

¹هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ مِنْ أَجْلِ ذُنُوبِ مُوَابِ الثَّلَاثَةِ وَالْأَرْبَعَةِ لَا أَرْجِعُ عَنْهُ، لِأَنَّهُمْ أَحْرَقُوا عِطَامَ مَلِكِ أَدُومَ كِلْسًا.² فَأَرْسِلُ تَارًا عَلَى مُوَابِ قَتَاكُلُ قُصُورِ قَرْبُوتَ، وَيَمُوتُ مُوَابُ بِضَجِيجٍ، بِجَلْبَةٍ، بِصَوْتِ الْبُوقِ.³ وَأَقْطَعُ الْقَاضِيَّ مِنْ وَسْطِهَا، وَأَقْتُلُ جَمِيعَ رُؤَسَائِهَا مَعَهُ قَالَ الرَّبُّ.⁴ هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ مِنْ أَجْلِ ذُنُوبِ يَهُودَا الثَّلَاثَةِ وَالْأَرْبَعَةِ لَا أَرْجِعُ عَنْهُ، لِأَنَّهُمْ رَفَضُوا يَامُوسَ اللَّهَ وَلَمْ يَحْفَظُوا قَرَائِصَهُ، وَأَصْلَنَهُمْ أَكَادِيَهُمُ النَّبِيِّ سَارَ آبَاؤُهُمْ وَرَاءَهَا.⁵ فَأَرْسِلُ تَارًا عَلَى يَهُودَا قَتَاكُلُ قُصُورِ أُورُشَلِيمَ.⁶ هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ مِنْ أَجْلِ ذُنُوبِ إِسْرَائِيلَ الثَّلَاثَةِ وَالْأَرْبَعَةِ لَا أَرْجِعُ عَنْهُ، لِأَنَّهُمْ بَاغُوا النَّبَارَ بِالْفِصَّةِ وَالْبَانِسَ لِأَجْلِ تَعْلِينَ. الَّذِينَ يَتَهَمُّونَ ثَرَابَ الْأَرْضِ عَلَى رُؤُوسِ الْمَسَاكِينِ، وَيَصُدُّونَ سَبِيلَ الْبَائِسِينَ، وَيَذْهَبُ رَجُلٌ وَأَبُوهُ إِلَى صَيِّبَةٍ وَاحِدَةٍ حَتَّى يُدْتَسُوا اسْمَ قُذْسِي.⁸ وَيَتَمَدَّدُونَ عَلَى تِيَابِ مَرْهُونَةٍ بِجَانِبِ كُلِّ مَدْيَحٍ، وَيَسْرَبُونَ حَمْرَ الْمُعَرَّمِينَ فِي بَيْتِ آلِهِتِهِمْ.⁹ وَأَنَا قَدْ أَبَدْتُ مِنْ أَمَامِهِمُ الْأُمُورِيَّ الَّذِي قَامَتْهُ مِثْلُ قَامَةِ الْأَرِزِ، وَهُوَ قَوِيٌّ كَالْبُلُوطِ. أَبَدْتُ تَمَرَهُ مِنْ قَوْقٍ، وَأَصُولَهُ مِنْ تَحْتِ.¹⁰ وَأَنَا أَصْعَدْتُكُمْ مِنْ أَرْضِ مِصْرَ وَسِرْتُ بِكُمْ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ أَرْبَعِينَ سَنَةً لِتَرْتُوا أَرْضَ الْأُمُورِيِّ.¹¹ وَأَقَمْتُ مِنْ بَيْنِكُمْ أَنْبِيَاءَ وَمِنْ فِتْيَانِكُمْ تَذِيرِينَ. أَلَيْسَ هَكَذَا يَا بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ¹² لِكَيْتُكُمْ تَهْتَفِئُ التَّذِيرِينَ حَمْرًا، وَأَوْصِيَتُكُمْ الْأَنْبِيَاءَ قَائِلِينَ لَا تَسْبَأُوا.¹³ هَكَذَا أَصْعَبُ مَا تَحْكُمُ كَمَا تَضَعُ الْعَجَلَةَ الْمَلَانَةَ حُرْمًا.¹⁴ وَيَبِيدُ الْمَتَّاصُ عَنِ السَّرِيعِ، وَالْقَوِيُّ لَا يَسُدُّ قُوَّتَهُ، وَالْبَطَلُ لَا يُتَجَّى نَفْسَهُ.¹⁵ وَمَا سَبُكُ الْقَوْسِ لَا يَنْبُتُ، وَسَرِيعُ الرَّجُلَيْنِ لَا يَنْجُو، وَرَاكِبُ الْخَيْلِ لَا يُتَجَّى نَفْسَهُ.¹⁶ وَالْقَوِيُّ الْقَلْبِ بَيْنَ الْأَبْطَالِ يَهْرُبُ غَرْبَانًا فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ.

¹Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime:²But I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth: and Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet:³And I will cut off the judge from the midst thereof, and will slay all the princes thereof with him, saith the LORD.⁴Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have despised the law of the LORD, and have not kept his commandments, and their lies caused them to err, after the which their fathers have walked:⁵But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.⁶Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes;⁷That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek: and a man and his father will go in unto the same maid, to profane my holy name:⁸And they lay themselves down upon clothes laid to pledge by every altar, and they drink the wine of the condemned in the house of their god.⁹Yet destroyed I the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath.¹⁰Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you forty years

through the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite.¹¹ And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Nazarites. Is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith the LORD.¹² But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophecy not.¹³ Behold, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves.¹⁴ Therefore the flight shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not strengthen his force, neither shall the mighty deliver himself:¹⁵ Neither shall he stand that handleth the bow; and he that is swift of foot shall not deliver himself : neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver himself.¹⁶ And he that is courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, saith the LORD.