

<sup>1</sup>And it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth month, the tenth day of the month, that certain of the elders of Israel came to enquire of the LORD, and sat before me.<sup>2</sup>Then came the word of the LORD unto me, saying,<sup>3</sup>Son of man, speak unto the elders of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Are ye come to enquire of me? As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will not be enquired of by you.<sup>4</sup>Wilt thou judge them, son of man, wilt thou judge them? cause them to know the abominations of their fathers.<sup>5</sup>And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day when I chose Israel, and lifted up mine hand unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and made myself known unto them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up mine hand unto them, saying, I am the LORD your God;<sup>6</sup>In the day that I lifted up mine hand unto them, to bring them forth of the land of Egypt into a land that I had espied for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands:<sup>7</sup>Then said I unto them, Cast ye away every man the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.<sup>8</sup>But they rebelled against me, and would not hearken unto me: they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt: then I said, I will pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.<sup>9</sup>But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, among whom they were, in whose sight I made myself known unto them, in bringing them forth

<sup>1</sup>وَكَانَ فِي السَّنَةِ السَّابِعَةِ فِي الشَّهْرِ الْخَامِسِ فِي الْعَاشِرِ مِنَ الشَّهْرِ، أَنَّ أَنَا سَأَلَ مِنْ شُيُوح إِسْرَائِيلَ جَاءُوا لِيَسْأَلُوا الرَّبَّ، فَجَلَسُوا أَمَامِي.<sup>2</sup>فَكَانَ إِلَيَّ كَلَامُ الرَّبِّ، يَا ابْنَ آدَمَ، كُلَّمَا شُيُوح إِسْرَائِيلَ وَقُلُوا لَهُمْ، هَكَذَا قَالَ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ، هَلْ أَنْتُمْ أَتَوْنَ لِيَسْأَلُونِي. حَيٌّ أَنَا لَا أَسْأَلُ مِنْكُمْ يَقُولُ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ.<sup>4</sup>هَلْ تَدِينُهُمْ. هَلْ تَدِينُ يَا ابْنَ آدَمَ. عَزَّفُهُمْ رَجَاسَاتِ آبَائِهِمْ، وَقُلُوا لَهُمْ، هَكَذَا قَالَ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ، فِي يَوْمٍ اخْتَرْتُ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَرَفَعْتُ يَدِي لِيَسْلُبَ بَيْتَ يَفْعُوتَ، وَعَزَّفْتُهُمْ نَفْسِي فِي أَرْضِ مِصْرَ، وَرَفَعْتُ لَهُمْ يَدِي قَائِلًا، أَنَا الرَّبُّ إِلَهُكُمْ، فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ رَفَعْتُ لَهُمْ يَدِي لِأُخْرِجَهُمْ مِنْ أَرْضِ مِصْرَ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ الَّتِي تَجَسَّسْتُهَا لَهُمْ، تَفِيضُ لَبَنًا وَعَسَلًا. هِيَ فَخْرُ كُلِّ الْأَرْضِ<sup>7</sup> وَقُلْتُ لَهُمْ، اطْرَحُوا كُلُّ إِنْسَانٍ مِنْكُمْ أَرْجَاسَ عَيْنِيهِ وَلَا تَتَجَسَّسُوا بِأَصْنَامِ مِصْرَ. أَنَا الرَّبُّ إِلَهُكُمْ.