¹Hear this word, ye kine of Bashan, that are in the mountain of Samaria, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink.2 The Lord GOD hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks. And ve shall go out at the breaches, every cow at that which is before her; and ye shall cast them into the palace, saith the LORD. Come to Bethel, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes after three years: 5 And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim and publish the free offerings: for this liketh you, O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord GOD. And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. And also I have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured them : yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. 10 I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your

ْ إِسْمَعِي هَذَا اِلْقَوْلَ يَا بَقَرَاتِ بَاشَانَ الَّتِي فِي جَبَل السَّامرَة، الظَّالِمَـةَ الْمَسَاكِينَ السَّاحِقَـةَ الْبَائِسِـينَ، الْقَائِلَةَ لِسَادَتِهَا هَاتِ لِنَشْرَبَ. ۚقَدْ أَقْسَمَ السَّبِّدُ الرَّبُّ ىقُدْسِه هُـوَذَا أَتَّامٌ تَـأَتِي عَلَيْكُنَّ بَأَخُذُونَكُنَّ بِخَزَائِمَ وَاحِـدَةِ عَلَـي وَجْهِهَـا وَتَنْـدَفَعْنَ إِلَـي الْحَصْـنِ يَقُــولُ تُّ. 4هَلُمَّ إِلَى بَيْت إِيلَ وَأَذْنبُوا إِلَى الْجِلْجَالِ وَأَكْثرُوا الذُّنُوبَ، وَأُخْضِرُوا كُلُّ صَبَاحٍ ذَبَائُخَكُمْ وَكُلُّ ثَلاَثَة أَتَّامِ عُشُورَ كُمْ. ۚ وَأَوْقَـدُوا مِنَ الْخَمِيرِ تَقْدِمَـةَ شُكْرٍ، وَنَادُواً بِنَوَافِلَ وَسَمِّعُوا. لأَنَّكُمْ هَكَذَا أَحْبَيْتُمْ يَا يَنِي َاسْرَائِيلَ يَقُولُ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ ُ وَأَنَا أَيْضاً أَعْطَيْتُكُمْ نَظَافَةَ الأَسْنَانِ فِي جَمِيعِ مُدُنِكُمْ وَعَوَرَ الْخُبْرِ فِي جَمِيعِ أَمَاكِنِكُمْ، فَلَمْ تَرْجِعُوا إِلَىَّ يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ. ۗ وَأَنَا ۖ أَيْضاً مَنَعْثُ عَنْكُمُ الْمَطَرَ إِذْ يَقِيَ ثَلَاثَةُ أُشْهُرِ لِلْحَصَادِ، وَأَمْطَرْتُ عَلَى مَدينَة وَاحِدَةِ، وَعَلَى مَدينَةِ أَخْرَى لَمْ أَمْطِرْ. أَمْطِرَ عَلَى ضَيْعَةِ وَاحِدَةِ، وَالضَّيْعَةُ الَّتِي لَمْ يُمْطَرُ عَلَيْهَا حَفَّتْ. ْفَحَالَتْ مَدينَتَانِ أَوْ ثَلَاثُ إِلَى مَدينَة وَاحِدَة لِتَشْرَبَ مَاءً وَلَمْ تَشْيَعْ، فَلَمْ تَرْحِعُوا إِلَيَّ يَقُولُ الرَّتُّ. ْضَرْبَتُكُمْ بِاللَّفْحِ وَالْيَرَقَانِ. كَثِيراً مَا أَكَلَ الْقَمَـصُ جَنَّاتِكُمْ وَكُرُومَكُـمْ ـونَكُمْ، فَلَـِـمْ تَرْجِعُــوا إِلَــيَّ يَقُــولُ الرَّبُّ. أَرْسَلْتُ بَيْنَكُمْ وَبَأْ عَلَى طَرِيقَة مصْرَ. قَتَلْتُ بِالسَّيْفِ فَتْيَانَكُمْ مَعَ سَبْي خَيْلكُمْ، وَأَضْعَدْتُ نَتَنَ مَحَالَّكُمْ حَتَّى إِلَى أَنُوفَكُمْ، فَلَمْ تَرْحِعُوا إِلَىَّ بَقُولُ الرَّكُ. [قَلَنْتُ بَعْضَكُمْ كَمَا قَلَبَ اللَّهُ سَدُومَ وَعَمُورَةَ، فَصِرْتُمْ كَشُعْلَةٍ مُنْتَشَلَةِ مِنَ الْحَرِيقِ، فَلَـمْ تَرْجِعُـوا إِلَـيَّ يَقُـولُ الرَّبُّ.12لِذَلِكَ هَكَذَا أَصْنَعُ بِكَ يَا إِسْرَائِيلُ. فَمِنْ أَجْلِ أَنِّي أَصْنَعُ بِكَ هَذَا فَاسْتَعِدَّ لِلقَاءِ إِلَهِكَ بَا إِسْرَائِيلُ. 13فَإِنَّهُ هُوَذَا الَّذِي صَنِغَ الْجِبَالَ وَخَلَقَ الْرِّيحَ وَأُخْبَرَ الإِنْسَانَ مَا هُوَ فِكْرُهُ، الَّذِي يَجْعَلُ الْفَجْرَ ظَلاَماً وَيَمْشِي غَلَى مَشَارِفِ الأَرْض، يَهْوَهُ إِلَهُ الْجُنُودِ اسْمُهُ.

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young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. 11 I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. 12 Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel. 13 For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The LORD, The God of hosts, is his name.