

¹الْكَلِمَةُ الَّتِي صَارَتْ إِلَى إِرْمِيَا مِنَ الرَّبِّ، ²فَفِي بَابِ بَيْتِ الرَّبِّ وَتَادِ هُنَاكَ بِهَذِهِ الْكَلِمَةِ، إِسْمَعُوا كَلِمَةَ الرَّبِّ يَا جَمِيعَ يَهُودَا الدَّاخِلِينَ فِي هَذِهِ الْأَبْوَابِ لِتَسْجُدُوا لِلرَّبِّ. ³هَكَذَا قَالَ رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ إِلَهُ إِسْرَائِيلَ، أَصْلِحُوا طُرُقَكُمْ وَأَعْمَالَكُمْ قَاسِكُنْكُمْ فِي هَذَا الْمَوْضِعِ. ⁴لَا تَتَكَلَّمُوا عَلَى كَلَامِ الْكَذِبِ قَائِلِينَ، هَيْكَلُ الرَّبِّ، هَيْكَلُ الرَّبِّ، هَيْكَلُ الرَّبِّ هُوَ. ⁵لَأَنْتُمْ إِنْ أَصْلَحْتُمْ إِصْلَاحًا طُرُقَكُمْ وَأَعْمَالَكُمْ، إِنْ أَجَرْتُمْ عَدْلًا بَيْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ وَصَاحِبِهِ، ⁶إِنْ لَمْ تَطْلُمُوا الْعَرِيبَ وَالْيَتِيمَ وَالْأَرْمَلَةَ وَلَمْ تَسْفِكُوا دَمًا رَكِيًّا فِي هَذَا الْمَوْضِعِ، وَلَمْ تَسِيرُوا وَرَاءَ إِلَهَةٍ أُخْرَى لِأَنْتُمْ ⁷قَائِلِينَ أَسْكُنْكُمْ فِي هَذَا الْمَوْضِعِ فِي الْأَرْضِ الَّتِي أُعْطِيتُمْ لِأَبَائِكُمْ مِنَ الْأَزَلِ وَإِلَى الْأَبَدِ. ⁸هَا أَنْتُمْ مُتَكَلِّمُونَ عَلَى كَلَامِ الْكَذِبِ الَّذِي لَا يَنْفَعُ، ⁹أَتَسْرِقُونَ وَتَقْتُلُونَ وَتَزْنُونَ وَتَخْلِفُونَ كَذِبًا وَتُبْخَرُونَ لِلْبَغْلِ وَتَسِيرُونَ وَرَاءَ إِلَهَةٍ أُخْرَى لَمْ تَعْرِفُوهَا، ¹⁰ثُمَّ تَأْتُونَ وَتَقْفُونَ أَمَامِي فِي هَذَا الْبَيْتِ الَّذِي دُعِيَ بِاسْمِي عَلَيْهِ وَتَقُولُونَ، قَدْ أَنْقَذَنَا. حَتَّى تَعْمَلُوا كُلَّ هَذِهِ الرَّجَاسَاتِ. ¹¹هَلْ صَارَ هَذَا الْبَيْتُ الَّذِي دُعِيَ بِاسْمِي عَلَيْهِ مَعَارَةً لُصُوصٍ فِي أَعْيُنِكُمْ. هَنَذَا أَيْضًا قَدْ رَأَيْتُ يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ. ¹²لَكِنْ اذْهَبُوا إِلَى مَوْضِعِي الَّذِي فِي شِيلُوهُ الَّذِي أَسْكَنْتُ فِيهِ اسْمِي أَوَّلًا وَانْظُرُوا مَا صَنَعْتُ بِهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ شَرِّ شَعْبِي إِسْرَائِيلَ. ¹³وَالآنَ مِنْ أَجْلِ عَمَلِكُمْ هَذِهِ الْأَعْمَالُ يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ، وَقَدْ كَلَّمْتُكُمْ مُبَكَّرًا وَمُكَلَّمًا فَلَمْ تَسْمَعُوا، وَدَعَوْتُكُمْ فَلَمْ تُجِيبُوا، ¹⁴أَصْنَعُ بِالْبَيْتِ الَّذِي دُعِيَ بِاسْمِي عَلَيْهِ الَّذِي أَنْتُمْ مُتَكَلِّمُونَ عَلَيْهِ وَبِالْمَوْضِعِ الَّذِي أُعْطِيتُكُمْ وَأَبَاءَكُمْ إِيَّاهُ كَمَا صَنَعْتُ بِشِيلُوهُ. ¹⁵وَأَطْرَحُكُمْ مِنْ أَمَامِي كَمَا طَرَحْتُ كُلَّ إِخْوَتِكُمْ، كُلَّ تَسْلٍ أَفْرَايِمَ. ¹⁶وَأَنْتِ فَلَا تُصَلِّ لِأَجْلِ هَذَا الشَّعْبِ وَلَا تَرْفَعِ لِأَجْلِهِمْ دُعَاءً وَلَا صَلَاةً، وَلَا تُلِحَّ عَلَيَّ لَأَنِّي لَا أَسْمَعُكَ. ¹⁷أَمَا تَرَى مَاذَا يَفْعَلُونَ فِي مَدُنِ يَهُودَا وَفِي شَوَارِعِ أُورُشَلِيمَ. ¹⁸الْأَتَاءُ يَلْتَقِطُونَ حَطَبًا، وَالْأَتَاءُ يُوقِدُونَ النَّارَ، وَالنِّسَاءُ يَعْجِنُ الْعَجِينَ، لِيَصْنَعْنَ كَعْكَاً لِمَلِكَةِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَلِيَسْكَبَ سَكَابٌ لِهَيْكَلِ أُخْرَى لِيُعِيطُونِي. ¹⁹أَفَأَيُّا يُعِيطُونَ يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ. أَلَيْسَ أَنْفُسُهُمْ لِأَجْلِ خِزْيِ وَجُوهِهِمْ. ²⁰لِذَلِكَ هَكَذَا قَالَ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ، هَا عَصِيي وَعَظِيطِي يَنْسَكِبَانِ عَلَى هَذَا الْمَوْضِعِ، عَلَى النَّاسِ وَعَلَى الْبَهَائِمِ وَعَلَى شَجَرِ الْحَقْلِ وَعَلَى ثَمَرِ الْأَرْضِ، قَبِيقْدَانِ وَلَا يَنْطَفِئَانِ. ²¹هَكَذَا قَالَ رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ إِلَهُ إِسْرَائِيلَ، صُمُّوا مُخَرَّقَاتِكُمْ إِلَى دَبَائِحِكُمْ وَكُلُوا