<sup>8</sup>فَتَمَرَّدُوا عَلَيَّ وَلَمْ يُرِيدُوا أَنْ يَسْمَعُوا لِي، وَلَمْ يَطْرَحِ الْإِنْسَانُ مِنْهُمْ أَرْجَاسَ عَيْنِيهِ وَلَمْ يَتْرَكُوا أَصْنَامَ مِصْرَ. فَقُلْتُ، إِنِّي أَسْكُبُ رَجْزِي عَلَيْهِمْ لِأَتَمِّ عَلَيْهِمْ سَخَطِي فِي وَسْطِ أَرْضِ مِصْرَ.<sup>9</sup>لَكِنْ صَنَعْتُ لِأَجْلِ اسْمِي لِكَيْلَا يَتَجَسَّسَ أَمَامَ عَيْنِوْنَ الْأُمَمِ الَّذِينَ هُمْ فِي وَسْطِهِمْ، الَّذِينَ عَزَّفْتُهُمْ نَفْسِي أَمَامَ عَيْنِيهِمْ بِأُخْرَاجِهِمْ مِنْ أَرْضِ مِصْرَ.<sup>10</sup>فَأَخْرَجْتُهُمْ مِنْ أَرْضِ مِصْرَ وَأَيْتُ بِهِمْ إِلَى الْبَرِّيَّةِ.<sup>11</sup>وَأَعْطَيْتُهُمْ قَرَائِصِي وَعَزَّفْتُهُمْ أَحْكَامِي الَّتِي إِنْ عَمِلَهَا إِنْسَانٌ يَحْيَا بِهَا.<sup>12</sup>وَأَعْطَيْتُهُمْ أَيْضًا سُبُوتِي لِيَكُونَ عِلَامَةً بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَهُمْ، لِيَعْلَمُوا أَنِّي أَنَا الرَّبُّ مُقَدِّسُهُمْ.<sup>13</sup>فَتَمَرَّدَ عَلَيَّ بَيْتُ إِسْرَائِيلَ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ. لَمْ يَسْلُكُوا فِي قَرَائِصِي وَرَفَضُوا أَحْكَامِي الَّتِي إِنْ عَمِلَهَا إِنْسَانٌ يَحْيَا بِهَا، وَتَجَسَّسُوا سُبُوتِي كَثِيرًا. فَقُلْتُ، إِنِّي أَسْكُبُ رَجْزِي عَلَيْهِمْ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ لِإِفْتَانِهِمْ.<sup>14</sup>لَكِنْ صَنَعْتُ لِأَجْلِ اسْمِي لِكَيْلَا يَتَجَسَّسَ أَمَامَ عَيْنِوْنَ الْأُمَمِ الَّذِينَ أَخْرَجْتُهُمْ أَمَامَ عَيْنِيهِمْ.<sup>15</sup>وَرَفَعْتُ أَيْضًا يَدِي لَهُمْ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ بِأَنِّي لَا آتِي بِهِمْ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ الَّتِي أَعْطَيْتُهُمْ إِيَّاهَا تَفِيضُ لَبَنًا وَعَسَلًا. هِيَ فَخْرُ كُلِّ الْأَرْضِ.<sup>16</sup>لَئِنْهُمْ رَفَضُوا أَحْكَامِي وَلَمْ يَسْلُكُوا فِي قَرَائِصِي، بَلْ تَجَسَّسُوا سُبُوتِي، لَأَنَّ قَلْبَهُمْ دَهَبٌ وَرَاءَ أَصْنَامِهِمْ.<sup>17</sup>لَكِنَّ عَيْنِي أَشْفَقَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ عَنْ إِهْلَاكِهِمْ، فَلَمْ أَفْهَمْ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ.<sup>18</sup>وَقُلْتُ لِأَتْنَاهُمْ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ، لَا تَسْلُكُوا فِي قَرَائِصِ آبَائِكُمْ وَلَا تَحْقُطُوا أَحْكَامَهُمْ وَلَا تَتَجَسَّسُوا بِأَصْنَامِهِمْ.<sup>19</sup>أَنَا الرَّبُّ إِلَهُكُمْ فَاسْلُكُوا فِي قَرَائِصِي وَاحْقُطُوا أَحْكَامِي وَاعْمَلُوا

