ُعَلَى مَرْصَدِى أَقِفُ وَعَلَى الْحِصْنِ أَنْتَصِبُ، وَأَرَاقِبُ الْحِصْنِ أَنْتَصِبُ، وَأَرَاقِبُ لأَرَى مَاذَا يَقُولُ لِي، وَمَاذَا أَجِيبُ عَنْ شَكْوَايَ. ُ فَأَجَايَنِي الرَّتُّ، اكْتُب الرُّؤْيَا وَانْقُشْهَا عَلَى الْأَلْوَاحِ لِيَرْكُضَ قَارِئُهَا، ۚ لأَنَّ الرُّؤْبَا بَعْدُ الِّي الْمِيعَادِ، وَفِي النِّهَايَة بَتَكَلَّمُ وَلاَ تَكْذِبُ. إِنْ تَوَانَتْ فَانْتَظرْهَا لأَنَّهَا سَتَأْتِي إِثْنَاناً وَلاَ مُنْتَفِخَةٌ غَيْرُ مُسْتَقِيمَة نَفْسُهُ فيه. وَالْبَالُّ بِإِيمَانِهِ يَحْيَا. ۗ وَحَقّاً إِنَّ الْخَمْرَ غَادِرَةٌ. الرَّجُلَ مُتَكِّبُّرُ وَلاَ يَهْدَأُ. الَّذِي قَدْ وَسَّغَ نَفْسَهُ كَالْهَاوِيَةِ، وَهُوَ كَالْمَوْتِ فَلاَ يَشْيَعُ، بَلْ يَجْمَعُ إِلَى نَفْسِهِ كُلُّ الأُمَمِ، وَيَضُمُّ إِلَى نَفْسِهِ جَمِيعَ الشَّعُوبِ. ۚ فَهَلاّ يَنْطِقُ هَؤُلاَءِ كُلِّهُمْ بِهَجُو عَلَيْهِ وَلُغْز شَمَاتَة بِهِ، وَنَقُولُونَ، وَبْلُ لِلْمُكَثِّرِ مَا لَيْسَ لَهُ. إِلَى مَتَى. وَللْمُتَقِّلِ نَفْسَـهُ رُهُوناً. ۖ أَلاَ نَقُـومُ نَغْتَـةً مُقَـارِضُوكَ وَيَسْتَنْقَظُ مُزَعْزِعُوكَ، فَتَكُونُ غَنِيمَةً لَهُمْ. ْلِأَتَّكَ سَلَنْتَ أَمَماً كَثيرَةً، فَبَقَيَّةُ الشَّعُوبِ كُلِّهَا تَسْلِبُكَ لِدِمَاءِ النَّاسِ وَظُلْـم الأرْض وَالْمَدِينَـةِ وَجَمِيعِ السَّـاكِنِينَ فِيهَا. ۗوَيْـلُّ ىَنْتَهُ كَسْباً شرِّيراً لِيَجْعَلَ عُشَّهُ فِي الْعُلُوِّ لِيَنْجُوَ رِّ ،¹⁰ تَآمَرْتَ الْخِزْيَ لِبَيْتِكَ. إِبَادَةَ شُعُوب كَثْرَة وَأَنْتَ مُخْطئٌ لِنَفْسِكَ. 11 لأنَّ الْحَجَرَ يَصْرُخُ مِنَ الْحَائِطِ فَيُحِيثُهُ الْحَائِزُ مِنَ الْخَشَبِ.12 وَيْلٌ لِلْيَانِي مَدِينَةً بالدِّمَاءِ، وَلِلْمُؤَسِّس قَرْيَةً بالإِثْم. أَلَيْسَ مِنْ قِبَل رَبِّ الْحُنُودِ أَنَّ الشَّعُوبَ يَتْعَبُونَ لِلنَّارِ، وَالْأَمَمَ لِلْبَاطِل يُعْيُونَ. 14لأنَّ الأرْضَ تَمْتَلِئُ مِنْ مَعْرِفَة مَجْدِ الرَّبِّ كَمَا تُغَطِّي الْمِيَاهُ الْبَحْرَ. ¹⁵َوَيْلُ لِمَنْ يَسْقى صَاحِبَهُ سَافحاً حُمُوَّكَ وَمُسْكِراً أَيْضاً، لِلنَّظَرِ إِلَى عَوْرَ اتِهِمْ. 16قَدْ شَبِعْتَ خِزْياً عَوَضاً عَنِ الْمَحْدِ. فَاشْرَبْ أَنْتَ َأَبْضاً وَاكْشفْ غُرْلَتَكَ. تَدُورُ إِلَيْكَ كَأْسُ يَمِينِ الرَّبِّ، وَقُيَاءُ الْخِزْي عَلَى مَجْدكَ. 11 لأنَّ ظُلْمَ لُبْنَانَ يُغَطِّيكَ وَاغْتِصَابَ الْبَهَائِمُ الَّذِي رَوَّعَهَا، لأَجْل دمَاءِ النَّاس وَظُلْم الأَرْضِ وَالْمَدينَة وَجَميع السَّاكِنِينَ فِيهَا ¹⁸مَاذَا نَفَعَ التِّمْثَالُ الْمَنْحُوتُ حَتَّى نَحَتَهُ صَانِعُهُ، أَوِ الْمَسْبُوكَ وَمُعَلِّمُ الْكَذِبِ حَتَّى إِنَّ الصَّانِعَ صَنْعَةً يَتَّكُلُ عَلَيْهَا، فَيَصْنَعُ أَوْثَاناً يُكْمِاً. 19وْثُلُ لِلْقَائِلِ لِلْعُودِ، اسْتَيْقظْ. وَلِلْحَجَرِ الأَصَمِّ، انْتَبِهْ. أَهُوَ يُعَلِّمُ. هَا هُوَ مَطْلِيٌّ بِالدَّهَبِ وَالْفِضَّةِ، وَلاَ رُوحَ الْبَتَّةَ فِي دَاخِلِهِ.²⁰أُمَّا الرَّبُّ فَفِي هَيْكَل قُدْسِهِ. فَاسْكُتِي قُدَّامَهُ يَا كُلَّ الأَرْضِ.

¹I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith. Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, he is a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who enlargeth his desire as hell, and is as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people: Shall not all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him, and say, Woe to him that increaseth that which is not his! how long? and to him that ladeth himself with thick clay! Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee, and awake that shall vex thee, and thou shalt be for booties unto them? Because thou hast spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people shall spoil thee; because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein. Woe to him that coveteth an evil covetousness to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil! 10 Thou hast consulted shame to thy house by cutting off many people, and hast sinned against thy soul. 11 For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer

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it. 12 Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and stablisheth a city by iniquity! 13 Behold, is it not of the LORD of hosts that the people shall labour in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves for very vanity?¹⁴For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. 15 Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that puttest thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, that mayest thou look o n their nakedness! 16 Thou art filled with shame for glory: drink thou also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered: the cup of the LORD's right hand shall be turned unto thee, and shameful spewing shall be on thy glory. ¹⁷ For the violence of Lebanon shall cover thee, and the spoil of beasts, which made them afraid, because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein. 18 What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols?¹⁹Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it. 20 But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.