

¹ And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night. ² And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness! ³ And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt? ⁴ And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt. ⁵ Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel. ⁶ And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes: ⁷ And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land. ⁸ If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. ⁹ Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not. ¹⁰ But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel. ¹¹ And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have shewed among

¹ فَرَفِعْتُ كُلُّ الْجَمَاعَةِ صَوْنَهَا وَصَرَحْتُ. وَبَكَى النَّاسُ
تُلْكَ اللَّيْلَةَ. ² وَدَمَرَ عَلَى مُوسَى وَعَلَى هَارُونَ جَمِيعَ بَنِي
إِسْرَائِيلَ, وَقَالَ لَهُمَا كُلُّ الْجَمَاعَةِ, إِيَّنَا مُنْتَا فِي أَرْضِ
مِصْرَ, أَوْ لَيْسَا مُنْتَا فِي هَذَا الْفَقْرِ. وَلِمَاذَا أَنَّ يَنْتَ الَّرَبُّ
إِلَى هَذِهِ الْأَرْضِ لِتَسْقُطَ بِالسَّيْفِ. تَصِيرُ نِسَاؤُنَا وَأَطْفَالُنَا
عَنِيمَةً. أَلِيْسَ خَيْرًا لَنَا أَنْ تَرْجِعَ إِلَى مِصْرَ؟ فَقَالَ بَعْضُهُمْ
لِبَعْضٍ, نُقِيمُ رَئِيسًا وَتَرْجِعَ إِلَى مِصْرَ؟ ³ فَسَقَطَ مُوسَى
وَهَارُونُ عَلَى وَحْقِيهِمَا أَمَامَ كُلِّ مَعْشَرِ جَمَاعَةِ بَنِي
إِسْرَائِيلَ. ⁴ وَبَسُوْغُ بْنُ ثُوْنَ وَكَالْبُ بْنُ يَقْتَةَ, مِنَ الَّذِينَ
تَجَسَّسُوا الْأَرْضَ, مَرَقا تَبَاهَمَا ⁵ وَقَالَا لِكُلِّ جَمَاعَةِ بَنِي
إِسْرَائِيلَ, الْأَرْضُ الَّتِي مَرَرْنَا فِيهَا لِتَجَسَّسَهَا حَيْدَهُ جَدَّاً
جَدَّاً. ⁶ إِنْ سُرَّ يَنْتَ الَّرَبُّ يُدْخِلُنَا إِلَى هَذِهِ الْأَرْضِ وَيُعْطِيَنَا
إِيَّاهَا, أَرْضًا تَنِيصُ لَبَنَا وَعَسْلًا. إِنَّمَا لَا تَنْمَرُّونَا عَلَى
الَّرَبِّ, وَلَا تَخَافُونَا مِنْ سَعْبِ الْأَرْضِ لِأَنَّهُمْ حُبْزَنَا. قَدْ رَأَى
عَنْهُمْ طَلْهُمْ, وَالَّرَبُّ مَعَنَا. لَا تَحَاجُوهُمْ. وَلَكِنْ قَالَ كُلُّ