out of the land of Egypt.<sup>10</sup> Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness.<sup>11</sup> And I gave them my statutes, and shewed them my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them.<sup>12</sup> Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them.<sup>13</sup> But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; and my sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them.<sup>14</sup> But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, in whose sight I brought them out.<sup>15</sup> Yet also I lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands;<sup>16</sup> Because they despised my judgments, and walked not in my statutes, but polluted my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols.<sup>17</sup> Nevertheless mine eye spared them from destroying them, neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness.<sup>18</sup> But I said unto their children in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols:<sup>19</sup> I am the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them;<sup>20</sup> And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and

بها<sup>20</sup> وَقَدِّسُوا سُبُوتِي فَتَكُونُ عَلَامَةً بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَكُمْ، لَتَعْلَمُوا أَنِّي أَنَا الرَّبُّ إِلَهُكُمْ.<sup>21</sup> فَتَمَرَدَ الْآبَاءُ عَلَيَّ. لِمَ تَسْلُكُوا فِي قَرَائِصِي وَلَمْ يَحْفَظُوا أَحْكَامِي لِيَعْمَلُوهَا، الَّتِي إِنْ عَمِلَهَا إِنْسَانٌ يَحْيَا بِهَا، وَتَجَسَّوْا سُبُوتِي. فَقُلْتُ، إِنِّي أَسْكُبُ رَحْزِي عَلَيْهِمْ لِأَنِّي سَخَطْتُ عَلَيْهِمْ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ.<sup>22</sup> ثُمَّ كَفَعْتُ يَدِي وَصَنَعْتُ لِأَجْلِ اسْمِي لِكَيْلَا يَتَجَسَّنَّ أَمَامَ عُيُونِ الْأَمَمِ الَّذِينَ أَخْرَجْتُهُمْ أَمَامَ عُيُونِهِمْ.<sup>23</sup> وَرَفَعْتُ أَيْضاً يَدِي لَهُمْ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ لِأَقَرِّقَهُمْ فِي الْأَمَمِ وَأَذَرُّهُمْ فِي الْأَرَاضِي،<sup>24</sup> لِأَنَّهُمْ لَمْ يَصْنَعُوا أَحْكَامِي، بَلْ رَفَضُوا قَرَائِصِي وَتَجَسَّوْا سُبُوتِي وَكَانَتْ عُيُونُهُمْ وَرَاءَ أَصْنَامِ آبَائِهِمْ.<sup>25</sup> وَأَعْطَيْتُهُمْ أَيْضاً قَرَائِصَ غَيْرِ صَالِحَةٍ وَأَحْكَاماً لَا يَحْيُونَ بِهَا وَتَجَسَّسْتُهُمْ بِعَطَايَاهُمْ إِذْ أَجَازُوا فِي الْبَارِ كُلَّ قَاتِحٍ رَحِمَ لِيُذِمْهُمْ، حَتَّى يَعْلَمُوا أَنِّي أَنَا الرَّبُّ.