¹But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel.²And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Bethaven, on the east side of Bethel, and spake unto them, saying, Go up and view the country. And the men went up and viewed Ai. And they returned to Joshua, and said unto him, Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ai; and make not all the people to labour thither; for they are but few. 4So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men: and they fled before the men of Ai. And the men of Ai smote of them about thirty and six men: for they chased them from before the gate even unto Shebarim, and smote them in the going down: wherefore the hearts of the people melted, and became as water. And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the LORD until the eventide, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust upon their heads. And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord GOD, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan! O Lord, what shall I say, when Israel turneth their backs before their enemies! For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear of it, and shall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou

ُوَخَانَ بَنُو إِسْرَائِيلَ خِيَانَةً فِي الْحَرَامِ، فَأَخَذَ عَخَانُ بْنُ كَرْمِي بْنُ زَبْدِي بْنُ زَارَحَ مِنْ سِبْطِ يَهُوذَا مِنَ الْحَرَام، فَحَمِيَ غَضَبُ الرَّبِّ عَلَى بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ. ُوَأَرْسَلَ يَشُوعُ رِجَالاً مِنْ أُربِحَا إِلَى عَايَ الَّتِي عِنْدَ بَيْتِ آونَ شَرْقِيَّ بَيْتِ إِيلَ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ، اصْعَدُوا تَجَسَّسُوا الأَرْضَ. فَصَعدَ الرِّجَالُ وَتَجَسَّسُوا عَايَ. ثُمَّ رَجَعُوا إِلَى يَشُوعَ وَقَالُوا لَهُ، لاَ يَصْعَدْ كُلُّ الشُّعْبِ، بَلْ يَصْعَدْ نَجْوُ أَلْفَيْ رَجُلِ أَوْ تَلاَثَةُ آلاَف رَجُل وَيَضْرِبُوا عَايَ. لاَ تُكَلِّفُ كُلُّ الشَّعْبِ إِلَى هُنَاكَ لاَّنَّهُمْ قَلِيلُونَ ⁴فَصَعِدَ مِنَ الشَّعْبِ إِلَى هُنَاكَ نَحْوُ ثَلاَثَة آلاَف رَحُل. وَهَرَبُوا أَمَامَ أَهْل عَايَ. ⁵فَضَرَبَ مِاْ أَهْلُ عَاىَ نَحْوَ سَتَّةِ وَتَلاَثِينَ رَجُلاً، وَلَحِقُوهُمْ مِنْ أَمَامِ الْبَابِ إِلَى شَبَارِيمَ وَضَرَبُوهُمْ فِي الْمُنْحَدَرِ. فَدَابَ قَلْبُ الشُّعْب وَصَارَ مِثْلَ الْمَاءِ ۚ فَمَرَّقَ يَشُوعُ ثِيَابَهُ وَسَقَطَ عَلَى وَجْهِهِ إِلَى الأَرْضِ أَمَامَ تَابُوتِ الرَّبِّ إِلَى الْمَسَاءِ، هُوَ وَشُيُوخُ إِسْرَائِيلَ، وَوَضَعُوا تُرَاباً عَلَى رُؤُوسِهِمْ. ۖ وَقَالَ يَشُوعُ، آه يَا سَيِّدُ الرَّبُّ. لِمَاذَا عَيَّرْتَ هَذَا الشَّعْبَ الأَرْدُنَّ تَعْبِيراً لِكَيْ تَدْفَعَنَا إِلَى يَدٍ الأُمُورِيِّينَ لِيُبِيدُونَا. لَيْتَنَا ارْتَضَيْنَا وَسَكَنَّا فِي عَبْرِ الأَرْدُنِّ. ۚ أَسْأَلُكَ يَا سَيِّدُ، مَاذَا بَعْدَمَا حَوَّلَ إِسْرَائِيلُ قَفَاهُ أَمَامَ أَعْدَائِهٍ. ۖ فَنَسْمَعُ الْكَنْعَـانِتُونَ وَحَمِيـُعُ سُـكَّانِ الأَرْضِ وَيُحِيطُــونَ بنَــا وَيَقْرِضُونَ اسْمَنَا مِنَ الأَرْضِ. وَمَـاَذَا تَصْنَعُ لاسْمِكَ الْعَظِيمِ..¹¹فَقَالَ الرَّبُّ لِيَشُوعَ، قُمْ. لِمَاذَا أَنْتَ سَاقطٌ ُ قَدْ أَخْطَأَ إِسْرَائِيلُ، بَلْ تَعَدَّوْا عَهْدِي الَّذِي الَّذِي مْ بِهِ، بَلْ أَخَذُوا مِنَ الْحَرَامِ، يَلْ سَرِقُوا، رُوا، بَـلْ وَضَعُـوا فِـي أَمْتِعَتِهِمْ.²ا إِسْرَائِيلَ لِلنَّبُوتِ أَمَامَ أَعْدَائِهِمْ. يُدِيرُونَ قَفَاهُمْ أَمَامَ مْ لأَنَّهُمْ مَحْرُومُونَ، وَلاَ أَعُودُ أَكُونُ مَعَكُمْ إِنْ تُبيدُوا الْحَرَامَ مِنْ وَسَطكُمْ.³ تَقَدُّسُوا لِلغَدِ. لأَنَّهُ هَكَٰذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ إِلٰهُ إِسْرَائِيلَ، وَسَطِكَ حَرَامٌ يَا إِسْرَائِيلُ، فَلاَ تَتَمَكَّنُ لِلنَّبُوتِ أَعْدَائكَ حَتَّى تَنْزِعُوا الْحَرَامَ مِنْ وَسَطكُمْ. ِ يَتَقَدَّمُ بِعَشَائِرِهِ، وَالْعَشِيرَةُ الْتِي يَأْخُذُهَا الرَّبَّ دَّمُ بِبُيُوتِهَـا، وَالْبِبَيْثُ الَّـذِي يَأْخُ برجَالِهِ.15 وَيَكُونُ الْمَأْخُوذُ بِالْحَرَامِ يُحْرَقُ بِالنَّارِ هُوَ وَكُلَّ مَا لَهُ، لأَنَّهُ تَعَدَّى عَهْدَ الرَّبِّ، وَلأَنَّهُ عَملَ قَبَاحَةً إِسْـرَائِيلَ. 16فَيَكّـرَ يَشُـوعُ فـي الْغَـد وَقَـدَّمَ إِسْـرَ بأَسْبَاطِهِ، فَأَخِذَ سِبْطُ يَهُوذَا. 11 ثُمَّ قَدَّمَ قَبيلَةَ يَهُوذَا فَأَخِذَتْ عَشِيرَةُ الزَّارَحِيِّينَ. ثُمَّ قَدَّمَ عَشِيرَةَ الزَّارَحِيِّينَ

