

¹وَكَانَ بَعْدَ أَيَّامٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، بَعْدَمَا أَرَّاحَ الرَّبُّ إِسْرَائِيلَ مِنْ أَعْدَائِهِمْ حَوْلَائِهِمْ، أَنَّ يَشُوعَ سَاحَ. تَقَدَّمَ فِي الْأَيَّامِ.²قَدَا يَشُوعُ جَمِيعَ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَشُيُوحَهُ وَرُؤَسَاءَهُ وَقُضَاتَهُ وَعُرْقَاءَهُ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ، أَنَا قَدْ شِخْتُ. تَقَدَّمْتُ فِي الْأَيَّامِ.³وَأَنْتُمْ قَدْ رَأَيْتُمْ كُلَّ مَا عَمِلَ الرَّبُّ إِلَيْكُمْ بِجَمِيعِ أَوْلِيَكِ الشُّعُوبِ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ إِلَهُكُمْ هُوَ الْمُحَارِبُ عَنْكُمْ.⁴أَنْظُرُوا. قَدْ قَسَمْتُ لَكُمْ بِالْفُرْعَةِ هَؤُلَاءِ الشُّعُوبِ الْبَاقِينَ مُلْكًا حَسَبَ أَسْبَاطِكُمْ، مِنْ الْأَرْدُنِّ وَجَمِيعِ الشُّعُوبِ الَّتِي قَرَضْتَهَا، وَالْبَحْرِ الْعَظِيمِ تَحَوُّ غُرُوبِ الشَّمْسِ.⁵وَالرَّبُّ إِلَهُكُمْ هُوَ يَنْفِيهِمْ مِنْ أَمَامِكُمْ وَيَطْرُدُهُمْ مِنْ قُدَّامِكُمْ، فَتَمْلِكُونَ أَرْضَهُمْ كَمَا كَلَّمَكُمُ الرَّبُّ إِلَهُكُمْ.⁶فَتَسُدُّوْا جِدًّا لِتَحْفَظُوا وَتَعْمَلُوا كُلَّ الْمُكْتُوبِ فِي سِفْرِ شَرِيعَةِ مُوسَى حَتَّى لَا تَجِدُوا عَنْهَا يَمِينًا أَوْ شِمَالًا.⁷حَتَّى لَا تَدْخُلُوا إِلَى هَؤُلَاءِ الشُّعُوبِ أَوْلِيَكِ الْبَاقِينَ مَعَكُمْ، وَلَا تَذْكُرُوا اسْمَ آلِهَتِهِمْ وَلَا تَخْلِفُوا بِهَا وَلَا تَعْبُدُوهَا وَلَا تَسْجُدُوا لَهَا.⁸وَلَكِنْ الصَّفُوا بِالرَّبِّ إِلَهُكُمْ كَمَا فَعَلْتُمْ إِلَى هَذَا الْيَوْمِ.⁹قَدْ طَرَدَ الرَّبُّ مِنْ أَمَامِكُمْ شُعُوبًا عَظِيمَةً وَقَوِيَّةً. وَأَمَّا أَنْتُمْ فَلَمْ يَقِفْ أَحَدٌ قُدَّامَكُمْ إِلَى هَذَا الْيَوْمِ.¹⁰رَجُلٌ وَاحِدٌ مِنْكُمْ يَطْرُدُ أَلْفًا، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ إِلَهُكُمْ هُوَ الْمُحَارِبُ عَنْكُمْ كَمَا كَلَّمَكُمُ.¹¹فَاخْتَفِظُوا جِدًّا لِأَنْفُسِكُمْ أَنْ تُجْبُوا بِالرَّبِّ إِلَهُكُمْ.¹²وَلَكِنْ إِذَا رَجَعْتُمْ وَلَصِقْتُمْ بِتَقِيَّةِ هَؤُلَاءِ الشُّعُوبِ، أَوْلِيَكِ الْبَاقِينَ مَعَكُمْ، وَصَاهَرْتُمُوهُمْ وَدَخَلْتُمْ إِلَيْهِمْ وَهُمْ إِلَيْكُمْ،¹³فَاعْلَمُوا يَقِينًا أَنَّ الرَّبَّ إِلَهُكُمْ لَا يَعُودُ يَطْرُدُ أَوْلِيَكِ الشُّعُوبِ مِنْ أَمَامِكُمْ، فَيَكُونُوا لَكُمْ قَحًّا وَشَرَكًا وَسَوَاطِئًا عَلَى جَوَانِبِكُمْ وَسَوَكًا فِي أَعْيُنِكُمْ، حَتَّى تَبِيدُوا عَنْ تِلْكَ الْأَرْضِ الصَّالِحَةِ الَّتِي أُعْطَاكُمْ إِيَّاهَا الرَّبُّ إِلَهُكُمْ.¹⁴وَهَا أَنَا الْيَوْمَ ذَاهِبٌ فِي طَرِيقِ الْأَرْضِ كُلِّهَا. وَتَعْلَمُونَ بِكُلِّ قُلُوبِكُمْ وَكُلِّ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَنَّهُ لَمْ تَسْقُطْ كَلِمَةُ وَاحِدَةٍ مِنْ جَمِيعِ الْكَلَامِ الصَّالِحِ الَّذِي تَكَلَّمَ بِهِ الرَّبُّ عَنْكُمْ. الْكُلُّ صَارَ لَكُمْ. لَمْ تَسْقُطْ مِنْهُ كَلِمَةٌ وَاحِدَةٌ.¹⁵وَيَكُونُ كَمَا أَنَّهُ أَتَى عَلَيْكُمْ كُلُّ الْكَلَامِ الصَّالِحِ الَّذِي تَكَلَّمَ بِهِ الرَّبُّ إِلَهُكُمْ عَنْكُمْ، كَذَلِكَ يَجْلِبُ عَلَيْكُمْ الرَّبُّ كُلُّ الْكَلَامِ الرَّدِيِّ حَتَّى يُبِيدَكُمْ عَنْ هَذِهِ الْأَرْضِ الصَّالِحَةِ الَّتِي أُعْطَاكُمْ الرَّبُّ إِلَهُكُمْ.¹⁶حِينَمَا تَتَعَدَّوْنَ عَهْدَ الرَّبِّ إِلَهُكُمْ الَّذِي أَمَرَكُمْ بِهِ وَتَسِيرُونَ وَتَعْبُدُونَ آلِهَةً أُخْرَى وَتَسْجُدُونَ لَهَا، يَحْمِي عَصَبُ الرَّبِّ عَلَيْكُمْ فَتَبِيدُونَ سَرِيعًا عَنِ الْأَرْضِ الصَّالِحَةِ الَّتِي أُعْطَاكُمْ.

¹And it came to pass a long time after that the LORD had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old and stricken in age.²And Joshua called for all Israel, and for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said unto them, I am old and stricken in age:³And ye have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the LORD your God is he that hath fought for you.⁴Behold, I have divided unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea westward.⁵And the LORD your God, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as the LORD your God hath promised unto you.⁶Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right hand or to the left;⁷That ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them:⁸But cleave unto the LORD your God, as ye have done unto this day.⁹For the LORD hath driven out from before you great nations and strong: but as for you, no man hath been able to stand before you unto this day.¹⁰One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you.¹¹Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD

your God.¹² Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you:¹³ Know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.¹⁴ And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.¹⁵ Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all good things are come upon you, which the LORD your God promised you; so shall the LORD bring upon you all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.¹⁶ When ye have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them; then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you.