

¹And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel.²And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.³And the king of Israel said unto his servants, Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, and we be still, and take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria?⁴And he said unto Jehoshaphat, Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ramothgilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses.⁵And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.⁶Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king.⁷And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him?⁸And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.⁹Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, Hasten hither Micaiah the son of Imlah.¹⁰And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.¹¹And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he said, Thus saith the LORD,

¹وَأَقَامُوا ثَلَاثَ سِنِينَ يَدُونَ حَرْبَ بَيْنِ أَرَامَ وَإِسْرَائِيلَ.²وَفِي السَّنَةِ الثَّالِثَةِ نَزَلَ يَهُوشَافَاطُ مَلِكُ يَهُودَا إِلَى مَلِكِ إِسْرَائِيلَ.³فَقَالَ مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيلَ لِعَبِيدِهِ، أَتَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ رَامُوتَ جِلْعَادَ لَنَا وَنَحْنُ سَاكِنُونَ عَنْ أَخْذِهَا مِنْ يَدِ مَلِكِ أَرَامَ.⁴وَقَالَ لِيَهُوشَافَاطَ، أَتَذْهَبُ مَعِيَ لِلْحَرْبِ إِلَى رَامُوتَ جِلْعَادَ. فَقَالَ يَهُوشَافَاطُ لِمَلِكِ إِسْرَائِيلَ، مَتَلِّي مَتَلِّكَ. سَعْيِي كَسَعْيِكَ وَخَيْلي كَخَيْلِكَ.⁵ثُمَّ قَالَ يَهُوشَافَاطُ لِمَلِكِ إِسْرَائِيلَ، أَسْأَلُ الْيَوْمَ عَنْ كَلَامِ الرَّبِّ. فَجَمَعَ مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيلَ الْأَنْبِيَاءَ، نَحْوُ أَرْبَعِ مِائَةِ رَجُلٍ وَسَأَلَهُمْ، أَأَذْهَبُ إِلَى رَامُوتَ جِلْعَادَ لِلْقِتَالِ أَمْ أَمْتَنُ. فَقَالُوا، اضْعُدْ فَيَدْفَعَهَا السَّبْدُ لِيَدِ الْمَلِكِ.⁷فَسَأَلَ يَهُوشَافَاطُ، أَمَا يَوْجَدُ هُنَا بَعْدُ نَبِيٍّ لِلرَّبِّ فَتَسْأَلُ مِنْهُ.⁸فَقَالَ مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيلَ لِيَهُوشَافَاطَ، يَوْجَدُ بَعْدُ رَجُلٌ وَاحِدٌ لِسُؤَالِ الرَّبِّ بِهِ، وَلَكِنِّي أَبْغِضُهُ لِأَنَّهُ لَا يَتَّبَعُنِي عَلَيَّ خَيْرًا بَلْ شَرًّا، وَهُوَ مِيخَا بْنُ يَمَلَةَ. فَقَالَ يَهُوشَافَاطُ، لَا يَنْقُلِ الْمَلِكُ هَكَذَا. فَذَعَا مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيلَ خَصِيًّا وَقَالَ، أَسْرِعْ إِلَيَّ بِمِيخَا بْنِ يَمَلَةَ.¹⁰وَكَانَ مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَيَهُوشَافَاطُ مَلِكُ يَهُودَا جَالِسَيْنِ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ عَلَى كُرْسِيِّهِ، لَا يَسْتَبِينَ نِيَّتَاهُمَا فِي سَاحَةِ عِنْدَ مَدْخَلِ بَابِ السَّامِرَةِ، وَجَمِيعُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ يَتَّبِعُونَ أَمَامَهُمَا.