

¹كَلِمَةُ الرَّبِّ الَّتِي صَارَتْ إِلَى إِرْمِيَا مِنْ جِهَةِ
الْقَحْطِ، ²تَاخَتْ يَهُودًا وَأَبْوَانُهَا ذَلَّتْ. خَرَّتْ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ
وَصَعِدَ عَوِيلُ أورشليم. ³وَأَسْرَأُفُهُمْ أُرْسَلُوا أَصَاغِرُهُمْ
لِلْمَاءِ. أَتَوْا إِلَى الْأَجْيَابِ فَلَمْ يَجِدُوا مَاءً. رَجَعُوا بِأَيْتِهِمْ
قَارِعَةً. حَزُّوا وَحَجَلُوا وَعَطَّوْا رُؤُوسَهُمْ ⁴مِنْ أَجْلِ أَنَّ
الْأَرْضَ قَدْ تَسَقَّفَتْ. لِأَنَّهُ لَمْ يَكُنْ مَطَرٌ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ حَرِي
الْفَلَاحُونَ. عَطَّوْا رُؤُوسَهُمْ. ⁵حَتَّى أَنَّ الْإِبِلَةَ أَيْضًا فِي
الْحَفْلِ وَلَدَتْ وَتَرَكَتْ، لِأَنَّهُ لَمْ يَكُنْ كَلًا. الْفَرَاءُ وَقَفَتْ
عَلَى الْهَضَابِ تَسْتَشِيقُ الرِّيحَ مِثْلَ بَنَاتِ آوَى. كَلَّتْ
غُيُوثُهَا لِأَنَّهُ لَيْسَ غُسْبٌ. ⁷وَإِنْ تَكُنْ أَتَانَا تَشْهَدُ عَلَيْنَا يَا
رَبُّ، فَاعْمَلْ لِأَجْلِ اسْمِكَ. لِأَنَّ مَعَاصِيَنَا كَثُرَتْ. إِلَيْكَ
أَخْطَانَا. يَا رَجَاءَ إِسْرَائِيلَ، مُخَلِّصَهُ فِي زَمَانِ الصِّيقِ،
لَمَّاذَا تَكُونُ كَعَرِيبٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ، وَكَمُسَافِرٍ يَمِيلُ
لِيَبْتَئِ. ⁹لَمَّاذَا تَكُونُ كَأَنْثَانٍ قَدْ تَحَبَّرَ، كَجَبَّارٍ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُ
أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ. وَأَنْتَ فِي وَسْطِنَا يَا رَبُّ، وَقَدْ دُعِينَا بِاسْمِكَ.
لَا تَنْزُكْنَا. ¹⁰هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ لِهَذَا الشَّعْبِ، هَكَذَا أَحَبُّوا أَنْ
يَجُولُوا. لَمْ يَمْتَنِعُوا أَرْجُلَهُمْ، قَالَتِ الرَّبُّ لَمْ يَقْلُتُمْ. آلَانَ يَذْكُرُ
إِنْمَهُمْ وَيُعَاقِبُ حَطَايَاهُمْ. ¹¹وَقَالَ الرَّبُّ لِي، لَا تُضِلَّ لِأَجْلِ
هَذَا الشَّعْبِ لِلْحَبِيرِ. ¹²حِينَ يَصُومُونَ لَا أَسْمَعُ صَرَاحَهُمْ،
وَحِينَ يُصْعِدُونَ مُجْرَقَةً وَتَقْدِمَةً لَا أَقْبِلُهُمْ، بَلْ بِالسَّيْفِ
وَالْجُوعِ وَالْوَبَاءِ أَتَا أَفْيَاهُمْ. ¹³فَقُلْتُ، آه أَيُّهَا السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ.
هُودَا الْأَنْبِيَاءُ يَقُولُونَ لَهُمْ لَا تَرَوْنَ سَيْفًا، وَلَا يَكُونُ لَكُمْ
جُوعٌ بَلْ سَلَامًا ثَابِتًا أُعْطِيَكُمْ فِي هَذَا الْمَوْضِعِ. ¹⁴فَقَالَ
الرَّبُّ لِي، بِالْكَذِبِ يَتَّبِعُوا الْأَنْبِيَاءَ بِاسْمِي. لَمْ أُرْسِلْهُمْ وَلَا
أَمَرْتُهُمْ وَلَا كَلَّمْتُهُمْ. بِرُؤْيَا كَاذِبَةٍ وَعِرَاقَةٍ وَبَاطِلٍ وَمَكِرٍ
فُلُوهُمْ هُمْ يَتَّبِعُونَ لَكُمْ. ¹⁵لِذَلِكَ هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ عَنِ
الْأَنْبِيَاءِ الَّذِينَ يَتَّبِعُونَ بِاسْمِي وَأَنَا لَمْ أُرْسِلْهُمْ، وَهُمْ
يَقُولُونَ، لَا يَكُونُ سَيْفٌ وَلَا جُوعٌ فِي هَذِهِ الْأَرْضِ،
لِلسَّيْفِ وَالْجُوعِ يَقْنِي أَوْلَئِكَ الْأَنْبِيَاءُ. ¹⁶وَالشَّعْبُ الَّذِي
يَتَّبِعُونَ لَهُ يَكُونُ مَطْرُوحًا فِي سَوَارِعِ أورشليم مِنْ
جَرَى الْجُوعِ وَالسَّيْفِ، وَلَيْسَ مَنْ يَذْفِنُهُمْ هُمْ وَنِسَاءُهُمْ
وَبَنِيهِمْ وَبَنَاتُهُمْ وَأَسْكَبُ عَلَيْهِمْ سَرَّهُمْ. ¹⁷وَيَقُولُ لَهُمْ هَذِهِ
الْكَلِمَةُ، لِيَذْرِفَ عَيْنَايَ دُمُوعًا لَيْلًا وَنَهَارًا وَلَا تَكْفَأُ، لِأَنَّ
الْعَذْرَاءَ بِنْتَ شَعْبِي سَحَقَتْ سَخْفًا عَظِيمًا بِصَرَبَةِ
مُوجَعَةٍ جَدًّا. ¹⁸إِذَا خَرَجْتُ إِلَى الْحَفْلِ، فَإِذَا الْقَلْبَى
بِالسَّيْفِ. وَإِذَا دَخَلْتُ الْمَدِينَةَ، فَإِذَا الْمَرَضَى بِالْجُوعِ، لِأَنَّ
النَّيِّ وَالْكَاهِنَ كِلَيْهِمَا يَطُوقَانِ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا يَعْرِفَانِ
سَبِيلًا. ¹⁹هَلْ رَقَصَتْ يَهُودًا رَفُضًا، أَوْ كَرِهَتْ تَعْسُكَ

