أَرَانِي الرَّبُّ وَإِذَا سَلَّنَا تِين مَوْضُوعَتَانِ أَمَامَ هَيْكَلِ الرَّبِّ بَعْدَ مَا سَبَى نَبُوخَذْنَصَّرُ مَلِكُ بَابِلَ يَكُنْيَا بْنَ يَهُوبَاقِيمَ مَلِكَ يَهُوذَا وَرُؤَسَاءَ يَهُوذَا وَالنَّجَّارِينَ وَالْحَدَّادِينَ مِنْ أُورُشَلِيمَ، وَأَتَى بِهِمْ إِلَى بَابِلَ. ُفِي السَّلَّةِ الْوَاحِدَةِ تِينٌ جَيِّدٌ جدّاً مِثْلُ التِّينَ الْبَاكُورِيِّ، وَفِي السَّلَّةِ الأَخْرَى تِينٌ رَدِيءٌ جِدّاً لاَ يُؤْكَلُ مِنْ رَدَاءَتِهِ. ۚ فَقَالَ لِي الرَّبُّ، مَاذَا أَنْتَ رَاءِ يَا إِرْمِيَا. فَقُلْتُ، تِيناً. اَلتِّينُ الْجَيِّدُ جَيِّدٌ جِدّاً، وَالنِّينُ الرَّدِيءُ رَدِيءٌ جِدّاً لاَ يُؤْكَلُ مِنْ رَدَاءَتِهِ. ثُمَّ صَارَ كَلاَمُ الرَّبِّ إِلَىَّ، ۚهَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ إِلَهُ إِسْرَائِيلَ، كَهَذَا التِّينِ الْحَيِّدِ هَكَذَا أَنْظُرُ إِلَى سَبْيِ يَهُوذَا الَّذِي أَرْ سَلْتُهُ مِنْ عَلَيْهِمْ لِلخَيْرِ، وَأَرْجِعُهُمْ إِلَى هَذِهِ الأَرْضِ، وَأَيْنِهِمْ اْهْدِمُهُمْ، وَأَغْرِ سُهُمْ وَلاَ أَقْلَعُهُمْ. ۖ وَأَعْطِيهِمْ فَلْباَ لِيَعْرِ فُونِي ا أَنَا الرَّبُّ، فَيَكُونُوا لِي شَعْباً وَأَنَا أَكُونُ لَهُمْ إِلَهاً، لاَنَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ إِلَيَّ بِكُلِّ قَلْبِهِمْ. ۚوَكَالتِّينِ الرَّدِيءِ الَّذِي لاَ يُؤْكِلُ مِنْ رَدَاءَتِهِ، هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبِّ. هَكَذَا أَحْعَلُ صِدْقَيًّا مَلكَ يَهُوذَا وَرُؤَسَاءَهُ وَيَقَبَّةَ أُورُشَليمَ الْيَاقِيَةَ فِي هَذِهِ الأرْض وَالسَّاكِنَـةَ فِي أَرْضِ مِصْرَ. وَأُسَـلُمُهُمْ لِلْقَلَـق وَالشُّرُّ فِي جَمِيعِ مَمَالِكِ الأَرْضِ عَارِاً وَمَثَلاٍّ وَهُرْأَةً وَلَعْنَةً فِي جَمِيعِ الْمَوَاضِعِ الَّتِي أَطْرُدُهُمْ إِلَيْهَا 10وَأْرْسِلُ عَلَيْهِم السَّيْفَ وَالْجُوعَ وَالَّوَبَأَ حَتَّى يَفْنُوا عَنْ وَجْهِ الأرْضِ الَّتِيَ أَعْطَيْتُهُمْ وَآبَاءَهُمْ إِيَّاهَا.

¹The LORD shewed me, and, behold, two baskets of figs were set before the temple of the LORD, after that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon. One basket had very good figs, even like the figs that are first ripe: and the other basket had very naughty figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad. Then said the LORD unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil. Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for their good. For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up. And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart. And as the evil figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so evil; surely thus saith the LORD, So will I give Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and them that dwell in the land of Egypt: And I will deliver them to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth for their hurt, to be

a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places whither I shall drive them. ¹⁰And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.