¹¹وَعَمِلَ صِدْقِيَّا بْنُ كَثْعَنَةَ لِنَفْسِهِ قُرْتَنِي حَدِيدٍ وَقَالَ، هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ، بِهَذِهِ تَنْطَلِجُ الْأَرَامِيِّينَ حَتَّى يَقْتُلُوا.¹²وَتَبَّأَ جَمِيعُ الْأَنْبِيَاءَ قَائِلِينَ، اضْعُدْ إِلَى رَامُوتَ جِلْعَادَ وَأَفْلِحْ، فَيَدْفَعَهَا الرَّبُّ لِيَدِ الْمَلِكِ.¹³وَأَمَّا الرَّسُولُ الَّذِي ذَهَبَ لِيَدْعُو مِيخَا فَقَالَ لَهُ، هُوَذَا كَلَامُ جَمِيعِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ بِفِيٍّ وَاحِدٍ خَيْرٌ لِلْمَلِكِ، فَلْيَكُنْ كَلَامُكَ مِثْلَ كَلَامِ وَاحِدٍ مِنْهُمْ، وَتَكَلِّمْ بِخَيْرٍ.¹⁴فَقَالَ مِيخَا، حَيُّ هُوَ الرَّبُّ إِنْ مَا يَقُولُهُ لِي الرَّبُّ بِهِ أَتَكَلَّمُ.¹⁵وَلَمَّا أَتَى إِلَى الْمَلِكِ سَأَلَهُ الْمَلِكُ، يَا مِيخَا، أَتَضْعُدُ إِلَى رَامُوتَ جِلْعَادَ لِلْقِتَالِ أَمْ أَمْتَنُ. فَقَالَ لَهُ، اضْعُدْ وَأَفْلِحْ فَيَدْفَعَهَا الرَّبُّ لِيَدِ الْمَلِكِ.¹⁶فَقَالَ لَهُ الْمَلِكُ، كَمْ مَرَّةٍ اسْتَخْلَفْتُكَ أَنْ لَا تَقُولَ لِي إِلَّا الْحَقَّ بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ.¹⁷فَقَالَ، رَأَيْتُ كُلَّ إِسْرَائِيلَ مُسْتَبِينَ عَلَى الْجِبَالِ كَخِرَافٍ لَا رَاعِيٍّ لَهَا. فَقَالَ الرَّبُّ، لَيْسَ لَهُؤُلَاءِ أَصْحَابٌ، فَلْيَرْجِعُوا كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ إِلَى بَيْتِهِ بِسَلَامٍ.¹⁸فَقَالَ مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيلَ لِيَهُوشَافَاطَ، أَمَا قُلْتُ لَكَ إِنَّهُ لَا يَتَّبَعُنِي عَلَيَّ خَيْرًا بَلْ شَرًّا.¹⁹وَقَالَ، فَاسْمَعْ إِذَا كَلَامُ الرَّبِّ، قَدْ رَأَيْتُ الرَّبَّ جَالِسًا عَلَى كُرْسِيِّهِ، وَكُلُّ جُنْدِ السَّمَاءِ وَفُوفٌ لَدَيْهِ عَنْ يَمِينِهِ وَعَنْ يَسَارِهِ.²⁰فَقَالَ الرَّبُّ، مَنْ يُغْوِي أَخَابَ فَيَضَعَدُ وَيَسْقُطُ فِي رَامُوتَ

With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until thou have consumed them.¹² And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramothgilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the king's hand.¹³ And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets declare good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak that which is good.¹⁴ And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak.¹⁵ So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king.¹⁶ And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but that which is true in the name of the LORD?¹⁷ And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace.¹⁸ And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil?¹⁹ And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.²⁰ And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.²¹ And there came forth a spirit,