الْجَمَاعَةِ أَنْ يُرْجِعَنَا بِالْجَهَارَةِ. ثُمَّ طَهَرَ مَحْدُ الَّرَبِّ فِي
حِينَمَةِ الْإِخْتِمَاعِ لِكُلِّ يَنْتَيْ إِسْرَائِيلَ. ⁷ وَقَالَ الَّرَبُّ لِمُوسَى,
حَتَّى مَنِّيْنِيْ هَذَا النَّاسُ, وَحَتَّى مَنِّيْ لَا يُصَدِّقُونِي
بِحَمِيمَ الْإِيَّاتِ الَّتِي عَمِلْتُ فِي وَسْطِهِمْ. ⁸ إِنِّي أَصْرِيْهُمْ
بِالْوَيْا وَأَبِيْهِمْ, وَأَضِيرُكَ شَعْبًا أَكْبَرَ وَأَعْظَمَ مِنْهُمْ. ⁹ فَقَالَ
مُوسَى لِلَّرَبِّ, فَيَسْمَعُ الْمِصْرِيُّونَ الَّذِينَ أَصْعَدْتَ يُقْوَيْنَكَ
هَذَا النَّاسُ بِمِنْ وَسْطِهِمْ, وَيَقُولُونَ لِسُكَّانِ هَذِهِ
الْأَرْضِ الَّذِينَ قَدْ سَمِعُوا أَنَّكَ يَا رَبِّ فِي وَسْطِ هَذَا
النَّاسُ, الَّذِينَ أَنْتَ يَا رَبِّ قَدْ ظَهَرْتَ لَهُمْ عَيْنًا لِعَيْنِ,
وَسَخَابَكَ وَاقِفَةً عَلَيْهِمْ, وَأَنْتَ سَائِرُ أَمَاهُمْ بِعَمُودٍ
سَحَابٌ نَهَارًا وَبِعَمُودٍ تَارِ لَيْلًا. ¹⁰ إِنْ قَتَلْتَ هَذَا النَّاسُ
كَرْجُلٌ وَاحِدٌ, يَقُولُ الشُّعُوبُ الَّذِينَ سَمِعُوا بِحَيْركَ,¹¹ لَأَنَّ
الَّرَبِّ لَمْ يَقْدِرْ أَنْ يُدْخِلَ هَذَا النَّاسُ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ الَّتِي
حَلَفَ لَهُمْ, قَنَّلَهُمْ فِي الْفَقْرِ. ¹² قَالَ الَّآنَ لِتَعْظِمُمْ قُدْرَةَ سَيِّديِ
كَمَا قُلْتَ, الَّرَبُّ طَوِيلُ الرُّوحِ كَثِيرُ الْإِحْسَانِ, يَعْفُرُ
الْدَّنْبَ وَالسَّيْنَةَ, لَكِنَّهُ لَا يَبِرُّ. ¹³ بَلْ يَجْعَلُ ذَنْبَ الْأَيَاءِ عَلَى
الْأَيَاءِ إِلَى الْجِيلِ الْثَالِثِ وَالرَّابِعِ, إِصْفَحْ عَنْ ذَنْبِ هَذَا
النَّاسُ كَعَظَمَةِ يَعْمِلُكَ, وَكَمَا عَفَرْتَ لِهَذَا النَّاسِ مِنْ
مِصْرَ إِلَى هُنْهَا. ¹⁴ فَقَالَ الَّرَبِّ, قَدْ صَفَحْتُ حَسَبَ
قَوْلِكَ. وَلَكِنْ حَيْ أَنَا قَنْمِلًا كُلُّ الْأَرْضِ مِنْ مَحْدِ
الَّرَبِّ, إِنَّ جَمِيعَ الرِّجَالِ الَّذِينَ رَأَوْا مَحْدِيَ وَأَيَّاتِيَ الَّتِي
عَمِلْهَا فِي مِصْرَ وَفِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ, وَجَرَّبُونِي الَّآنَ عَشَرَ
مَرَّاتٍ وَلَمْ يَسْمَعُوا لِقَوْلِي, ¹⁵ لَنْ يَرَوْا الْأَرْضَ الَّتِي حَلَفُ

