

¹وَكَانَ لَمَّا قَرَعَ إِرْمِيَا مِنْ أَنْ كَلَّمَ كُلَّ الشَّعْبِ بِكُلِّ كَلَامِ الرَّبِّ إِلَهُهِمُ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَهُ الرَّبُّ إِلَهُهُمْ إِلَيْهِمْ،² أَنْ عَزَّرَبَا بَنُ هُوشَعْيَا وَيُوحَاتَانَ بَنُ قَارِيحَ وَكُلَّ الرِّجَالِ الْمُتَكَبِّرِينَ قَالُوا لِإِرْمِيَا، أَنْتَ مُتَكَلِّمٌ بِالْكَذِبِ. لَمْ يُرْسِلَكَ الرَّبُّ إِلَهُنَا لِنَقُولَ لَا تَذْهَبُوا إِلَى مِصْرَ لِنَتَّعِزُّوا هُنَاكَ،³ بَلْ بَارُوحُ بْنُ نِيرِيَا مُهَيِّجُكَ عَلَيْنَا لِنَذْفِقَ لِيَدِ الْكَلدَانِيِّينَ لِيَقْتُلُونَا وَيَسْبُونَا إِلَى بَابِلَ.⁴ فَلَمَّ يَسْمَعُ يُوحَاتَانُ بْنُ قَارِيحَ وَكُلُّ رُؤَسَاءِ الْجُيُوشِ وَكُلُّ الشَّعْبِ لِصَوْتِ الرَّبِّ بِالْإِقَامَةِ فِي أَرْضِ يَهُودَا⁵ بَلَ أَحَدُ يُوحَاتَانَ بْنُ قَارِيحَ وَكُلَّ رُؤُسَاءِ الْجُيُوشِ كُلِّ بَقِيَّةِ يَهُودَا الَّذِينَ رَجَعُوا مِنْ كُلِّ الْأُمَمِ الَّذِينَ طَوَّحُوا إِلَيْهِمْ لِنَتَّعِزُّوا فِي أَرْضِ يَهُودَا،⁶ الرِّجَالُ وَالنِّسَاءُ وَالْأَطْفَالُ وَتَوَاتِ الْمَلِكُ وَكُلُّ الْأَنْفُسِ الَّذِينَ تَرَكَهُمْ نُبُوزَرَادَانُ رَئِيسُ الشَّرْطِ مَعَ جَدَلْيَا بْنُ أَحِيْقَامَ بْنِ شَافَانَ، وَإِرْمِيَا النَّبِيُّ وَبَارُوحُ بْنُ نِيرِيَا،⁷ فَجَاءُوا إِلَى أَرْضِ مِصْرَ لِأَنَّهُمْ لَمْ يَسْمَعُوا لِصَوْتِ الرَّبِّ وَاتَّوْا إِلَى تَحْفَنَيسَ. ثُمَّ صَارَتْ كَلِمَةُ الرَّبِّ إِلَى إِرْمِيَا فِي تَحْفَنَيسَ قَائِلَةً،⁹ خُذْ يَدَكَ جَارَةً كَبِيرَةً وَاطْمُرْهَا فِي الْمِلَاطِ فِي الْمَلِينِ الَّذِي عِنْدَ بَابِ بَيْتِ فِرْعَوْنَ فِي تَحْفَنَيسَ أَمَامَ رِجَالِ يَهُودِ¹⁰ وَقُلْ لَهُمْ، هَكَذَا قَالَ رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ إِلَهُ إِسْرَائِيلَ، هَسْتُمْ أَرْسِلُ وَأَخُذُ تَبُوحَذَيْصَرَ مَلِكَ بَابِلَ عَبْدِي وَأَصْعُ كُرْسِيَّهَ قَوْقُ هَذِهِ الْجَارَةِ الَّتِي طَمَرْتُهَا قَبْسِيْطَ دِيْبَاجِهِ عَلَيْنَا.¹¹ وَتَأْتِي وَيَضْرِبُ أَرْضَ مِصْرَ الَّذِي لِلْمَوْتِ قَلِيسُوتَ، وَالَّذِي لِلْسَّبْيِ قَلِيسُوتَ، وَالَّذِي لِلْسَّبْيِ قَلِيسُوتَ. وَأَوْقَدْ تَاراً فِي بُيُوتِ إِلَهَةِ مِصْرَ فَيُحْرِقُهَا وَيَسْبِيْهَا، وَيَلْبَسُ أَرْضَ مِصْرَ كَمَا يَلْبَسُ الرَّاعِي رِدَاءَهُ، ثُمَّ يَخْرُجُ مِنْ هُنَاكَ بِسَلَامٍ.¹³ وَيَكْثُرُ أَنْصَابُ بَيْتِ شَمْسٍ الَّتِي فِي أَرْضِ مِصْرَ، وَيُحْرِقُ بُيُوتُ إِلَهَةِ مِصْرَ بِالنَّارِ.

¹And it came to pass, that when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking unto all the people all the words of the LORD their God, for which the LORD their God had sent him to them, even all these words,²Then spake Azariah the son of Hoshaiiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying unto Jeremiah, Thou speakest falsely: the LORD our God hath not sent thee to say, Go not into Egypt to sojourn there:³But Baruch the son of Neriah setteth thee on against us, for to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they might put us to death, and carry us away captives into Babylon.⁴So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, obeyed not the voice of the LORD, to dwell in the land of Judah.⁵But Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, that were returned from all nations, whither they had been driven, to dwell in the land of Judah;⁶Even men, and women, and children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah.⁷So they came into the land of Egypt: for they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: thus came they even to Tahpanhes.⁸Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,⁹Take great stones in thine hand, and hide them in the clay in the brickkiln, which is at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah;¹⁰And say unto them,

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Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hid; and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them.¹¹ And when he cometh, he shall smite the land of Egypt, and deliver such as are for death to death; and such as are for captivity to captivity; and such as are for the sword to the sword.¹² And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captives: and he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd putteth on his garment; and he shall go forth from thence in peace.¹³ He shall break also the images of Bethshemesh, that is in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians shall he burn with fire.