¹The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah concerning the dearth. ²Judah mourneth, and the gates thereof languish; they are black unto the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up. ³And their nobles have sent their little ones to the waters: they came to the pits, and found no water; they returned with their vessels empty; they were ashamed and confounded, and covered their heads. ⁴Because the ground is chapt, for there was no rain in the earth, the plowmen were ashamed, they covered their heads. ⁵Yea, the hind also calved in the field, and forsook it, because there was no grass. ⁶And the wild asses did stand in the high places, they snuffed up the wind like dragons; their eyes did fail, because there was no grass. ⁷O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou it for thy name's sake: for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee. ⁸O the hope of Israel, the saviour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night? ⁹Why shouldest thou be as a man astonished, as a mighty man that cannot save? yet thou, O LORD, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not. ¹⁰Thus saith the LORD unto this people, Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet, therefore the LORD doth not accept them; he will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins. ¹¹Then said the LORD unto me, Pray not for this people for their good. ¹²When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt

صِهْيَوْنَ. لِمَادَا صَرَيْتَنَا وَلَا شِفَاءَ لَنَا. انْطَرَرْنَا السَّلَامَ فَلَمْ
يَكُنْ خَيْرٌ، وَزَمَانَ الشَّقَاءِ قَادًا رُغِبَ.²⁰ قَدْ عَرَفْنَا يَا رَبُّ
سَرَّتَا، إِنَّمَا آبَايْنَا، لِأَنَّا قَدْ أَحْطَأْنَا إِلَيْكَ.²¹ لَا تَرْفُضْ لَأَجْلِ
اسْمِكَ. لَا تَهِنْ كُرْسِيِّ مَجْدِكَ. اذْكُرْ. لَا تَنْقُضْ عَهْدَكَ
مَعَنَا.²² هَلْ يُوَجَدُ فِي أَبَاطِيلِ الْأُمَمِ مَنْ يُمَطِّرُ، أَوْ هَلْ
تُعْطِي السَّمَاوَاتُ وَابِلًا. أَمَّا أَنْتَ هُوَ الرَّبُّ إِلَهُنَا.
فَتَرْجُوكَ، لِأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ صَنَعْتَ كُلَّ هَذِهِ.

offering and an oblation, I will not accept them: but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence.¹³ Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place.¹⁴ Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.¹⁵ Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.¹⁶ And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them, them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness upon them.¹⁷ Therefore thou shalt say this word unto them; Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease: for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow.¹⁸ If I go forth into the field, then behold the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then behold them that are sick with famine! yea, both the prophet and the priest go about into a land that they know not.¹⁹ Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul lothed Zion? why hast thou smitten us, and there is no

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healing for us? we looked for peace, and there is no good; and for the time of healing, and behold trouble!²⁰ We acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers: for we have sinned against thee.²¹ Do not abhor us , for thy name's sake, do not disgrace the throne of thy glory: remember, break not thy covenant with us.²² Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? art not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these things .