَى الرَّبِّ قَائِلِينَ، أَلَيْسَ الرَّبُّ فِي وَسْطِنَا. لَا يَأْنِي عَلَيْنَا يَسْرٌ.¹²لِذَلِكَ يَسْبِكُكُمْ تُفْلِحُ صِهْيُونُ كَحَقْلٍ، وَتَصِيرُ أُورُشَلِيمُ خَرْبًا، وَجَبَلُ الْبَيْتِ سَوَامِجٍ وَعُرٍ.

upon the LORD, and say, Is not the LORD
among us? none evil can come upon
us.¹² Therefore shall Zion for your sake be
plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall
become heaps, and the mountain of the
house as the high places of the forest.