جَلَعَا. فَقَالَ هَذَا هَكَذَا وَقَالَ ذَاكَ هَكَذَا.²¹ ثُمَّ جَرَحَ الرُّوحُ وَوَقَفَ أَمَامَ الرَّبِّ وَقَالَ، أَنَا أَعُوْبِهِ. وَسَأَلَهُ الرَّبُّ، بِعَادَا.²² فَقَالَ، أَخْرُجْ وَأَكُونُ رُوحَ كَذِبٍ فِي أَفْوَاهِ جَمِيعِ أَنْبِيَائِهِ. فَقَالَ، إِنَّكَ تُعُوْبِهِ وَتَقْتَدِرُ. فَأَخْرُجْ وَافْعَلْ هَكَذَا.²³ وَالآنَ هُوَذَا قَدْ جَعَلَ الرَّبُّ رُوحَ كَذِبٍ فِي أَفْوَاهِ جَمِيعِ أَنْبِيَائِكَ هَؤُلَاءِ، وَالرَّبُّ تَكَلَّمَ عَلَيْكَ بِشَرٍّ.²⁴ فَتَقَدَّمَ صِدْقِيَّا بْنُ كَثْعَنَةَ وَصَرَبَ مِيخَا عَلَى الْفِكَ وَقَالَ، مِنْ أَيْنَ عَبَّرَ رُوحُ الرَّبِّ مِنِّي لِيُكَلِّمَكَ.²⁵ فَقَالَ مِيخَا، إِنَّكَ سَتَرَى فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ الَّذِي تَدْخُلُ فِيهِ مِنْ مَخْدَعٍ إِلَى مَخْدَعٍ لِيُخْتَبِئَ.²⁶ فَقَالَ مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيلَ، خُذْ مِيخَا وَرُدَّهُ إِلَى أُمُونِ رَئِيسِ الْمَدِينَةِ وَإِلَى بُوَأَشَ ابْنِ الْمَلِكِ، وَقُلْ هَكَذَا قَالَ الْمَلِكُ، صَعُوا هَذَا فِي السَّجْنِ، وَأَطْعِمُوهُ خُبْزَ الصِّبْيِ وَمَاءَ الصِّبْيِ حَتَّى آتِي بِسَلَامٍ.²⁸ فَقَالَ مِيخَا، إِنْ رَجَعْتَ بِسَلَامٍ فَلَمْ يَتَكَلَّمِ الرَّبُّ بِي. وَقَالَ، اسْمَعُوا أَيُّهَا الشَّعْبُ أَجْمَعُونَ.²⁹ فَصَعِدَ مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَيَهُوشَافَاثُ مَلِكُ يَهُودَا إِلَى رَامُوت جَلَعَا.³⁰ فَقَالَ مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيلَ لِيَهُوشَافَاثَ، إِنِّي أَتَتَكَّرُ وَأَدْخُلُ الْحَرْبَ، وَأَمَّا أَنْتَ فَالْبَسْ ثِيَابَكَ. فَتَتَكَّرُ مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَدَخَلَ الْحَرْبَ.³¹ وَأَمَرَ مَلِكُ أَرَامَ رُؤَسَاءَ الْمَرْكَبَاتِ الَّتِي لَهُ، الْإِثْنَيْنِ وَالثَّلَاثِينَ، وَقَالَ، لَا تُحَارِبُوا صَغِيرًا وَلَا كَبِيرًا إِلَّا مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَحْدَهُ.³² فَلَمَّا رَأَى رُؤَسَاءُ الْمَرْكَبَاتِ يَهُوشَافَاثَ، قَالُوا إِنَّهُ مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيلَ فَمَالُوا عَلَيْهِ لِيُقَاتِلُوهُ، فَصَرَخَ يَهُوشَافَاثُ.³³ فَلَمَّا رَأَى رُؤَسَاءُ الْمَرْكَبَاتِ أَنَّهُ لَيْسَ مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيلَ رَجَعُوا عَنْهُ.³⁴ وَإِنْ رَجُلًا تَرَعُ فِي قَوْسِهِ غَيْرَ مُتَعَمِّدٍ وَصَرَبَ مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيلَ بَيْنَ أَوْصَالِ الدَّرْعِ. فَقَالَ لِمُدِيرِ مَرْكَبَتِهِ، رُدِّ بَدَكَ وَأَخْرِجْنِي مِنَ الْجَيْشِ لِأَنِّي قَدْ جُرِحْتُ.³⁵ وَاشْتَدَّ الْقِتَالُ فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ، وَأَوْقَفَ الْمَلِكُ فِي مَرْكَبَتِهِ مُقَابِلَ أَرَامَ وَمَاتَ عِنْدَ الْمَسَاءِ، وَجَرَى دَمُ الْجُرْحِ إِلَى جُضَنِ الْمَرْكَبَةِ.³⁶ وَغَبَرَ النَّدَاءُ فِي الْجُنْدِ عِنْدَ غُرُوبِ الشَّمْسِ قَائِلًا، كُلُّ رَجُلٍ إِلَى مَدِينَتِهِ، وَكُلُّ رَجُلٍ إِلَى أَرْضِهِ.³⁷ فَمَاتَ الْمَلِكُ وَأَدْخَلَ السَّامِرَةُ فَدَفَنُوا الْمَلِكَ فِي السَّامِرَةِ. وَغُسِلَتِ الْمَرْكَبَةُ فِي بَرَكَةِ السَّامِرَةِ فَلَحَسَتِ الْكِلَابُ دَمَهُ. وَغَسَلُوا سِلَاحَهُ. حَسِبَ كَلَامَ الرَّبِّ الَّذِي يَكَلِّمُ بِهِ.³⁹ وَبَقِيَ أُمُورٌ أَخَابَ وَكُلُّ مَا فَعَلَ، وَبَيْتُ الْعَاجِ الَّذِي بَنَاهُ وَكُلُّ الْمَدُنِ الَّتِي بَنَاهَا مَكْتُوبَةٌ فِي سِفْرِ أَخْبَارِ الْيَوْمِ لِأَيَّامِ إِسْرَائِيلَ.⁴⁰ فَاصْطَلَعَ أَخَابُ مَعَ آبَائِهِ، وَمَلَكَ أَخَرَبَا ابْنُهُ عَوْصًا عَنْهُ.⁴¹ وَمَلَكَ يَهُوشَافَاثُ بْنُ آسَا عَلَى يَهُودَا فِي السَّنَةِ الرَّابِعَةِ لِأَخَابَ مَلِكِ

