

¹انْزِلِي وَاجْلِسِي عَلَى التُّرَابِ أَبْنَاهُ الْعَذْرَاءُ ابْنَةُ بَابِلَ.
 اجْلِسِي عَلَى الْأَرْضِ يَا كُزِّي يَا ابْنَةُ الْكِلْدَانِيِّينَ، لِأَنَّكَ
 لَا تَعُودِينَ تُدْعَيْنَ تَاعِمَةً وَمُتَرَفِّهَةً.² حُذِي الرَّحَى وَاطْحَنِي
 دَقِيقًا. اكْشِفِي ثِقَابَكَ. سَمِّرِي الذِّلَّ. اكْشِفِي السَّاقَ.
 اعْبُرِي الْأَنْهَارَ.³ تَنْكَشِفُ عَوْرُوكَ وَتَرَى مَعَارِيكَ. اخْذِي نَقْمَةً
 وَلَا أَصَالِحْ أَحَدًا.⁴ قَادِيَا رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ اسْمُهُ. فُذُّوسُ
 إِسْرَائِيلَ.⁵ اجْلِسِي صَامِتَةً وَادْخُلِي فِي الظَّلَامِ يَا ابْنَةُ
 الْكِلْدَانِيِّينَ، لِأَنَّكَ لَا تَعُودِينَ تُدْعَيْنَ سَيِّدَةً
 الْمَمَالِكِ.⁶ غَضِبْتُ عَلَى شَعْبِي. دَسَسْتُ مِيرَاثِي وَدَفَعْتُهُمْ
 إِلَى يَدِكَ. لَمْ تَصْنَعِي لَهُمْ رَحْمَةً. عَلَى الشَّيْخِ ثَقَلَتْ
 نِيرُوكَ جِدًّا.⁷ وَقُلْتُ، إِلَى الْأَبَدِ أَكُونُ سَيِّدَةً حَتَّى لَمْ تَصْعَبِ
 هَذِهِ فِي قَلْبِكَ. لَمْ تَذْكُرِي آخِرَتَهَا.⁸ فَلَا أَنْ سَمْعِي هَذَا
 أَبْنَاهُ الْمُتَنَعِّمَةِ الْخَالِسَةِ بِالطَّمَانِينَةِ، الْقَائِلَةِ فِي قَلْبِهَا، أَنَا
 وَلَيْسَ غَيْرِي. لَا أَقْعُدُ أَرْمَلَةً وَلَا أَعْرِفُ التَّكَلُّفَ.⁹ قِيَايَ
 عَلَيْكَ هَذَانِ الْإِثْنَانِ بَعْتَهُ فِي يَوْمٍ وَاحِدٍ، التَّكَلُّفُ وَالْتَرَمُّلُ.
 بِالْثَمَامِ قَدْ أَتَى عَلَيْكَ مَعَ كَثْرَةِ سُخُورِكَ، مَعَ وَفُورِ رُقَاكِ
 جِدًّا.¹⁰ وَأَنْتِ اطْمَأْنَنْتِ فِي سُرْرِكَ. قُلْتُ، لَيْسَ مِنِّي بَرَانِي.
 جَكَمْتُكَ وَمَعْرِفَتُكَ هُمَا أَفْتَتَاكِ، فَقُلْتُ فِي قَلْبِكَ، أَنَا
 وَلَيْسَ غَيْرِي.¹¹ قِيَايَ عَلَيْكَ شَرٌّ لَا تَعْرِفِينَ قَجَرَهُ، وَتَقَعُ
 عَلَيْكَ مُصِيبَةٌ لَا تَقْدِرِينَ أَنْ تُصَدِّبَهَا، وَتَأْتِي عَلَيْكَ بَعْتَةٌ
 تَهْلِكُكَ لَا تَعْرِفِينَ بِهَا.¹² فِي فِي رُقَاكِ وَفِي كَثْرَةِ
 سُخُورِكَ الَّتِي فِيهَا تَعْبَتِ مِنْذُ صِبَاكِ. رُبَّمَا يُمَكِّنُكَ أَنْ
 تَنْقَعِي. رُبَّمَا تُرْعِيينَ.¹³ قَدْ صَغُفْتَ مِنْ كَثْرَةِ مَسُورَاتِكَ.
 لِيَتَقَفَ قَاسِمُو السَّمَاءِ الرَّاصِدُونَ الْجُجُومَ، الْمُعْرِفُونَ عِنْدَ
 رُؤُوسِ الشُّهُورِ، وَيَحْلُصُوكَ مِمَّا يَأْتِي عَلَيْكَ.¹⁴ هَا إِنَّهُمْ قَدْ
 صَارُوا كَالْقَشِّ. أَخْرَقْنَهُمُ النَّارُ. لَا يُنَجُّونَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ مِنْ يَدِ
 الْهَيْبِ. لَيْسَ هُوَ جَمْرًا لِلْإِسْتِدْقَاءِ وَلَا تَارًا لِلْجُلُوسِ
 نَجَاحَهَا.¹⁵ هَكَذَا صَارَ لَكَ الذِّبْنُ تَعْبَتَ فِيهِمْ. تُجَارِكُ مِنْذُ
 صِبَاكِ قَدْ سَرَدُوا كُلَّ وَاحِدٍ عَلَى وَجْهِهِ وَلَيْسَ مَنْ
 يُحْلُصُكَ.

¹Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.² Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers.³ Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man.⁴ As for our redeemer, the LORD of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel.⁵ Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms.⁶ I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst shew them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke.⁷ And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever: so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it.⁸ Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children:⁹ But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments.¹⁰ For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in

thine heart, I am , and none else beside me.¹¹ Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou shalt not know.¹² Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail.¹³ Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee.¹⁴ Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it.¹⁵ Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, even thy merchants, from thy youth: they shall wander every one to his quarter; none shall save thee.