

¹Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel.² So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll.³ And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.⁴ And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them.⁵ For thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech and of an hard language, but to the house of Israel;⁶ Not to many people of a strange speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee.⁷ But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel are impudent and hardhearted.⁸ Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads.⁹ As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.¹⁰ Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears.¹¹ And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.¹² Then the spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, saying, Blessed be the

¹قَالَ لِي، يَا ابْنِ آدَمَ، كُلْ مَا تَجِدُهُ. كُلْ هَذَا الدَّرَجَ،
وَاذْهَبْ كَلِّمْ بَيْتَ إِسْرَائِيلَ.² فَفَتَحْتُ فِيَّ فَأَطَعَمَنِي ذَلِكَ
الدَّرَجَ.³ وَقَالَ لِي، يَا ابْنِ آدَمَ، أَطْعِمْ بَطْنَكَ وَأَمْلَأْ جَوْفَكَ
مِنْ هَذَا الدَّرَجِ الَّذِي أَنَا مُعْطِيكَ. فَكُلْتُهُ فَصَارَ فِي فِيَّ
كَالْعَسَلِ خَلَاوَةً.⁴ فَقَالَ لِي، يَا ابْنِ آدَمَ، اذْهَبْ امضْ إِلَى
بَيْتِ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَكَلِّمْهُمْ بِكَلَامِي.⁵ لِأَنَّكَ عَيْرٌ مُرْسَلٌ إِلَى
شَعْبٍ غَامِضٍ اللِّغَةِ وَثَقِيلِ اللِّسَانِ، بَلْ إِلَى بَيْتِ
إِسْرَائِيلَ.⁶ لَا إِلَى شُعُوبٍ كَثِيرَةٍ غَامِضَةِ اللِّغَةِ وَثَقِيلَةِ
اللِّسَانِ لَسْتُ تَفْهَمُ كَلَامَهُمْ. قَلُّوْا أَرْسَلْتُكَ إِلَى هَؤُلَاءِ
لَسْمِعُوْا لَكَ.⁷ لَكِنَّ بَيْتَ إِسْرَائِيلَ لَا يَسْمَعُ أَنْ يَسْمَعَ لَكَ،
لَأَنَّهُمْ لَا يَسْمَعُونَ أَنْ يَسْمَعُوا لِي. لِأَنَّ كُلَّ بَيْتِ إِسْرَائِيلَ
صِلَابُ الْجَبَاهِ وَفُسَاةُ الْقُلُوبِ.⁸ هَتِّدَا قَدْ جَعَلْتُ وَجْهَكَ
صُلْبًا مِثْلَ وَجُوهِهِمْ وَجِهَتَكَ صُلْبَةً مِثْلَ جِبَاهِهِمْ،⁹ قَدْ
جَعَلْتُ جِهَتَكَ كَالْمَاسِ أَصْلَبَ مِنَ الصَّوَّانِ، فَلَا تَخَفُهُمْ
وَلَا تَرْجِعْ مِنْ وَجُوهِهِمْ لِأَنَّهُمْ يَبْغُونَ مُمَرَّدًا.¹⁰ وَقَالَ لِي، يَا
ابْنَ آدَمَ، كُلْ الْكَلَامَ الَّذِي أَكَلَمْتُكَ بِهِ أَوْعِهِ فِي قَلْبِكَ
وَأَسْمَعْهُ بِأُذُنِكَ.¹¹ وَامْضِ اذْهَبْ إِلَى الْمَسْبُورِينَ إِلَى بَنِي
شَعْبِكَ وَكَلِّمْهُمْ وَقُلْ لَهُمْ، هَكَذَا قَالَ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ، إِنْ
سَمِعُوا وَإِنْ أَمْسَعُوا.¹² ثُمَّ حَمَلَنِي رُوحٌ فَسَمِعْتُ خَلْفِي
صَوْتَ رَعْدٍ عَظِيمٍ، مُبَارَكٌ مَجْدُ الرَّبِّ مِنْ
مَكَانِهِ.¹³ وَصَوْتُ أَجْنَحَةِ الْحَيَوَانَاتِ الْمُتَلَاصِقَةِ الْوَاحِدِ
بِأَخِيهِ وَصَوْتُ التَّكَرَّاتِ مَعَهَا وَصَوْتُ رَعْدٍ
عَظِيمٍ.¹⁴ فَحَمَلَنِي الرُّوحُ وَأَخَذَنِي، فَذَهَبْتُ مُرًّا فِي
حَرَارَةِ رُوحِي، وَبَدَأَ الرَّبُّ كَانَتْ سَدِيدَةً عَلَيَّ.¹⁵ فَجِئْتُ
إِلَى الْمَسْبُورِينَ عِنْدَ تَلِّ أَيْبَ، السَّاكِنِينَ عِنْدَ نَهْرِ خَابُورَ.
وَحَيْثُ سَكَنُوا هُنَاكَ سَكَنْتُ سَبْعَةَ أَيَّامٍ مُتَحَبِّرًا فِي
وَسْطِهِمْ.¹⁶ وَكَانَ عِنْدَ تَمَامِ السَّبْعَةِ الْيَّامِ أَنَّ كَلِمَةَ الرَّبِّ
صَارَتْ إِلَيَّ،¹⁷ يَا ابْنَ آدَمَ، قَدْ جَعَلْتُكَ رَقِيبًا لِبَيْتِ
إِسْرَائِيلَ. فَاسْمَعْ الْكَلِمَةَ مِنْ فِيَّ وَأَنْذِرْهُمْ مِنْ
قِيَلِي.¹⁸ إِذَا قُلْتُ لِلشَّرِّيرِ، مَوْتًا تَمُوتُ وَمَا أَنْذَرْتَهُ أَنْتَ وَلَا
تَكَلَّمْتَ إِذْ بَارَأَ لِلشَّرِّيرِ مِنْ طَرِيقِهِ الرَّدِيئَةِ لِاجْتِنَائِهِ، فَذَلِكَ
الشَّرِّيرُ يَمُوتُ بِإِنْمِهِ، أَمَّا دَمُهُ فَمِنْ يَدِكَ أَطْلُبُهُ.¹⁹ وَإِنْ
أَنْذَرْتَ أَنْتَ الشَّرِّيرَ وَلَمْ يَرْجِعْ عَنْ شَرِّهِ وَلَا عَنْ طَرِيقِهِ
الرَّدِيئَةِ، فَإِنَّهُ يَمُوتُ بِإِنْمِهِ. أَمَّا أَنْتَ فَقَدْ تَجَبَّيْتَ
نَفْسَكَ.²⁰ وَالْبَاطِلُ إِنْ رَجَعَ عَنْ بَرِّهِ وَعَمِلَ إِنَّمَا وَجَعَلْتُ
مَعْتَرَةً أَمَامَهُ فَإِنَّهُ يَمُوتُ. لِأَنَّكَ لَمْ تُنْذِرْهُ يَمُوتُ فِي
خَطِيئَتِهِ وَلَا يُدَكِّرُ يَرُّهُ الَّذِي عَمِلَهُ. أَمَّا دَمُهُ فَمِنْ يَدِكَ
أَطْلُبُهُ.²¹ وَإِنْ أَنْذَرْتَ أَنْتَ الْبَاطِلَ مِنْ أَنْ يُخْطِئَ الْبَاطِلُ، وَهُوَ

