

¹وَيْلٌ لِلَّذِينَ يَنْزِلُونَ إِلَى مِصْرَ لِلْمَعُوتَةِ، وَيَسْتَيْدُونَ عَلَى الْخَيْلِ وَيَتَوَكَّلُونَ عَلَى الْمَرْكَبَاتِ لِأَنَّهَا كَثِيرَةٌ، وَعَلَى الْفُرْسَانِ لِأَنَّهُمْ أَكْثَرُ جِدًّا، وَلَا يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَى قُدُّوسِ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَلَا يَطْلُبُونَ الرَّبَّ. ²وَهُوَ أَيْضًا حَكِيمٌ وَيَأْتِي بِالسَّيِّئِ وَلَا يَرْجِعُ بِكَلَامِهِ، وَيَقُومُ عَلَى بَيْتِ قَاعِلِي السَّيِّئِ وَعَلَى مَعُوتَةِ قَاعِلِي الْإِثْمِ. ³وَأَمَّا الْمِصْرِيُّونَ فَهُمْ أَتَانُ لَا إِلَهَ، وَخَلَّلَهُمْ جَسَدُ لَوْحٍ. وَالرَّبُّ يَمْدُ يَدَهُ فَيَعْتَزُّ الْمُعِينِ وَيَسْقُطُ الْمُعَانُ وَيَقْتَاتُ كِلَاهُمَا مَعًا. ⁴لَئِنَّ هَكَذَا قَالَ لِي الرَّبُّ، كَمَا يَهْرُ قُوقَ قَرِيسَتِهِ الْأَسَدُ وَالسَّبَلُ الَّذِي يُدْعَى عَلَيْهِ جَمَاعَةُ مِنَ الرُّعَاةِ وَهُوَ لَا يَزْتَاغُ مِنْ صَوْتِهِمْ وَلَا يَبْذُلُ لِجَمْعِهِمْ هَكَذَا يَنْزِلُ رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ لِلْمُخَارَبَةِ عَنْ جَبَلِ صِهْيُونَ وَعَنْ أَكْمِثَتِهَا. ⁵كَطُيُورٍ مُرْقَةٍ هَكَذَا يُخَامِي رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ عَنِ أُورُشَلِيمَ. يُخَامِي قَبِيقًا، يَغْفُو قَبِيقًا. ⁶إِزْجِعُوا إِلَيَّ الَّذِي ارْتَدَّ بَنُو إِسْرَائِيلَ عَنْهُ مُتَعَمِّقِينَ. ⁷لَآنَ فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ يَرْفُصُونَ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ أُوتَانِ فَصْتِهِ وَأُوتَانِ دَهْبِهِ الَّتِي صَنَعَتْهَا لَكُمْ أَيْدِيكُمْ خَطِيئَةً. ⁸وَيَسْقُطُ أَشْوَرُ يَسِيفٍ غَيْرِ رَجُلٍ، وَسِيفُ غَيْرِ إِنْسَانٍ يَأْكُلُهُ، فَيَهْرُبُ مِنْ أَمَامِ السَّيْفِ، وَيَكُونُ مُحْتَارُوهُ تَحْتَ الْجَرِيَةِ. ⁹وَصَحْرُهُ مِنَ الْخَوْفِ يَزُولُ، وَمِنَ الرَّايَةِ يَرْتَعِبُ رُؤُوسَاؤُهُ، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ الَّذِي لَهُ تَأْرٌ فِي صِهْيُونَ، وَلَهُ تَنْوَرٌ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ.

¹Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD! ²Yet he also is wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back his words: but will arise against the house of the evildoers, and against the help of them that work iniquity. ³Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together. ⁴For thus hath the LORD spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof. ⁵As birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it. ⁶Turn ye unto him from whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted. ⁷For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made unto you for a sin. ⁸Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be discomfited. ⁹And he shall pass over to his strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign, saith the

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LORD, whose fire is in Zion, and his
furnace in Jerusalem.