

¹Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came! ²Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great: then go down to Gath of the Philistines: be they better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border? ³Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near; ⁴That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall; ⁵That chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of musick, like David; ⁶That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph. ⁷Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive, and the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed. ⁸The Lord GOD hath sworn by himself, saith the LORD the God of hosts, I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces: therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is therein. ⁹And it shall come to pass, if there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die. ¹⁰And a man's uncle shall take him up, and he that burneth him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and shall say unto him that is by the sides of the house, Is there yet any with thee? and he shall say, No. Then shall he say, Hold thy tongue: for we may not make mention of the name of the LORD. ¹¹For, behold, the LORD commandeth, and he will smite the great

¹وَيْلٌ لِلْمُسْتَرْجِعِينَ فِي صِهْيُونَ وَالْمُطْمَئِنِّينَ فِي جَبَلِ السَّامِرَةِ، تَقْبَاءِ أَوَّلِ الْأُمَمِ. يَأْتِي إِلَيْهِمْ بَيْتُ إِسْرَائِيلَ. ²اعْبُرُوا إِلَى كَلْنَةَ وَاَنْظُرُوا، وَادْهَبُوا مِنْ هُنَاكَ إِلَى حَمَاةِ الْعُظِيمَةِ، ثُمَّ انْزِلُوا إِلَى جَثِّ الْفِلِسْطِينِيِّينَ. أَهِيَ أَفْضَلُ مِنْ هَذِهِ الْمَمَالِكِ، أَمْ تُحْمَهُمْ أَوْسَعُ مِنْ تُحْمِكُمْ. ³أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ تُبْعِدُونَ يَوْمَ الْبَلِيَّةِ وَتُقَرَّبُونَ مَقْعَدَ الظُّلْمِ، الْمُصْطَلِحُونَ عَلَى أَسْرَةٍ مِنَ الْعَبَاجِ، وَالْمُتَمَدِّدُونَ عَلَى فُرْشِهِمْ، وَالْأَكِلُونَ خِرَافًا مِنَ الْعَتَمِ وَغُجُولًا مِنْ وَسْطِ الصَّبْرَةِ، ⁵الِهَازِرُونَ مَعَ صَوْتِ الرِّثَابِ، الْمُخْتَرِعُونَ لِأَنْفُسِهِمْ آلَاتِ الْغِنَاءِ كَدَاوُدَ، ⁶السَّارِبُونَ مِنْ كُوُوسِ الْحَمْرِ، وَالَّذِينَ يَدْهِنُونَ بِأَفْضَلِ الْأَدْهَانِ وَلَا يَتَعَمَّقُونَ عَلَى أَنْسِحَاقِ يَوْسُفَ. ⁷لِذَلِكَ الْآنَ يُسَبَّوْنَ فِي أَوَّلِ الْمَسْبُورِينَ، وَيَرْوُلُ صِبَاخُ الْمُتَمَدِّدِينَ. ⁸قَدْ أَقْسَمَ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ بِنَفْسِهِ، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ إِلَهُ الْجُنُودِ إِنِّي أَكْرَهُ عَظَمَةَ يَغْفُوبَ وَأَبْغَضُ قُصُورَهُ، فَاسْلُمُ الْمَدِينَةَ وَمِلَاهَا. ⁹فَيَكُونُ إِذَا بَقِيَ عَشْرَةُ رِجَالٍ فِي بَيْتٍ وَاحِدٍ أَنَّهُمْ يَمُوتُونَ. ¹⁰وَإِذَا حَمَلَ أَحَدًا عَمَّهُ وَمُخْرَفُهُ لِيُخْرِجَ الْعِظَامَ مِنَ الْبَيْتِ، وَقَالَ لِمَنْ هُوَ فِي حَوَائِبِ الْبَيْتِ أَعِنْدَكَ بَعْدُ يَقُولُ لَيْسَ بَعْدُ. فَيَقُولُ اسْكُنْ، فَإِنَّهُ لَا يُدْكِرُ اسْمَ الرَّبِّ. ¹¹لَئِنْ هُوَذَا الرَّبُّ يَأْمُرُ فَيَضْرِبُ الْبَيْتَ الْكَبِيرَ رَدْمًا وَالْبَيْتَ الصَّغِيرَ سُقُوفًا. ¹²هَلْ تَرْكُضُ الْحَيْلُ عَلَى الصَّخْرِ، أَوْ يُحَرِّثُ عَلَيْهِ بِالنَّقْرِ، حَتَّى حَوَّلْتُمُ الْحَقَّ سُمًّا وَتَمَرَ الْبَرِّ أَفْسَنَيْنَا أَنْتُمْ الْفَرَحُونَ بِالْبُطْلِ، الْقَائِلُونَ أَلَيْسَ بِقُوَّتِنَا اتَّخَذْنَا لِأَنْفُسِنَا قُرُونًا لِأَنِّي هَتَنْدَا أَقِيمُ عَلَيْكُمْ أُمَّةً يَا بَيْتَ إِسْرَائِيلَ، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ إِلَهُ الْجُنُودِ، فَيُضَاقِفُونَكُمْ مِنْ مَدْخَلِ حَمَاةٍ إِلَى وَادِي الْعَرَبَةِ.

house with breaches, and the little house with clefts.¹² Shall horses run upon the rock? will one plow there with oxen? for ye have turned judgment into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into hemlock:¹³ Ye which rejoice in a thing of nought, which say, Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength?¹⁴ But, behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, saith the LORD the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you from the entering in of Hemath unto the river of the wilderness.