glory of the LORD from his place.¹³ I heard also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over against them, and a noise of a great rushing.¹⁴ So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the LORD was strong upon me.¹⁵ Then I came to them of the captivity at Telabib, that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days.¹⁶ And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,¹⁷ Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.¹⁸ When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.¹⁹ Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.²⁰ Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.²¹ Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned;

لَمْ يُخْطِئْ، فَإِنَّهُ حَيَاةٌ بِحَيَاةٍ لَّأَنَّهُ أُذِرَ، وَأَنْتَ تَكُونُ قَدْ تَجَبَّيْتَ نَفْسَكَ.²² وَكَأَنَّ يَدَ الرَّبِّ عَلَيَّ هُنَاكَ. وَقَالَ لِي، قُمْ اخْرُجْ إِلَى الْبُقْعَةِ وَهُنَاكَ أَكَلْمُكَ.²³ فَقُمْتُ وَخَرَجْتُ إِلَى الْبُقْعَةِ، وَإِذَا بِمَجْدِ الرَّبِّ وَاقِفٌ هُنَاكَ كَالْمَجْدِ الَّذِي رَأَيْتُهُ عِنْدَ نَهَرِ خَابُورَ. فَخَرَزْتُ عَلَى وَجْهِهِ.²⁴ فَدَخَلْتُ فِي رُوحٍ وَأَقَامَنِي عَلَى قَدَمَيْ. ثُمَّ قَالَ لِي، إِذْهَبْ أَغْلِقْ عَلَى نَفْسِكَ فِي وَسْطِ بَيْنِكَ.²⁵ وَأَنْتَ يَا ابْنَ آدَمَ فَهَا هُمْ يَصْنَعُونَ عَلَيْكَ رُبَطًا وَيَقِيدُونَكَ بِهَا، فَلَا تَخْرُجْ فِي وَسْطِهِمْ.²⁶ وَالصِّقْ لِسَانَكَ بِخَنِكَ فَتَبْكُمُ وَلَا تَكُونُ لَهُمْ رَجُلًا مُوَبِّخًا، لِأَنَّهُمْ بَيْتٌ مُتَمَرِّدٌ.²⁷ فَإِذَا كَلَّمْتُكَ أَفْتَحْ فَمَكَ فَتَقُولُ لَهُمْ، هَكَذَا قَالَ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ. مَنْ يَسْمَعُ فَلْيَسْمَعْ، وَمَنْ يَمْتَنِعُ فَلْيَمْتَنِعْ. لِأَنَّهُمْ بَيْتٌ مُتَمَرِّدٌ.

also thou hast delivered thy soul.²² And the hand of the LORD was there upon me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with thee.²³ Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river of Chebar: and I fell on my face.²⁴ Then the spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet, and spake with me, and said unto me, Go, shut thyself within thine house.²⁵ But thou, O son of man, behold, they shall put bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them:²⁶ And I will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them a reprover: for they are a rebellious house.²⁷ But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; He that heareth, let him hear; and he that forbeareth, let him forbear: for they are a rebellious house.