

¹وَقَالَ أَلِيشَعُ لِلْمَرْأَةِ الَّتِي أَحْيَا ابْنُهَا، قُومِي وَأَنْطَلِقِي أَنْتِ وَبَيْتُكِ وَتَعْرِي حَيْثُمَا تَتَّعَرِّي. لَأَنَّ الرَّبَّ قَدْ دَعَا بِجُوعٍ قِبَاتِي أَيْضاً عَلَى الْأَرْضِ سَبْعَ سِنِينَ.² فَقَامَتِ الْمَرْأَةُ وَقَعَلَتْ حَسَبَ كَلَامِ رَجُلِ اللَّهِ، وَأَنْطَلَقَتْ هِيَ وَبَيْتُهَا وَتَعَرَّتْ فِي أَرْضِ الْفِلِسْطِينِيِّينَ سَبْعَ سِنِينَ³ وَفِي نَهَايَةِ السَّنِينَ السَّبْعِ رَجَعَتِ الْمَرْأَةُ مِنْ أَرْضِ الْفِلِسْطِينِيِّينَ وَخَرَجَتْ لِتَصْرُخَ إِلَى الْمَلِكِ لِأَجْلِ بَيْتِهَا وَحَقْلِهَا.⁴ وَقَالَ الْمَلِكُ لِحِيزَرِي غُلَامِ رَجُلِ اللَّهِ، فَصَّرْ عَلَيَّ جَمِيعَ الْعُطَايِمِ الَّتِي قَعَلَهَا أَلِيشَعُ.⁵ وَفِيمَا هُوَ يَصْصُرُ عَلَى الْمَلِكِ كَيْفَ أَنَّهُ أَحْيَا الْمَيِّتَ إِذَا بِالْمَرْأَةِ الَّتِي أَحْيَا ابْنُهَا تَصْرُخُ إِلَى الْمَلِكِ لِأَجْلِ بَيْتِهَا وَحَقْلِهَا. فَقَالَ حِيزَرِي، يَا سَيِّدِي الْمَلِكُ، هَذِهِ هِيَ الْمَرْأَةُ وَهَذَا هُوَ ابْنُهَا الَّذِي أَحْيَاهُ أَلِيشَعُ.⁶ فَسَأَلَ الْمَلِكُ الْمَرْأَةَ فَقَصَصَتْ عَلَيْهِ ذَلِكَ، فَأَعْطَاهَا الْمَلِكُ حَصِيّاً قَائِلاً، أُرْجِعْ كُلَّ مَا لَهَا وَجَمِيعَ غَلَّتِ الْحَقْلِ مِنْ حِينَ تَرَكْتَ الْأَرْضَ إِلَى الْآنَ.⁷ وَجَاءَ أَلِيشَعُ إِلَى دِمَشْقَ. وَكَانَ بَنُهَدَدُ مَلِكُ أَرَامَ مَرِيضاً، فَقِيلَ لَهُ، قَدْ جَاءَ رَجُلُ اللَّهِ إِلَى هُنَا. فَقَالَ الْمَلِكُ لِحَزْرَائِيلَ، خُذْ بِيَدِكَ هَدِيَّةً وَادْهَبْ لِاسْتِيقْبَالِ رَجُلِ اللَّهِ، وَاسْأَلِ الرَّبَّ بِهِ، هَلْ أَسْقَى مِنْ مَرَضِي هَذَا.