them?¹² I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they.¹³ And Moses said unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians shall hear it, (for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them;)¹⁴ And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: for they have heard that thou LORD art among this people, that thou LORD art seen face to face, and that thy cloud standeth over them, and that thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.¹⁵ Now if thou shalt kill all this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak, saying,¹⁶ Because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land which he sware unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness.¹⁷ And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying,¹⁸ The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.¹⁹ Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.²⁰ And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to thy word:²¹ But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.²² Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now

لابئهم. وَجَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ أَهَانُونِي لَا يَرَوْهَا. وَأَمَّا عَنْدِي
كَالِبٌ فَمِنْ أَخْلَى أَنَّهُ كَانَتْ مَعَهُ رُوحٌ أُخْرَى، وَقَدْ أَسْعَنِي
تَمَامًاً أَخْلُهُ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ الَّتِي ذَهَبَ إِلَيْهَا، وَرَغْبَهُ
يَرْهَا.²⁵ وَإِذْ الْعَمَالَقُهُ وَالْكَنْعَانِيُّونَ سَاكِنُونَ فِي الْوَادِي،
فَأَنْصَرُوهُمْ إِلَى الْقُفْرِ فِي طَرِيقٍ بَخْرِ
شُوفٍ.²⁶ وَقَالَ الرَّبُّ لِمُوسَى وَهَارُونَ، حَتَّى مَنِ اغْفَرَ
لِهِذِهِ الْجَمَاعَةِ السَّرِيرَةِ الْمُمَدَّمَرَةِ عَلَيْهِ. قَدْ سَمِعْتُ
تَدَمَّرَ يَبْنَى إِسْرَائِيلَ الَّذِي يَتَدَمَّرُ وَهُنَّ عَلَيْهِ.²⁸ فَلِلَّهِمْ، حَيْثُ
أَنَا يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ، لَأَفْعَلَنَّ بِكُمْ كَمَا تَكْلَمْتُمْ فِي أَذْنِي.²⁹ فِي
هَذَا الْقُفْرِ سَقْطُ جُنُكُمْ، جَمِيعُ الْمَعْدُودِينَ مِنْكُمْ حَسَبَ
عَدَدِكُمْ مِنْ أَبْنَى عِشْرِينَ سَنَةً فَصَاعِدًا الَّذِينَ تَدَمَّرُوا
عَلَيْهِ.³⁰ لَنْ تَدْخُلُوا الْأَرْضَ الَّتِي رَفَعْتُ يَدِي لِأَسْكِنْكُمْ
فِيهَا، مَا عَدَا كَالِبَ بْنَ يَقْنَةَ وَيَسْنُوَ بْنَ نُونَ.³¹ وَأَمَّا
أَطْفَالَكُمُ الَّذِينَ قُلْنَمْ يَكُونُونَ غَيْرَمَةٍ فَأَيْنِي سَادِرُهُمْ،
فَيَعْرِفُونَ الْأَرْضَ الَّتِي احْتَرَمُوهَا.³² فَجُنُكُمْ أَنْتُمْ سَقْطُ
فِي هَذَا الْقُفْرِ، وَبِتُوكُمْ يَكُونُونَ رُعَاةً فِي الْقُفْرِ أَرْبعَينَ
سَنَةً، وَبِحَمْلِكُمْ فُجُورَكُمْ حَتَّى تَفْتَنِي جُنُكُمْ فِي
الْقُفْرِ.³⁴ كَعَدَ الْأَيَّامُ الَّتِي تَجَسَّسَتْ فِيهَا الْأَرْضُ أَرْبعَينَ
يَوْمًا، لِلْسَّيْنَةِ يَوْمٌ. تَحْمِلُونَ دُنُوكُمْ أَرْبعَينَ سَنَةً فَتَغْرُبُونَ
إِنْتَعَادِي. أَنَا الرَّبُّ قَدْ تَكَلَّمْتُ. لَأَفْعَلَنَّ هَذَا بِكُلِّ هَذِهِ
الْجَمَاعَةِ السَّرِيرَةِ الْمُمَفَّقَةِ عَلَيْهِ.³⁵ فِي هَذَا الْقُفْرِ يَقْنُونَ
وَفِيهِ يَمُوْنُونَ.³⁶ أَمَّا الرِّجَالُ الَّذِينَ أَرْسَلَهُمْ مُوسَى
لِيَتَجَسَّسُوا الْأَرْضَ، وَرَجَعُوا وَسَجَسُوا عَلَيْهِ كُلَّ الْجَمَاعَةِ
لِإِشَاعَةِ الْمُدَمَّمَةِ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ، قَمَاتِ الرِّجَالِ الَّذِينَ
أَسَاغُوا الْمُدَمَّمَةِ الرَّدِيَّةِ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ بِالْوَيْا أَمَامَ