and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him.²² And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.²³ Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.²⁴ But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?²⁵ And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself.²⁶ And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;²⁷ And say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace.²⁸ And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken by me. And he said, Harken, O people, every one of you.²⁹ So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramothgilead.³⁰ And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle.³¹ But the king of Syria commanded his thirty and two captains that had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save only with the king of Israel.³² And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw

إِسْرَائِيلَ.⁴² وَكَانَ يَهُوشَافَاطُ ابْنُ حَمْسِي وَثَلَاثِينَ سَنَةً حِينَ مَلَكَ، وَمَلَكَ خَمْسًا وَعِشْرِينَ سَنَةً فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ، وَاسْمُ أُمِّهِ عَزْرُوبَةُ بِنْتُ شَلْجِي.⁴³ وَسَارَ فِي كُلِّ طَرِيقٍ آسَا أَبِيهِ. لَمْ يَجِدْ عَنْهَا، إِذْ عَمِلَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ فِي عَيْنِي الرَّبِّ. إِلَّا أَنَّ الْمُزْتَفِعَاتِ لَمْ تَنْزِعْ، بَلْ كَانَ الشَّعْبُ لَا يَزَالُ يَذْبَحُ وَيُوقِدُ عَلَى الْمُزْتَفِعَاتِ.⁴⁴ وَصَالَحَ يَهُوشَافَاطُ مَلِكَ إِسْرَائِيلَ. وَبَقِيَتهُ أُمُورُ يَهُوشَافَاطُ وَجَبَرُوتُهُ الَّتِي أَطْهَرَهَا، وَكَيْفَ حَارَبَ هَكَوْبَةُ فِي سَفَرِ أَخْبَارِ الْإِنَامِ لِمُلُوكِ يَهُودَا.⁴⁶ وَبَقِيَتهُ الْمَأْبُوتِينَ الَّذِينَ يَقُولُ فِي إِنَامِ آسَا أَبِيهِ أَبَادَهُمْ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ.⁴⁷ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ فِي أَدُومَ مَلِكَ. مَلَكَ وَكَيْلُ.⁴⁸ وَعَمِلَ يَهُوشَافَاطُ سُفْنَ تَرْشِيشَ لِيَذْهَبَ إِلَى أَوْفِيرَ لِأَجْلِ الذَّهَبِ فَلَمْ تَذْهَبْ، لِأَنَّ السُّفْنَ تَكَسَّرَتْ فِي عِصْيُونِ جَابِرَ.⁴⁹ حَبْنَزُ قَالَ أَحْزَبَا بْنُ أَحَابَ لِيَهُوشَافَاطَ لِيَذْهَبَ عَيْدِي مَعَ عَيْدِكَ فِي السُّفْنِ. فَلَمْ يَسْأَلْ يَهُوشَافَاطُ.⁵⁰ وَاضْطَجَعَ يَهُوشَافَاطُ مَعَ آبَائِهِ وَدُفِنَ مَعَ آبَائِهِ فِي مَدِينَةِ دَاوُدَ أَبِيهِ، فَمَلَكَ يَهُورَامُ ابْنَهُ عِوَضًا عَنْهُ.⁵¹ وَمَلَكَ أَحْزَبَا بْنُ أَحَابَ عَلَى إِسْرَائِيلَ فِي السَّامِرَةِ فِي السَّنَةِ السَّابِعَةِ عَشْرَةَ لِيَهُوشَافَاطَ مَلِكَ يَهُودَا. مَلَكَ عَلَى إِسْرَائِيلَ سَتَيْنِ.⁵² وَعَمِلَ الشَّرَّ فِي عَيْنِي الرَّبِّ، وَسَارَ فِي طَرِيقِ أَبِيهِ وَطَرِيقِ أُمِّهِ، وَطَرِيقِ يَرْبَعَامَ بْنِ تَبَاطَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ إِسْرَائِيلَ يُخْطِئُ⁵³ وَعَبَدَ الْبَغْلَ وَسَجَدَ لَهُ وَأَغَاطَ الرَّبَّ إِلَهَ إِسْرَائِيلَ حَسَبَ كُلِّ مَا فَعَلَ أَبُوهُ.

Jehoshaphat, that they said, Surely it is the king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight against him: and Jehoshaphat cried out.³³ And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.³⁴ And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness: wherefore he said unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am wounded.³⁵ And the battle increased that day: and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians, and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot.³⁶ And there went a proclamation throughout the host about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own country.³⁷ So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria.³⁸ And one washed the chariot in the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood; and they washed his armour; according unto the word of the LORD which he spake.³⁹ Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he made, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?⁴⁰ So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.⁴¹ And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel.⁴² Jehoshaphat was thirty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was

Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.⁴³ And he walked in all the ways of Asa his father; he turned not aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of the LORD: nevertheless the high places were not taken away; for the people offered and burnt incense yet in the high places.⁴⁴ And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.⁴⁵ Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he shewed, and how he warred, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?⁴⁶ And the remnant of the sodomites, which remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land.⁴⁷ There was then no king in Edom: a deputy was king.⁴⁸ Jehoshaphat made ships of Tharshish to go to Ophir for gold: but they went not; for the ships were broken at Eziongeber.⁴⁹ Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab unto Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships. But Jehoshaphat would not.⁵⁰ And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.⁵¹ Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned two years over Israel.⁵² And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin:⁵³ For he served Baal, and worshipped him, and provoked to anger the LORD God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.