<sup>27</sup> لِأَجْلِ ذَلِكَ كَلَّمْتُ بَيْتَ إِسْرَائِيلَ يَا ابْنِ آدَمَ وَقُلْ لَهُمْ، هَكَذَا قَالَ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ، فِي هَذَا أَيْضاً جَدَّفَ عَلَيَّ آبَاؤُكُمْ، إِذْ خَانُونِي خِيَانَةً لَمَّا أَتَيْتُ بِهِمْ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ الَّتِي رَفَعْتُ لَهُمْ يَدِي لِأَعْطِيَهُمْ إِيَّاهَا، فَزَاوُوا كُلَّ تَلٍّ غَالٍ وَكُلَّ شَجَرَةٍ عَثْبَاءَ، فَذَبَحُوا هُنَاكَ ذَبَائِحَهُمْ وَقَرَّبُوا هُنَاكَ قَرَابِيئَهُمُ الْمُغِيظَةَ، وَقَدَّمُوا هُنَاكَ رَوَانِحَ سُورِهِمْ، وَسَكَبُوا هُنَاكَ سَكَابِيئَهُمْ.<sup>29</sup> فَقُلْتُ لَهُمْ، مَا هَذِهِ الْمُزْتَفَعَةُ الَّتِي تَأْتُونَ إِلَيْهَا. فَذَعَيْ اسْمَهَا مُزْتَفَعَةً إِلَى هَذَا الْيَوْمِ.<sup>30</sup> لِيَذَلِكُ قُلْ لِبَيْتِ إِسْرَائِيلَ، هَكَذَا قَالَ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ، هَلْ تَتَجَسَّسْتُمْ بِطَرِيقِ آبَائِكُمْ وَرَبَّيْتُمْ وَرَاءَ أَرْجَاسِهِمْ.<sup>31</sup> وَيَقْدِمُونَ عَطَايَاكُمْ وَإِجَارَةً آبَائِكُمْ فِي الْبَارِ تَتَجَسَّسُونَ بِكُلِّ أَصْنَامِكُمْ إِلَى الْيَوْمِ. فَهَلْ أَسْأَلُ مِنْكُمْ يَا بَيْتَ إِسْرَائِيلَ. حَتَّى أَنَا يَقُولُ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ لَا أَسْأَلُ مِنْكُمْ.<sup>32</sup> وَالَّذِي يَخْطُرُ بِبَالِكُمْ لَنْ يَكُونَ، إِذْ تَقُولُونَ، تَكُونُ كَالْأَمَمِ، كَقَبَائِلِ الْأَرَاضِي فَتَعْبُدُ الْخَسْبَ وَالْحَجَرَ.<sup>33</sup> حَتَّى أَنَا يَقُولُ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ إِنِّي بِيَدِ قُوَّةٍ وَبِذِرَاعِ مَمْدُودَةٍ وَبِسَخَطٍ مَسْكُوبٍ أَمْلِكُ عَلَيْكُمْ.<sup>34</sup> وَأَخْرِجُكُمْ مِنْ بَيْنِ الشُّعُوبِ، وَأَجْمَعُكُمْ مِنَ الْأَرَاضِي الَّتِي تَقَرَّبْتُمْ فِيهَا بِيَدِ قُوَّةٍ وَبِذِرَاعِ مَمْدُودَةٍ، وَبِسَخَطٍ مَسْكُوبٍ.<sup>35</sup> وَأَنْبِي بِكُمْ إِلَى بَرِّيَّةِ الشُّعُوبِ وَأَحَاكِمُكُمْ هُنَاكَ وَجْهًا لَوْجُو.<sup>36</sup> كَمَا خَاكُمْتُ آبَاءَكُمْ فِي بَرِّيَّةِ أَرْضِ مِصْرَ كَذَلِكَ أَحَاكِمُكُمْ، يَقُولُ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ.<sup>37</sup> وَأَمُرُّكُمْ تَحْتَ الْعَصَا، وَأَدْخِلُكُمْ فِي رِبَاطِ الْعَهْدِ.<sup>38</sup> وَأَعْرَلُ مِنْكُمْ الْمُتَمَرِّدِينَ وَالْعَصَاةَ عَلَيَّ. أَخْرِجُهُمْ مِنْ أَرْضِ غُرَّتِهِمْ وَلَا يَدْخُلُونَ أَرْضَ إِسْرَائِيلَ، فَتَعْلَمُونَ أَنِّي أَنَا الرَّبُّ.<sup>39</sup> أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ يَا بَيْتَ إِسْرَائِيلَ فَهَكَذَا قَالَ