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, ²Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the LORD. ³Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. ⁴Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, are these. ⁵For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour; ⁶If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt: ⁷Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever. ⁸Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit. ⁹Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; ¹⁰And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations? ¹¹Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith the LORD. ¹²But go ye now unto my place which was in Shiloh, where I set my name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel. ¹³And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the LORD, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard

لَحْمًا.²² لَأَنِّي لَمْ أَكَلَمْ آبَاءَكُمْ وَلَا أَوْصَيْتُهُمْ يَوْمَ أَخْرَجْتُهُمْ مِنْ أَرْضِ مِصْرَ مِنْ جِهَةِ مُخْرَقَةٍ وَدَيْبَحَةٍ.²³ بَلْ إِنَّمَا أَوْصَيْتُهُمْ بِهَذَا الْأَمْرِ، اسْمَعُوا صَوْتِي فَأَكُونْ لَكُمْ إِلَهًا وَأَنْتُمْ تَكُونُونَ لِي سَعْبًا، وَسِيرُوا فِي كُلِّ الطَّرِيقِ الَّذِي أَوْصَيْتُكُمْ بِهِ لِتُحْسِنَ إِلَيْكُمْ.²⁴ فَلَمْ يَسْمَعُوا وَلَمْ يَمِيلُوا أَدْنَاهُمْ، بَلْ سَارُوا فِي مَشُورَاتٍ وَعَبَادٍ قَلْبِهِمِ الشَّرِيرِ، وَأَعْطُوا الْقَعَا لَا الْوَجْهَ.²⁵ قِمْنَ الْيَوْمَ الَّذِي خَرَجَ فِيهِ آبَاؤُكُمْ مِنْ أَرْضِ مِصْرَ إِلَى هَذَا الْيَوْمِ أَرْسَلْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ كُلَّ عِبْدِي الْأَنْبِيَاءِ، مُبَكِّرًا كُلَّ يَوْمٍ وَمُرْسِلًا.²⁶ فَلَمْ يَسْمَعُوا لِي وَلَمْ يَمِيلُوا أَدْنَاهُمْ بَلْ صَلَبُوا رِقَابَهُمْ. أَسَاءُوا أَكْثَرَ مِنْ آبَائِهِمْ.²⁷ فَتَكَلَّمْتُ لَهُمْ بِكُلِّ هَذِهِ الْكَلِمَاتِ وَلَا يَسْمَعُونَ لِي، وَتَذَعُّوهُمْ وَلَا يُجِيبُونَنِي.²⁸ فَتَقُولُ لَهُمْ، هَذِهِ هِيَ الْأُمَّةُ الَّتِي لَمْ تَسْمَعْ لَصَوْتِ الرَّبِّ إِلَهِهَا وَلَمْ تَقْبَلْ تَأْدِيبًا. بَادَ الْحَقُّ وَقُطِعَ عَنْ أَفْوَاهِهِمْ.²⁹ جَزِيَ شَعْرُكَ وَاطَّرَحِيهِ، وَارْقِعِي عَلَى الْهَضَابِ مَرْثَاةً، لَأَنَّ الرَّبَّ قَدْ رَقَصَ وَرَدَلَ جِلَّ رِجْلِهِ.³⁰ لَأَنَّ بَنِي يَهُودَا قَدْ عَمِلُوا الشَّرَّ فِي عَيْنَيَّ يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ. وَصَعُوا مَكْرَهَاتِهِمْ فِي الْبَيْتِ الَّذِي دُعِيَ بِاسْمِي لِتُبَجِّسُوهُ.³¹ وَبَنَوْا مُزْتَفَعَاتٍ ثُوقَةَ إِلَهِ فِي وَادِي ابْنِ هِنُومَ لِيُخْرِفُوا بَنِيهِمْ وَبَنَاتِهِمْ بِالنَّارِ، إِلَهِ الَّذِي لَمْ أَمُرْ بِهِ وَلَا صَعِدَ عَلَى قَلْبِي. لَئِذَاكَ هَا هِيَ آيَاتُ تَأْيِي يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ وَلَا يُسَمِّي بَعْدَ ثُوقَةِ وَلَا وَادِي ابْنِ هِنُومَ، بَلْ وَادِي الْقَتْلِ. وَيَذْفُونُونَ فِي ثُوقَةِ حَتَّى لَا يَكُونَ مَوْضِعٌ.³³ وَتَصِيرُ جُنْتُ هَذَا الشَّعْبِ أَكْلًا لِطُيُورِ السَّمَاءِ وَلِوُحُوشِ الْأَرْضِ، وَلَا مُرْعَجٌ.³⁴ وَأَيُّطَلُّ مِنْ مُدُنٍ يَهُودَا وَمِنْ شَوَارِعِ أُورُشَلِيمَ صَوْتُ الطَّرَبِ وَصَوْتُ الْقَرْحِ، صَوْتُ الْعَرِيسِ وَصَوْتُ الْعَرُوسِ، لَأَنَّ الْأَرْضَ تَصِيرُ خَرَابًا.

not; and I called you, but ye answered not;¹⁴ Therefore will I do unto this house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh.¹⁵ And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim.¹⁶ Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.¹⁷ Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?¹⁸ The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger.¹⁹ Do they provoke me to anger? saith the LORD: do they not provoke themselves to the confusion of their own faces?²⁰ Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, mine anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched.²¹ Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Put your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh.²² For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices:²³ But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.²⁴ But they hearkened not,

nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.²⁵ Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them :²⁶ Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers.²⁷ Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee.²⁸ But thou shalt say unto them, This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.²⁹ Cut off thine hair, O Jerusalem , and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on high places; for the LORD hath rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath.³⁰ For the children of Judah have done evil in my sight, saith the LORD: they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to pollute it.³¹ And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart.³² Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter: for they shall bury in Tophet, till there be no place.³³ And the carcases of this people shall be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the

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earth; and none shall fray them away.³⁴ Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land shall be desolate.