

¹وَحَيٍّ مِنْ جِهَةِ بَرِّيَّةِ الْبَحْرِ، كَرَوَاعٍ فِي الْجَنُوبِ عَاصِفَةٍ،
يَأْتِي مِنَ الْبَرِّيَّةِ مِنْ أَرْضِ مَخُوفَةٍ.² قَدْ أَغْلَنْتُ لِي رُؤْيَا
قَاسِيَةً، النَّاهِبُ تَاهِبًا وَالْمُحَرَّبُ مُحَرَّبًا. إِضْعِدِي يَا عِيلَامُ.
خَاصِرِي يَا مَادِي. قَدْ أَبْطَلْتُ كُلَّ أُنْيَهَا.³ لِدَلِكِ امْتَلَأْتُ
خَقَوَائِ وَخَعًا، وَأَخَذَنِي مَخَاضٌ كَمَخَاضِ الْوَالِدَةِ. تَلَوَّيْتُ
حَتَّى لَا أَسْمَعُ. أَنْدَهَشْتُ حَتَّى لَا أَنْطُرَ.⁴ تَاهَ قَلْبِي. بَغْتَنِي
رُغْبٌ. لَيْلُهُ لَدَّتْنِي جَعَلَهَا لِي رَغْدَةً.⁵ يَرْتَبُونَ الْمَائِدَةَ،
يَخْرُسُونَ الْحِرَاسَةَ، يَأْكُلُونَ. يَشْرَبُونَ فُومُوا أَهْيَا
الرُّؤَسَاءُ امْسَحُوا الْمَجَنَّ.⁶ لَأَنَّهُ هَكَذَا قَالَ لِي السَّيِّدُ،
اذهُبْ أَقِمِ الْخَارِسَ لِيُخَيِّرَ يَمًا يَرَى.⁷ قَرَأِي رُكَّابًا أَزْوَاجَ
فُرْسَانٍ. رُكَّابَ حَمِيرٍ. رُكَّابَ جِمَالٍ. قَاصَعِي إِضْعَاءَ
سَيِّدًا.⁸ ثُمَّ صَرَخَ كَاسِدٌ، أَهْيَا السَّيِّدُ، أَنَا قَائِمٌ عَلَى
الْمُرْصَدِ دَائِمًا فِي النَّهَارِ، وَأَنَا وَاقِفٌ عَلَى الْمَخْرَسِ كُلِّ
الليَالِي. وَهُوَذَا رُكَّابٌ مِنَ الرِّجَالِ. أَزْوَاجٌ مِنَ الْفُرْسَانِ.
فَأَجَابَ، سَقَطْتُ سَقَطْتُ بَابِلُ، وَجَمِيعُ تَمَائِيلِ أَهْيَهَا
الْمُنْحَوِيَّةُ كَسَرَهَا إِلَى الْأَرْضِ.¹⁰ يَا دِيَّاسِي وَبَنِي بَيْدَرِي.
مَا سَمِعْتُهُ مِنْ رَبِّ الْجُنُودِ إِلَهُ إِسْرَائِيلَ أَحْبَرْتُكُمْ
بِهِ.¹¹ وَحَيٍّ مِنْ جِهَةِ دُومَةِ، صَرَخَ إِلَيَّ صَارِخٌ مِنْ سَعِيرٍ، يَا
خَارِسُ، مَا مِنَ اللَّيْلِ. يَا خَارِسُ، مَا مِنَ اللَّيْلِ.¹² قَالَ
الْخَارِسُ، أَتَى صَبَاحٌ وَأَيْضًا لَيْلٌ. إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَطْلُبُونَ
فَاطْلُبُوا. ارْجِعُوا تَعَالَوْا.¹³ وَحَيٍّ مِنْ جِهَةِ يِلَادِ الْعَرَبِ، فِي
الْوَعْرِ فِي يِلَادِ الْعَرَبِ تَبَيَّنَ يَا قَوَافِلِ الدَّذَائِبِ.¹⁴ هَاتُوا
مَاءً لِمَلَاقَةِ الْعَطْشَانِ يَا سُكَّانَ أَرْضِ تِيمَاءَ. وَأَفُوا
الْهَارِبَ بِخُبْرِهِ.¹⁵ فَإِنَّهُمْ مِنْ أَمَامِ السُّيُوفِ قَدْ هَرَبُوا. مِنْ
أَمَامِ السَّيْفِ الْمَسْلُوقِ وَمِنْ أَمَامِ الْقَوْسِ الْمَشْدُودَةِ
وَمِنْ أَمَامِ شِدَّةِ الْحَرْبِ.¹⁶ فَإِنَّهُ هَكَذَا قَالَ لِي السَّيِّدُ، فِي
مُدَّةِ سِتَّةِ كَسْتَةِ الْأَجِيرِ بَقَيْتِي كُلُّ مَجْدٍ قِيدَارٍ.¹⁷ وَبَقِيَّةُ عَدْرِ
قِسِي أَبْطَالِ بَنِي قِيدَارٍ تَقِلُّ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ إِلَهُ إِسْرَائِيلَ قَدْ
تَكَلَّمَ.

¹The burden of the desert of the sea. As whirlwinds in the south pass through; so it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land.²A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease.³Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was bowed down at the hearing of it; I was dismayed at the seeing of it.⁴My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me: the night of my pleasure hath he turned into fear unto me.⁵Prepare the table, watch in the watchtower, eat, drink: arise, ye princes, and anoint the shield.⁶For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth.⁷And he saw a chariot with a couple of horsemen, a chariot of asses, and a chariot of camels; and he hearkened diligently with much heed:⁸And he cried, A lion: My lord, I stand continually upon the watchtower in the daytime, and I am set in my ward whole nights:⁹And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.¹⁰O my threshing, and the corn of my floor: that which I have heard of the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, have I declared unto you.¹¹The burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?¹²The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if

ye will enquire, enquire ye: return, come.¹³ The burden upon Arabia. In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies of Dedanim.¹⁴ The inhabitants of the land of Tema brought water to him that was thirsty, they prevented with their bread him that fled.¹⁵ For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war.¹⁶ For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Within a year, according to the years of an hireling, and all the glory of Kedar shall fail:¹⁷ And the residue of the number of archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, shall be diminished: for the LORD God of Israel hath spoken it .