

¹الآن تَجَشِّسِينَ يَا بِنْتَ الْجُوشِ. قَدْ أَقَامَ عَلَيْنَا مِئْرَسَةً. يَصْرُبُونَ قَاصِيَّ إِسْرَائِيلَ بِقَضِيبٍ عَلَى خَدِّهِ. ²أَمَّا أَهْلُ يَا بِنْتَ لَحْمٍ أَفْرَاتَهُ، وَأَنْتِ صَغِيرَةٌ أَنْ تَكُونِي بَيْنَ أُلُوفِ يَهُودَا، فَمِنْكَ يَخْرُجُ لِي الَّذِي يَكُونُ مُتَسَلِّطًا عَلَى إِسْرَائِيلَ، وَمَخَارِجُهُ مِنْذُ الْقَدِيمِ مِنْذُ أَيَّامِ الْأَرْزَلِ. ³يَذَلِّكَ يُسَلِّمُهُمْ إِلَى جَيْمًا تَكُونُ قَدْ وَلَدَتْ وَالِدَهُ، ثُمَّ تَرْجِعُ بِقِيَّةِ إِخْوَتِهِ إِلَى بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ. ⁴وَيَقِفُ وَيَرْعَى بِقُدْرَةِ الرَّبِّ، بِعَظَمَةِ اسْمِ الرَّبِّ إِلَهُهِ، وَيَسُبُّونَ. ⁵لأنَّهُ الآنَ يَتَعَطَّمُ إِلَى أَقَاصِي الْأَرْضِ. وَتَكُونُ هَذَا سَلَامًا. إِذَا دَخَلَ أَشُورُ فِي أَرْضِنَا وَإِذَا دَاسَ فِي قُصُورِنَا نَقِيمُ عَلَيْهِ سَبْعَةَ رَعَاةٍ وَتَمَانِيَّةً مِنْ أَمْرَاءِ النَّاسِ قَبِرَعُونَ ⁶أَرْضَ أَشُورَ بِالسَّيْفِ، وَأَرْضَ نِمْرُودَ فِي أَبْوَابِهَا، قَبِيعُذُ مِنْ أَشُورَ إِذَا دَخَلَ أَرْضَنَا وَإِذَا دَاسَ ثُجُومَتَا. ⁷وَتَكُونُ بَقِيَّةُ يَعْقُوبَ فِي وَسْطِ شُعُوبٍ كَثِيرِينَ كَاللَّذِي مِنْ عِنْدِ الرَّبِّ، كَالْوَابِلِ عَلَى الْعُشْبِ الَّذِي لَا يَنْتَظِرُ إِنْسَانًا وَلَا يَصِيرُ لِبَنِي الْبَشَرِ. ⁸وَتَكُونُ بَقِيَّةُ يَعْقُوبَ بَيْنَ الْأُمَمِ فِي وَسْطِ شُعُوبٍ كَثِيرِينَ كَالْأَسَدِ بَيْنَ وَجُوشِ الْوَعْرِ، كَشِبْلِ الْأَسَدِ بَيْنَ قُطْعَانِ الْعَنَمِ، الَّذِي إِذَا عَبَرَ يَدُوسُ وَيَغْتَرِسُ وَلَيْسَ مِنْهُ يُنْقَذُ. ⁹لِتَرْفِعَ يَدَكَ عَلَى مُبْعِضِيكَ وَتَقْرِضَ كُلَّ أَعْدَائِكَ. ¹⁰وَتَكُونُ فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ، أَنِّي أَقْطَعُ خَنَلَكَ مِنْ وَسْطِكَ، وَأَبِيدُ مَرْكَبَاتِكَ. ¹¹وَأَقْطَعُ مُدْنَ أَرْضِكَ، وَأَهْدِمُ كُلَّ حُصُونِكَ. ¹²وَأَقْطَعُ السَّحَرَ مِنْ يَدِكَ، وَلَا يَكُونُ لَكَ غَائِفُونَ. ¹³وَأَقْطَعُ تَمَانِيْلَكَ الْمُنْخَوَّةَ وَأَنْصَابَكَ مِنْ وَسْطِكَ، فَلَا تَسْجُدُ لِعَمَلِ يَدَيْكَ فِي مَا بَعْدَ. ¹⁴وَأَقْلَعُ سَوَارِيكَ مِنْ وَسْطِكَ وَأَبِيدُ مُدَّتَكَ. ¹⁵وَيَعْصَبُ وَيَغِيظُ أُنْتَقِمُ مِنَ الْأُمَمِ الَّذِينَ لَمْ يَسْمَعُوا.

¹Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us: they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek. ²But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. ³Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth. ⁵And this man shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men. ⁶And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders. ⁷And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the LORD, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men. ⁸And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver. ⁹Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all

thine enemies shall be cut off.¹⁰ And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots:¹¹ And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strong holds:¹² And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no more soothsayers:¹³ Thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more worship the work of thine hands.¹⁴ And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee: so will I destroy thy cities.¹⁵ And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the heathen, such as they have not heard.