

¹Hear ye now what the LORD saith; Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice. ²Hear ye, O mountains, the LORD's controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the LORD hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel. ³O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me. ⁴For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servants; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know the righteousness of the LORD. ⁶Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? ⁸He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? ⁹The LORD's voice crieth unto the city, and the man of wisdom shall see thy name: hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it. ¹⁰Are there yet the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the scant measure that is abominable? ¹¹Shall I count them pure with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights? ¹²For the rich men thereof are full of violence, and the

¹إِسْمَعُوا مَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ، فُمْ حَاصِمٌ لَدَى الْجِبَالِ وَلْتَسْمَعَ
الْتَّلَالُ صَوْتَكَ. ²إِسْمَعِي حُصُومَةَ الرَّبِّ أَتَيْتُهَا الْجِبَالُ وَبَا
أُسُسَ الْأَرْضِ الدَّائِمَةِ. فَإِنَّ لِلرَّبِّ حُصُومَةً مَعَ شَعْبِهِ
وَهُوَ يُحَاكِمُ إِسْرَائِيلَ. ³يَا شَعْبِي، مَاذَا صَنَعْتُ بِكَ وَمَاذَا
أَصْغَرْتُكَ. اشْهَدْ عَلَيَّ. ⁴إِنِّي أَصْعَدْتُكَ مِنْ أَرْضِ مِصْرَ،
وَفَكَكْتُكَ مِنْ بَيْتِ الْعُبُودِيَّةِ، وَأَرْسَلْتُ أَمَامَكَ مُوسَى
وَهَارُونَ وَمَرِيَمَ. ⁵يَا شَعْبِي اذْكُرْ يَمَادًا تَأْمَرَ بِالْإِثْمِ مَلِكُ
مُوَابَ، وَمِمَّاذَا أَجَابَهُ بَلْعَامُ بْنُ بَعُورَ مِنْ شَيْطِيمَ إِلَى
الْجِلْجَالِ لِيَعْرِفَ إِجَادَةَ الرَّبِّ. ⁶بِمَ أَتَقَدَّمُ إِلَى الرَّبِّ
وَأُنْخِصِي لِلَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ. هَلْ أَتَقَدَّمُ بِمُخْرَقَاتٍ، بِعُجُولِ أُنْبَاءِ
سِتَّةٍ. هَلْ يُسَرُّ الرَّبُّ بِاللُّوفِ الْكِبَاشِ، بِرَبَوَاتِ أَنْهَارِ
رَيْثَ. هَلْ أُعْطِي بِكِرِي عَنْ مَعْصِيَتِي، ثَمَرَةَ جَسَدِي عَنْ
حَظِيَّةٍ نَفْسِي. ⁸قَدْ أَحْبَرْتُكَ أَنَّهَا الْإِنْسَانُ مَا هُوَ صَالِحٌ،
وَمِمَّاذَا يَطْلُبُهُ مِنْكَ الرَّبُّ، إِلَّا أَنْ تَصْنَعَ الْحَقَّ وَتُحِبَّ
الرَّحْمَةَ، وَتَسْلُكَ مُتَوَاضِعًا مَعَ إِلَهِكَ. ⁹صَوْتُ الرَّبِّ يُنَادِي
لِلْمَدِينَةِ، وَالْحِكْمَةُ تَرَى اسْمَكَ، إِسْمَعُوا لِلْقَصِيبِ وَمَنْ
رَبَّمَهُ. ¹⁰أَفِي بَيْتِ السَّرِيرِ بَعْدَ كُتُورٍ سَرٍّ وَإِيقَهُ تَاقِصُهُ
مَلْعُونَةٌ. ¹¹هَلْ أَتَرَكِي مَعَ مَوَازِينِ السَّرِّ وَمَعَ كَيْسِ مَعَايِيرِ
الْغِشِّ. فَإِنَّ أَغْنِيَاءَهَا مَلَأُونِ ظُلْمًا، وَسُكَّانُهَا يَتَكَلَّمُونَ
بِالْكَذِبِ، وَلَيْسَاتُهُمْ فِي فَمِهِمْ عَاشٌ. ¹³فَأَنَا قَدْ جَعَلْتُ
جُزْؤَكَ عَذِيبَةً السَّعَاءِ، مُخْرِبًا مِنْ أَجْلِ حَطَايَاكَ. ¹⁴أَنْتَ
تَأْكُلُ وَلَا تَشْبَعُ، وَجُوعُكَ فِي جَوْفِكَ. وَتُعْزَلُ وَلَا تُنْجِي،
وَالَّذِي تُنْجِيهِ أَدْفَعُهُ إِلَى السَّيْفِ. ¹⁵أَنْتَ تَزْرَعُ وَلَا تَحْصُدُ.
أَنْتَ تَدُوسُ زَيْتُونًا وَلَا تَذْهِنُ بِرَيْثِ، وَشِلَاقَةً وَلَا تَشْرَبُ
حَمْرًا. ¹⁶وَتُحْقَطُ قَرَائِصُ عُمرِي وَجَمِيعُ أَعْمَالِ بَيْتِ أَجَابِ
وَتَسْلُكُونَ بِمَشُورَاتِهِمْ، لِكَيْ أَسْلَمَكَ لِلْخَرَابِ، وَسُكَّانُهَا
لِلصَّغِيرِ، فَتَحْمِلُونِ غَارَ شَعْبِي.

inhabitants thereof have spoken lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.¹³ Therefore also will I make thee sick in smiting thee, in making thee desolate because of thy sins.¹⁴ Thou shalt eat, but not be satisfied; and thy casting down shall be in the midst of thee; and thou shalt take hold, but shalt not deliver; and that which thou deliverest will I give up to the sword.¹⁵ Thou shalt sow, but thou shalt not reap; thou shalt tread the olives, but thou shalt not anoint thee with oil; and sweet wine, but shalt not drink wine.¹⁶ For the statutes of Omri are kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab, and ye walk in their counsels; that I should make thee a desolation, and the inhabitants thereof an hissing: therefore ye shall bear the reproach of my people.