you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God.<sup>21</sup> Notwithstanding the children rebelled against me: they walked not in my statutes, neither kept my judgments to do them, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; they polluted my sabbaths: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness.<sup>22</sup> Nevertheless I withdrew mine hand, and wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted in the sight of the heathen, in whose sight I brought them forth.<sup>23</sup> I lifted up mine hand unto them also in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the heathen, and disperse them through the countries;<sup>24</sup> Because they had not executed my judgments, but had despised my statutes, and had polluted my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols.<sup>25</sup> Wherefore I gave them also statutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live;<sup>26</sup> And I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass through the fire all that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I am the LORD.<sup>27</sup> Therefore, son of man, speak unto the house of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Yet in this your fathers have blasphemed me, in that they have committed a trespass against me.<sup>28</sup> For when I had brought them into the land, for the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to them, then they saw every high hill, and all the thick trees, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering: there also they made their

السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ، اذْهَبُوا اعْبُدُوا كُلُّ إِنْسَانٍ أَصْنَامَهُ. وَبَعْدُ إِنْ لَمْ تَسْمَعُوا لِي فَلَا تُتَجَسَّسُوا اسْمِي الْقُدُّوسَ بَعْدُ بَعْطَابَاكُمْ وَبِأَصْنَامِكُمْ.<sup>40</sup> لِأَنَّهُ فِي جَبَلٍ قُدْسِي، فِي جَبَلٍ إِسْرَائِيلَ الْعَالِي يَقُولُ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ هُنَاكَ يَعْبُدُنِي كُلُّ بَيْتِ إِسْرَائِيلَ، كُلُّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ. هُنَاكَ أَرْضَى عَنْهُمْ، وَهُنَاكَ أَطْلُبُ تَقْدِمَاتِكُمْ وَبَاكُورَاتِ جِرَاكُم مَعَ جَمِيعِ مُقَدَّسَاتِكُمْ.<sup>41</sup> يَرَانِجَةُ سُورِكُمْ أَرْضَى عَنْكُمْ، حِينَ أُخْرِجُكُمْ مِنْ بَيْنِ الشُّعُوبِ وَأَجْمَعُكُمْ مِنَ الْأَرَاضِي الَّتِي تَرَفَّقْتُمْ فِيهَا، وَأَتَقَدَّسُ فِيكُمْ أَمَامَ غُيُوبِ الْأَمَمِ،<sup>42</sup> فَتَعْلَمُونَ أَنِّي أَنَا الرَّبُّ، حِينَ آتِي بِكُمْ إِلَى أَرْضِ إِسْرَائِيلَ، إِلَى الْأَرْضِ الَّتِي رَفَعْتُ يَدِي لِأَعْطِي أَبَاءَكُمْ إِيَّاهَا.<sup>43</sup> وَهُنَاكَ تَذْكُرُونَ طُرُقَكُمْ وَكُلَّ أَعْمَالِكُمُ الَّتِي تَتَجَسَّسْتُمْ بِهَا، وَتَمَقْنُونَ أَنْفُسَكُمْ لِجَمِيعِ الشُّرُورِ الَّتِي فَعَلْتُمْ.<sup>44</sup> فَتَعْلَمُونَ أَنِّي أَنَا الرَّبُّ إِذَا فَعَلْتُ بِكُمْ مِنْ أَجْلِ اسْمِي. لَا كَطُرُقِكُمُ السَّرِيرَةِ، وَلَا كَأَعْمَالِكُمُ الْفَاسِدَةِ يَا بَيْتَ إِسْرَائِيلَ، يَقُولُ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ.<sup>45</sup> وَكَانَ إِلَيَّ كَلَامُ الرَّبِّ، يَا ابْنَ آدَمَ، اجْعَلْ وَجْهَكَ تَحَوُّ التَّيْمَنِ وَكَلِّمْ تَحَوُّ الْجَنُوبِ، وَتَبَّأْ عَلَى وَغَرِّ الْحَقْلِ فِي الْجَنُوبِ<sup>47</sup> وَقُلْ لِيُوغِرَ الْجَنُوبِ اسْمِعْ كَلَامَ الرَّبِّ. هَكَذَا قَالَ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ، هَنَذَا أَضْرِمُ فِيكَ نَارًا فَتَأْكُلُ كُلَّ شَجَرَةٍ حَصْرَاءَ فِيكَ وَكُلَّ شَجَرَةٍ يَابِسَةٍ. لَا يُطْفَأُ لَهَبُهَا الْمُلتَهَبُ، وَتُحْرِقُ بِهَا كُلُّ الْوُجُوهِ مِنَ الْجَنُوبِ إِلَى الشِّمَالِ.<sup>48</sup> فَبَرَى كُلُّ بَشَرٍ أَنِّي أَنَا الرَّبُّ أَضْرَمْتُهَا. لَا تُطْفَأُ.<sup>49</sup> قُلْتُ، آه يَا سَيِّدُ الرَّبِّ. هُمْ يَقُولُونَ، أَمَا بُعِثَ هُوَ أَمْتَالًا..

sweet savour, and poured out there their drink offerings.<sup>29</sup> Then I said unto them, What is the high place whereunto ye go? And the name thereof is called Bamah unto this day.<sup>30</sup> Wherefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Are ye polluted after the manner of your fathers? and commit ye whoredom after their abominations?<sup>31</sup> For when ye offer your gifts, when ye make your sons to pass through the fire, ye pollute yourselves with all your idols, even unto this day: and shall I be enquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will not be enquired of by you.<sup>32</sup> And that which cometh into your mind shall not be at all, that ye say, We will be as the heathen, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone.<sup>33</sup> As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you:<sup>34</sup> And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.<sup>35</sup> And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face.<sup>36</sup> Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD.<sup>37</sup> And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:<sup>38</sup> And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the

land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.<sup>39</sup> As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord GOD; Go ye, serve ye every one his idols, and hereafter also, if ye will not hearken unto me: but pollute ye my holy name no more with your gifts, and with your idols.<sup>40</sup> For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the firstfruits of your oblations, with all your holy things.<sup>41</sup> I will accept you with your sweet savour, when I bring you out from the people, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before the heathen.<sup>42</sup> And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers.<sup>43</sup> And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled; and ye shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed.<sup>44</sup> And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have wrought with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.<sup>45</sup> Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,<sup>46</sup> Son of man, set thy face toward the south, and drop thy word toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the south field;<sup>47</sup> And say to the forest of the south, Hear the word of the LORD; Thus saith the Lord GOD;

Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be burned therein.<sup>48</sup> And all flesh shall see that I the LORD have kindled it: it shall not be quenched.<sup>49</sup> Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! they say of me, Doth he not speak parables?