⁹ فَذَهَبَ حَزْرَائِيلُ لِاسْتِيقْبَالِهِ وَأَخَذَ هَدِيَّةً بِيَدِهِ، وَمِنْ كُلِّ خَبْزَابٍ دِمَشْقَ جَمْلَ أَرْبَعِينَ جَمَلاً وَجَاءَ وَوَقَفَ أَمَامَهُ وَقَالَ، إِنَّ ابْنَكَ بَنُهَدَدَ مَلِكُ أَرَامَ قَدْ أَرْسَلَنِي إِلَيْكَ قَائِلاً، هَلْ أَسْقَى مِنْ مَرَضِي هَذَا.¹⁰ فَقَالَ لَهُ أَلِيشَعُ، اذْهَبْ وَقُلْ لَهُ شِفَاءٌ تُشْفَى. وَقَدْ أَرَانِي الرَّبُّ أَنَّهُ يَمُوتُ مَوْتاً.¹¹ فَجَعَلَ تَطْرَهُ عَلَيْهِ وَبَشَّهَ حَتَّى حَجَلَ. فَبَكَى رَجُلُ اللَّهِ.¹² فَقَالَ حَزْرَائِيلُ، لِمَذَا يَبْكِي سَيِّدِي. فَقَالَ، لِأَنِّي عَلِمْتُ مَا سَتَفْعَلُهُ بَيْتِي إِسْرَائِيلَ مِنَ الشَّرِّ، فَإِنَّكَ تُطْلِقُ النَّارَ فِي خُصُونِهِمْ وَتَقْتُلُ شَبَابَهُمْ بِالسَّيْفِ وَتُحَطِّمُ أَطْفَالَهُمْ وَتَشْقُ حَوَامِلَهُمْ.¹³ فَقَالَ حَزْرَائِيلُ، وَمَنْ هُوَ عَبْدُكَ الْكَلْبُ حَتَّى يَفْعَلَ هَذَا الْأَمْرَ الْعَظِيمَ. فَقَالَ أَلِيشَعُ، قَدْ أَرَانِي الرَّبُّ إِيَّاكَ مَلِكاً عَلَى أَرَامَ.¹⁴ قَانُطَلِقُ مِنْ عِنْدِ أَلِيشَعُ وَدَخَلَ إِلَى سَيِّدِهِ فَسَأَلَهُ، مَاذَا قَالَ لَكَ أَلِيشَعُ. فَقَالَ، قَالَ لِي إِنَّكَ تَحْيَا.¹⁵ وَفِي الْعَدِّ أَخَذَ اللَّبْدَةَ وَعَمَسَهَا بِالْمَاءِ وَتَشَرَّهَا عَلَى وَجْهِهِ وَمَاتَ، وَمَلَكَ حَزْرَائِيلُ عَوِصاً عَنْهُ.¹⁶ وَفِي السَّنَةِ الْخَامِسَةِ لِيُورَامَ بْنِ أَحَابَ مَلِكِ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَهُوَ سَاقِطٌ مَلِكُ يَهُودَا، مَلَكَ يَهُورَامُ بْنُ يَهُوشَافَاطَ مَلِكُ يَهُودَا.¹⁷ كَانَ ابْنُ اسْتَيْنَ فِي وَتَلَايَيْنَ سَنَةً حِينَ مَلَكَ، وَمَلَكَ تَمَانِي سِنِينَ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ.¹⁸ وَسَارَ فِي طَرِيقِ مُلُوكِ إِسْرَائِيلَ كَمَا فَعَلَ

