ُيَا أَرْضَ حَفِيفِ الأَجْنِحَـةِ الَّتِـي فِـي عَـبْرِ أَنْهَـارِ كُوشَ، ُ الْمُرْسِـلَةَ رُسُلاً فِي الْبَحْـرِ وَفِي قَـوَارِبَ مِـنَ الْبَرْدِيِّ عَلَى وَجْهِ الْمِيَاهِ. اذْهَبُوا أَيُّهَا الرُّسُلُ السَّرِيعُونَ إِلَى أُمَّةٍ طَوِيلَةٍ وَجَرْدَاءَ، إِلَى شَعْبِ مَخُوفِ مُنْذُّ كَانَ فَصَاعِداً، أُمَّة قُوَّةٍ وَشَدَّةٍ ۖ وَدَوْسٍ، ۖ قَدْ أَرْضَهَا. نَيا جَمِيعَ سُكَّانِ الْمَسْكُونَةِ وَقَاطِنِي الأَرْضِ، عنْدَمَا تَرْتَفِعُ الرَّابَةُ عَلِّي الْحِيَالِ تَنْظُرُونَ، وَعنْدَمَا ىُصْرَبُ بِالْيُوقِ تَسْمَعُونَ ⁴لأَنَّهُ هَكَذَا قَالَ لِي الرَّتُّ، إنِّي أَهْدَأُ وَأَنْظُرُ فَي مَسْكَنِي كَالْحَرِّ الصَّافِي عَلَى الْيَقُّلِ، كَغَيْمِ النَّدَى في حَرِّ الْحَصَادِ. ^دَفَاِنَّهُ قَبْلَ الْحَصَادِ، عِنْدَ تَمَامَ الزَّهْرِ، وَعِنْدَمَا يَصِيرُ الزَّهْرُ حِصْرِماً نَضِيجاً يَقْطَعُ الْقُصْبَانَ بِالْمَنَاجِلِ، وَيَنْزِعُ الأَفْنَانَ وَيَطْرَحُهَا. ُثُنْرَكُ مَعاً لِجَــوَارِحِ الْجِبَـالِ وَلِوُحُــوشِ الأَرْضِ، فَتُصَــيُّفُ عَلَيْهَـا الْجَوَار حُ، وَتُشَتِّى عَلَيْهَا جَمِيغُ وُحُوشَ الأَرْض. ُفِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْم َ تُقَدَّمُ هَدِيَّةٌ لِرَبِّ الْجُنُودِ مِنْ شَعْب طٍوَيلِ وَأَجْرَدَ، وَمِنْ شَعْبِ مَخُوفِ مُنْذُ كَانَ فَصَاعِداً، مِنْ أُمَّةِ ذَاتِ قُوَّةٍ وَشَدَّةِ وَدَوُّس، قَدْ خَرَقَت الأَبْهَارُ أَرْضَهَا، إِلَى مَوْضِع اسْم رَبِّ الْجُنُودِ، جَبَلِ صِهْيَوْنَ.

¹Woe to the land shadowing with wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia: That sendeth ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of bulrushes upon the waters, saying, Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation scattered and peeled, to a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden down, whose land the rivers have spoiled!³All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains; and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ve. 4For so the LORD said unto me, I will take my rest, and I will consider in my dwelling place like a clear heat upon herbs, and like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest. For afore the harvest, when the bud is perfect, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, he shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and take away and cut down the branches. They shall be left together unto the fowls of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth: and the fowls shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them. In that time shall the present be brought unto the LORD of hosts of a people scattered and peeled, and from a people terrible from their beginning hitherto: a nation meted out and trodden under foot, whose land the rivers have spoiled, to the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, the mount Zion.