الرَّبِّ.³⁸ وَأَمَّا يَسْنُوَ بْنُ نُونَ وَكَالِبُ بْنُ يَقْنَةَ، مِنْ أُولَئِكَ
الرِّجَالِ الَّذِينَ ذَهَبُوا لِيَتَجَسَّسُوا الْأَرْضَ، فَعَاشَا.³⁹ وَلَمَّا
تَكَلَّمَ مُوسَى يَهَدَا الْكَلَامَ إِلَى حَمِيعِ يَبْنَى إِسْرَائِيلِ بَكَى
الشَّعْبُ حَدَّا.⁴⁰ ثُمَّ بَكَرُوا صَبَاحًا وَصَعَدُوا إِلَى رَأْسِ الْجَبَلِ
فَأَئْلَمُ، هُوَدَا نَحْنُ. يَصْعُدُ إِلَى الْمَوْضِعِ الَّذِي قَالَ الرَّبُّ
عَنْهُ، وَإِنَّا قَدْ أَخْطَانَا.⁴¹ فَقَالَ مُوسَى، لِمَّا تَجَاهُرُونَ
قَوْلَ الرَّبِّ. فَهَذَا لَا يَنْجُحُ. لَا تَصْعَدُوا لَآنَ الرَّبِّ لَيْسَ
فِي وَسْطِكُمْ إِنَّا تَهْرُمُوا أَمَامَ أَعْدَائِكُمْ.⁴³ لَآنَ الْعَمَالَقَهُ
وَالْكَنْعَانِيَّهُ هُنَّاكَ فُدَامَكُمْ تَسْقُطُونَ بِالسَّيْفِ. إِنَّكُمْ قَدِ
أَرْسَدَنَمْ عَنِ الرَّبِّ، فَالرَّبُّ لَا يَكُونُ مَعَكُمْ.⁴⁴ لَكُنُهُمْ
تَجْبَرُوا وَصَعَدُوا إِلَى رَأْسِ الْجَبَلِ. وَأَمَّا تَأْوِيَتْ عَهْدَ الرَّبِّ
وَمُوسَى فَلَمْ يَرْجِعَا مِنْ وَسْطِ الْمَحَلَّةِ. فَتَرَلَ الْعَمَالَقَهُ
وَالْكَنْعَانِيَّهُ السَّاكِنُونَ فِي ذِلَّ الْجَبَلِ وَصَرَبُوهُمْ

وَكَسَرُوْهُمْ إِلَى حُرْمَةَ.

these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice; ²³Surely they shall not see the land which I sware unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it: ²⁴But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it. ²⁵(Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwelt in the valley.) To morrow turn you, and get you into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea. ²⁶And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, ²⁷How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me. ²⁸Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you: ²⁹Your carcases shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me, ³⁰Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I sware to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. ³¹But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised. ³²But as for you, your carcases, they shall fall in this wilderness. ³³And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcases be wasted in the wilderness. ³⁴After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear

your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.³⁵ I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.³⁶ And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land,³⁷ Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the LORD.³⁸ But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of the men that went to search the land, lived still.³⁹ And Moses told these sayings unto all the children of Israel: and the people mourned greatly.⁴⁰ And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we be here, and will go up unto the place which the LORD hath promised: for we have sinned.⁴¹ And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of the LORD? but it shall not prosper.⁴² Go not up, for the LORD is not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies.⁴³ For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned away from the LORD, therefore the LORD will not be with you.⁴⁴ But they presumed to go up unto the hill top: nevertheless the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and Moses, departed not out of the camp.⁴⁵ Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, even

unto Hormah.