¹Then spake Elisha unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for the LORD hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years.² And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God: and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.³ And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her land.⁴ And the king talked with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done.⁵ And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life, that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life.⁶ And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain officer, saying, Restore all that was hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now.⁷ And Elisha came to Damascus; and Benhadad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of God is come hither.⁸ And the king said unto Hazael, Take a present in thine hand, and go, meet the man of God, and enquire of the LORD by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?⁹ So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every

بَيْتُ أَخَابَ، لِأَنَّ بَيْتَ أَخَابَ كَانَتْ لَهُ امْرَأَةٌ. وَعَمِلَ الشَّرَّ فِي عَيْنَيِ الرَّبِّ.¹⁹ وَلَمْ يَسْأَلِ الرَّبُّ أَنْ يُبَيِّدَ يَهُودًا مِنْ أَجْلِ دَاوُدَ عَبْدِهِ، كَمَا قَالَ إِنَّهُ يُعْطِيهِ سِرَاجًا وَلِتَبْنِيَهُ كُلُّ الْأَيَّامِ.²⁰ فِي أَيَّامِهِ عَصَى أَدُومُ عَلَى يَهُودَا وَمَلَكَوْا عَلَى أَنْفُسِهِمْ مَلِكًا.²¹ وَعَبَّرَ يَهُورَامُ إِلَى صَعِيرَ وَجَمِيعُ الْمُرْكَبَاتِ مَعَهُ، وَقَامَ لَيْلًا وَصَرَبَ أَدُومُ الْمُحِيطَ بِهِ وَرُؤُسَاءَ الْمُرْكَبَاتِ. وَهَرَبَ الشَّعْبُ إِلَى خِيَامِهِمْ.²² وَعَصَى أَدُومُ عَلَى يَهُودَا إِلَى هَذَا الْيَوْمِ. حِينَئِذٍ عَصَتْ لَبْنَةُ فِي ذَلِكَ الْوَقْتِ.²³ وَبَقِيَتْ أُمُورُ يَهُورَامَ وَكُلُّ مَا صَنَعَ مَكْتُوبَةً فِي سِفْرِ أَخْبَارِ الْأَيَّامِ لِلْمُلُوكِ يَهُودَا.²⁴ وَاصْطَلَعَ يَهُورَامُ مَعَ آبَائِهِ، وَدَفِنَ مَعَ آبَائِهِ فِي مَدِينَةِ دَاوُدَ، وَمَلَكَ أَخْزَبَا ابْنُهُ عَوْصًا عَنْهُ.²⁵ فِي السَّنَةِ الثَّانِيَةِ عَشْرَةَ لِيُورَامَ بْنِ أَخَابَ مَلِكِ إِسْرَائِيلَ، مَلَكَ أَخْزَبَا بْنُ يَهُورَامَ مَلِكِ يَهُودَا.²⁶ وَكَانَ أَخْزَبَا ابْنِ اثْنَتَيْنِ وَعِشْرِينَ سَنَةً حِينَ مَلَكَ، وَمَلَكَ سَنَةً وَاحِدَةً فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ. وَاسْمُ أُمِّهِ عَتْلِيَا بِنْتُ عُمْرِي مَلِكِ إِسْرَائِيلَ.²⁷ وَسَارَ فِي طَرِيقِ بَيْتِ أَخَابَ، وَعَمِلَ الشَّرَّ فِي عَيْنَيِ الرَّبِّ كَبَيْتِ أَخَابَ لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ صِهْرَ بَيْتِ أَخَابَ.²⁸ وَانْطَلَقَ مَعَ يُورَامَ بْنِ أَخَابَ لِمُقَاتَلَةِ خَزَائِيلَ مَلِكِ أَرَامَ فِي رَامُوتِ جَلْعَادَ، فَصَرَبَ الْأَرَامِيُّونَ يُورَامَ.²⁹ فَجَرَعَ يُورَامُ الْمَلِكُ لَيْثْرًا فِي يَزْرَعِيلَ مِنَ الْجُرُوحِ الَّتِي جَرَحَهُ بِهَا الْأَرَامِيُّونَ فِي رَامُوتَ عِنْدَ مُقَاتَلَتِهِ خَزَائِيلَ مَلِكِ أَرَامَ. وَتَرَلَّ أَخْزَبَا بْنُ يَهُورَامَ مَلِكُ يَهُودَا لِيَتَرَى يُورَامَ بْنَ أَخَابَ فِي يَزْرَعِيلَ لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ مَرِيضًا.

good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Benhadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?¹⁰ And Elisha said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou mayest certainly recover: howbeit the LORD hath shewed me that he shall surely die.¹¹ And he settled his countenance stedfastly, until he was ashamed: and the man of God wept.¹² And Hazael said, Why weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel: their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash their children, and rip up their women with child.¹³ And Hazael said, But what, is thy servant a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, The LORD hath shewed me that thou shalt be king over Syria.¹⁴ So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, What said Elisha to thee? And he answered, He told me that thou shouldest surely recover.¹⁵ And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took a thick cloth, and dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his stead.¹⁶ And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat being then king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign.¹⁷ Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.¹⁸ And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for the daughter of Ahab was his wife: and he did evil in the sight of

the LORD.¹⁹ Yet the LORD would not destroy Judah for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give him always a light, and to his children.²⁰ In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves.²¹ So Joram went over to Zair, and all the chariots with him: and he rose by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots: and the people fled into their tents.²² Yet Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time.²³ And the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?²⁴ And Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.²⁵ In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel did Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah begin to reign.²⁶ Two and twenty years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah, the daughter of Omri king of Israel.²⁷ And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the LORD, as did the house of Ahab: for he was the son in law of the house of Ahab.²⁸ And he went with Joram the son of Ahab to the war against Hazael king of Syria in Ramothgilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram.²⁹ And king Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of

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Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.