بر جَالِهِمْ فَأَخِذَ زَبْدِي. أَفَقَدَّمَ بَيْتَهُ برِجَالِهِ فَأَخِذَ عَخَانُ بْنُ كَرْمِي بْن زَبْدِي بْن زَارَحَ مِنْ سِبْطٍ يَهُوذَا. 19فَقَالَ يَشُوعُ لِعَخَانَ، يَا ابْنِي، أَعْطِ الآنَ مَجْداً لِلرَّبِّ إِلَهِ إِسْرَائِيلَ، وَاعْتَـرِفْ لَـهُ وَأَحْبِرْنِي الآنَ مَـاذَا عَمِلْـتَ. لَإِ تُحْـفِ عَنِّي. 20 فَأَحَابَ عَاخَانُ يَشُوعَ، حَقّاً إِنِّي قَدْ أَخْطَأَتُ إِلَى الرَّبِّ الَّهِ اسْرَائِيلَ وَصَنَعْتُ كَذَا وَكَذَاً. [1] أَنْتُ فِي الْغَنيَمَةِ رِدَاءً شَنْعَارِيّاً نَفِيساً، وَمئَتَيْ شَاقِل فضَّة، وَلسَانَ ذَهَبِ وَزْنُهُ خَمْسُونَ شَاقلاً، فَاشْتَهَنَّهُا وَأَخَذْتُهَا. وَهَا هِيَ مَطْمُ ورَةٌ فِي الأَرْضِ فِي وَسَـطٍ خَيْمَتِي، وَالْفِضَّـةُ تَحْتَهَا. 22 فَأَرْسَلَ يَشُوعُ رُسُلاً فَرَكَضُوا إِلَى الْخَيْمَة وَإِذَا هِيَ مَطْمُورَةٌ فِي خَيْمَتِهِ وَالْفِضَّةُ تَحْتَهَا. 23 فَأَخَذُوهَا مِنْ وَسَطِ الْخَيْمَةِ وَأَتَوْا بِهَا إِلَى يَشُوعَ وَإِلَى جَمِيعِ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ، وَبَسَطُوهَا أَمَامَ اللَّابِّ. 24 فَأَخَذَ يَشُوعُ عَخَانَ بْنَ زَارَحَ وَالْفِضَّةَ وَالرِّدَاءَ وَلِسَانَ الذَّهَبِ وَبَنِيهِ وَبَنَاتِهِ وَبَقَرَهُ وَحَمِيرَهُ وَغَنَمَهُ وَخَيْمَتَهُ وَكُلَّ مَا لَّهُ، وَجَمِيعُ إِسْرَائِيلَ مَعَهُ، وَصَعِدُوا بِهِمْ إِلَى وَادِي عَخُورَ. 25 فَقَالَ يَشُوعُ، كَيْفَ كَدَّرْتَنَا. بُكَدِّرُكَ ۚ الرَّبُّ في هَذَا الْيَوْمِ. فَرَحَمَهُ حَمِيعُ إِسْــرَائِيلَ بِالْحِجَــارَةِ وَأَحْرَقُــوهُمْ بِالَنَّــارِ وَرَمَــوْهُمْ بِالْحِجَارَةِ²⁶َوَأَقَامُوا فَوْقَهُ رُجْمَةَ حِجَارَةِ عَظِيمَةً إِلَى هَذَا الْيَوْمِ. فَرَجَعَ الرَّبُّ عَنْ حُمُوٌّ غَضَبِهِ. وَلِذَلِكَ دُعِيَ اسْمُ ذَلكَ أَلْمَكَانَ وَادِيَ عَخُورَ إِلَى هَذَا الْيَوْمِ.

do unto thy great name? 10 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?¹¹Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff. 12 Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you. 13 Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow: for thus saith the LORD God of Israel, There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you. 14 In the morning therefore ye shall be brought according to your tribes: and it shall be, that the tribe which the LORD taketh shall come according to the families thereof; and the family which the LORD shall take shall come by households; and the household which the LORD shall take shall come man by man. 15 And it shall be, that he that is taken with the accursed thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath: because he hath transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he hath wrought folly in Israel. 16 So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was taken: ¹⁷ And he brought the family of Judah; and he took the family of the

Zarhites: and he brought the family of the Zarhites man by man; and Zabdi was taken: 18 And he brought his household man by man; and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken. ¹⁹ And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me. ²⁰And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done: 21 When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it. 22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent; and, behold, it was hid in his tent, and the silver under it. 23 And they took them out of the midst of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and unto all the children of Israel, and laid them out before the LORD.²⁴And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them unto the valley of Achor. 25 And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones. 26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, unto this day.