

¹Woe is me! for I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits, as the grape gleanings of the vintage: there is no cluster to eat: my soul desired the firstripe fruit.²The good man is perished out of the earth: and there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net.³That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince asketh, and the judge asketh for a reward; and the great man, he uttereth his mischievous desire: so they wrap it up.⁴The best of them is as a brier: the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity.⁵Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide: keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom.⁶For the son dishonoureth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter in law against her mother in law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house.⁷Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.⁸Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me.⁹I will bear the indignation of the LORD, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness.¹⁰Then she that is mine enemy shall see it, and shame shall cover her which said unto me, Where is the LORD thy God? mine eyes shall behold her: now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets.¹¹In the day that thy

¹وَيْلٌ لِّي لِأَنِّي صِرْتُ كَجَنَى الصَّيْفِ، كَخُصَاصَةِ الْقُطَافِ. لَا عُقُودَ لِلْأَكْلِ وَلَا بَاكُورَةَ تِينَةٍ اسْتَهْنَتْهَا نَفْسِي.²قَدْ بَادَ التَّقِيُّ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ، وَلَيْسَ مُسْتَقِيمٌ بَيْنَ النَّاسِ. جَمِيعُهُمْ يَكْمُنُونَ لِلدَّمَاءِ، يَصْطَلِدُونَ بَعْضُهُمْ بَعْضًا بِشَبَكَةٍ.³الْيَدَانِ إِلَى السَّرِّ مُجْتَهِدَتَانِ. الرَّئِيسُ وَالْقَاضِي طَالِبٌ بِالْهَدْيَةِ، وَالْكَبِيرُ مُتَكَلِّمٌ يَهْوَى نَفْسِهِ فَيَعْكِسُوتَهَا.⁴أَحْسَنُهُمْ مِثْلُ الْعُوسِجِ وَأَعْدَلُهُمْ مِنْ سِتَاجِ الشُّوكِ. يَوْمَ مُرَاقِبِكَ عِقَابُكَ قَدْ جَاءَ. الْآنَ يَكُونُ ارْتِبَاكُهُمْ. لَا تَأْتَمِنُوا صَاحِبًا. لَا تَتَّقُوا بِصَدِيقٍ. اخْطِطْ أَبْوَابَ قَمِكَ عَنِ الْمُصْطَلَجَةِ فِي حِصْنِكَ.⁶لَآنَ الْإِنِّ مُسْتَهِينٌ بِالْأَبِ، وَالْيَتِيمَ قَائِمَةً عَلَى أُمِّهَا وَالْكَنَّةَ عَلَى حَمَاتِهَا، وَأَعْدَاءُ الْإِنْسَانِ أَهْلُ بَيْتِهِ.⁷وَلَكِنِّي أَرَاقِبُ الرَّبَّ، أَصْبِرُ لِلَّهِ خَلَاصِي. بَسْمَعْنِي إِلَهِي. لَا تَسْمَعْنِي يَا عَدُوَّتِي. إِذَا سَقَطْتُ أَقُومُ. إِذَا جَلَسْتُ فِي الظُّلْمَةِ قَالَتِ الرَّبُّ نُورٌ لِي.⁹أَحْتَمِلُ غَضَبَ الرَّبِّ لِأَنِّي أَخْطَأْتُ إِلَيْهِ، حَتَّى يُقِيمَ دَعْوَايَ وَيُجِرِّي حَقِّي. سَيُخْرِجُنِي إِلَى الشُّورِ. سَأَنْطَرُ يَرَّهُ. وَتَرَى عَدُوَّتِي فَيُعْطِيهَا الْجَزْيَ، الْقَائِلَةُ لِي، أَيْنَ هُوَ الرَّبُّ إِلَهُكَ؟ عَيْنَايَ سَتَنْطَرَانِ إِلَيْهَا. الْآنَ تَصِيرُ لِلدَّوْسِ كَطِينِ الْأَرَقَةِ.¹¹يَوْمَ بَنَاءِ حِيطَانِكَ، ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمَ يَبْعُدُ الْمِبْعَادُ. هُوَ يَوْمٌ يَأْتُونَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ أَشْوَارٍ وَمُدُنٍ مِصْرَ، وَمِنْ مِصْرَ إِلَى التَّهْرِ. وَمِنْ الْبَحْرِ إِلَى الْبَحْرِ، وَمِنْ الْجَبَلِ إِلَى الْجَبَلِ.¹³وَلَكِنْ تَصِيرُ الْأَرْضُ خَرِبَةً يَسْتَبِ سُكَّانُهَا، مِنْ أَجْلِ تَمَرِّ أَفْعَالِهِمْ.¹⁴إِرْعَ بَعْضَاكَ شَعْبَكَ عَنَمَ مِيرَاتِكَ، سَاكِنَةَ وَحْدَهَا فِي وَغْرِ فِي وَسْطِ الْكَزْمَلِ. لَتَرْعَ فِي بَاشَانَ وَجَلْعَادَ كَابَّامِ الْقِدَمِ.¹⁵كَابَّامِ خُرُوجِكَ مِنْ أَرْضِ مِصْرَ أَرَبِهِ عَجَائِبَ. يَنْطَرُ الْأُمَمُ وَيَجْلُونَ مِنْ كُلِّ بَطْشِهِمْ. يَصْعُقُونَ أَيْدِيَهُمْ عَلَى أَفْوَاهِهِمْ، وَتَضْمُّ أَدَانَهُمْ.¹⁷يَلْحَسُونَ التُّرَابَ كَالْحَبَّةِ، كَرَوَاجِفِ الْأَرْضِ. يَخْرُجُونَ بِالرَّغْدَةِ مِنْ حُصُونِهِمْ، يَأْتُونَ بِالرَّغَبِ إِلَى الرَّبِّ إِلَهِنَا وَيَخَافُونَ مِنْكَ.¹⁸مَنْ هُوَ إِلَهُ مِثْلِكَ غَافِرُ الْإِنِّمْ وَصَافِحُ عَنِ الذَّنْبِ لِيَقْبِيَةِ مِيرَاتِهِ. لَا يَحْفَظُ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ غَضَبَهُ، فَإِنَّهُ يُسَرُّ بِالرَّاقَةِ.¹⁹يَعُودُ بَرَحْمَنَا، يَدُوسُ أَثَامَنَا، وَتُطْرَحُ فِي أَعْمَاقِ الْبَحْرِ جَمِيعُ خَطَايَاهُمْ.²⁰تَضَعُ الْأَمَاتَةَ لِيَعْقُوبَ وَالرَّاقَةَ لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ، اللَّتَيْنِ خَلَقْتَ لَابَاتِنَا مُنْذُ أَيَّامِ الْقِدَمِ.

walls are to be built, in that day shall the decree be far removed.¹² In that day also he shall come even to thee from Assyria, and from the fortified cities, and from the fortress even to the river, and from sea to sea, and from mountain to mountain.¹³ Notwithstanding the land shall be desolate because of them that dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings.¹⁴ Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.¹⁵ According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I shew unto him marvellous things.¹⁶ The nations shall see and be confounded at all their might: they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deaf.¹⁷ They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth: they shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall fear because of thee.¹⁸ Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.¹⁹ He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.²⁰ Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.