

¹اسْمَعُوا هَذَا يَا بَيْتَ يَهُوذَا الَّتِي تَقُولُ بِالْمَدْعُوبِينَ بِاسْمِ إِسْرَائِيلَ الَّذِينَ خَرَجُوا مِنْ مِيَاهِ يَهُوذَا، الْخَالِفِينَ بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ، وَالَّذِينَ يَذْكُرُونَ إِلَهَ إِسْرَائِيلَ، لَيْسَ بِالصِّدْقِ وَلَا بِالْحَقِّ. ²فَإِنَّهُمْ يُسَمُّونَ مِنْ مَدِينَةِ الْقُدُسِ وَيُسَدُّونَ إِلَى إِلَهِ إِسْرَائِيلَ. رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ اسْمُهُ، ³بِالْأَوَّلِيَّاتِ مُنْذُ زَمَانٍ أَجَبَرْتُ، وَمِنْ قَمِي خَرَجْتُ وَأَثْبَاتُ بِهَا. بَعَثْتُ صَنَعْتُهَا فَأَتْتُ. ⁴لِمَعْرِفَتِي أَنَّكَ قَاسٍ، وَعَصَلْتُ مِنْ خَدِيدٍ عُثْقُكَ، وَجِئْتُكَ نَحَاسٌ، ⁵أَجَبَرْتُكَ مُنْذُ زَمَانٍ. قَبْلَمَا أَتَيْتُكَ، لَيْلًا تَقُولُ، صَتَمِي قَدْ صَنَعْتُهَا، وَمَنْحُوتِي وَمَسْبُوكِي أَمَرُ بِهَا. ⁶قَدْ سَمِعْتَ قَانِطِرُ كُلِّهَا. وَأَنْتُمْ أَلَا تُخْبِرُونَ. قَدْ أَتْبَأْتُكَ بِخَدِيبَاتٍ مُنْذُ الْآنَ، وَبِمُخَفِّيَاتٍ لَمْ تَعْرِفْهَا. ⁷الْآنَ خُلِصْتُ وَلَيْسَ مُنْذُ زَمَانٍ، وَقَبْلَ الْيَوْمِ لَمْ تَسْمَعْ بِهَا، لَيْلًا تَقُولُ، هَذَا قَدْ عَرَفْتُهَا. ⁸لَمْ تَسْمَعْ وَلَمْ تَعْرِفْ، وَمُنْذُ زَمَانٍ لَمْ تَنْفُتْ أَذُنَكَ، فَإِنِّي عَلِمْتُ أَنَّكَ تُعْذِرُ عَذْرًا، وَمِنْ النِّطْنِ سُمِّيتُ عَاصِبًا. ⁹مِنْ أَجْلِ اسْمِي أَبْطَلْتُ عَصِي، وَمِنْ أَجْلِ فَخْرِي أَمْسَيْتُ عَنْكَ حَتَّى لَا أَقْطَعَكَ. ¹⁰هَذَا قَدْ تَقَبَّلْتُكَ وَلَيْسَ بِفَضَّةٍ. احْتَرْتُكَ فِي كُورِ الْمَسْقَةِ. ¹¹مِنْ أَجْلِ نَفْسِي، مِنْ أَجْلِ نَفْسِي أَفْعَلُ. لِأَنَّهُ كَيْفَ يُدَنِّسُ اسْمِي. وَكَرَامَتِي لَا أُعْطِيهَا لِآخَرٍ. ¹²اسْمَعْ لِي يَا يَهُوذَا. وَإِسْرَائِيلَ الَّذِي دَعَوْتُهُ. أَنَا هُوَ. أَنَا الْأَوَّلُ وَأَنَا الْآخِرُ، ¹³وَيَدِي أَسَّسَتِ الْأَرْضَ وَبَيَّنِّي تَشَارِبَ السَّمَاوَاتِ. أَنَا أَدْعُوهُمْ فَيَقِيقُونَ مَعًا. ¹⁴اجْتَمِعُوا كُلُّكُمْ وَاسْمَعُوا. مَنْ مِنْهُمْ أَحْبَرَ بِهِذَا. قَدْ أَحْبَبَهُ الرَّبُّ. يَصْنَعُ مَسَرَّتَهُ بَيَابِلَ، وَيَكُونُ ذِرَاعُهُ عَلَى الْكِلْدَانِيِّينَ. ¹⁵أَنَا أَنَا تَكَلَّمْتُ وَدَعَوْتُهُ. أَتَيْتُ بِهِ فَيَنْجَحُ طَرِيقُهُ. ¹⁶تَقَدَّمُوا إِلَيَّ. اسْمَعُوا هَذَا. لَمْ أَتَكَلَّمْ مِنَ الْبَدْءِ فِي الْحَقَاءِ. مُنْذُ وُجُودِهِ أَنَا هُنَاكَ، وَالْآنَ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ أَرْسَلَنِي وَرُوحُهُ. ¹⁷هَكَذَا يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ قَادِيكَ فُذُّوسُ إِسْرَائِيلَ، أَنَا الرَّبُّ إِلَهُكَ مُعَلِّمُكَ لِتَنْتَفِعَ، وَأَمْسَيْتُكَ فِي طَرِيقِ تَسْلُوكِ فِيهِ. ¹⁸لَيْتَكَ أَصْغَيْتَ لَوْصَابَائِي، فَكَانَ كَثَرُ سَلَامِكَ وَبَرُّكَ كُلِّجِ الْبَحْرِ. ¹⁹وَكَانَ كَالرَّمْلِ تَسْلُوكُ وَذَرَّتُهُ أَخْشَانِكَ كَأَخْشَائِهِ. لَا يَنْقُطِعُ وَلَا يُبَادُ اسْمُهُ مِنْ أَمَامِي. ²⁰أَخْرَجُوا مِنْ بَابِلَ، أَهْرَبُوا مِنْ أَرْضِ الْكِلْدَانِيِّينَ. يَصُوتُ التَّرْتِمُ أَحْبَرُوا. تَادُوا بِهِذَا. سَبِّعُوا إِلَى أَقْصَى الْأَرْضِ. قُولُوا، قَدْ قَدَى الرَّبُّ عَبْدَهُ يَهُوذَا. ²¹وَلَمْ يَعْطِشُوا فِي الْفَقَارِ الَّتِي سَبَّرَهُمْ فِيهَا. أَجَرَى لَهُمْ مِنَ الصَّخْرِ مَاءً، وَسَقَى الصَّخْرَ فَقَاصَتْ الْحَيَاةُ. ²²لَا سَلَامَ قَالَ الرَّبُّ لِلْأَشْرَارِ.

¹Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness. ²For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of Israel; The LORD of hosts is his name. ³I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass. ⁴Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass; ⁵I have even from the beginning declared it to thee; before it came to pass I shewed it thee: lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them. ⁶Thou hast heard, see all this; and will not ye declare it? I have shewed thee new things from this time, even hidden things, and thou didst not know them. ⁷They are created now, and not from the beginning; even before the day when thou heardest them not; lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew them. ⁸Yea, thou heardest not; yea, thou knewest not; yea, from that time that thine ear was not opened: for I knew that thou wouldest deal very treacherously, and wast called a transgressor from the womb. ⁹For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off. ¹⁰Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. ¹¹For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I

do it : for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another.¹² Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last.¹³ Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together.¹⁴ All ye, assemble yourselves, and hear; which among them hath declared these things ? The LORD hath loved him: he will do his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm shall be on the Chaldeans.¹⁵ I, even I, have spoken; yea, I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous.¹⁶ Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.¹⁷ Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.¹⁸ O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:¹⁹ Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.²⁰ Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth; say ye, The LORD hath redeemed his servant Jacob.²¹ And they thirsted not when he led them through the deserts: he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clave

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the rock also, and the waters gushed out.²² There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.