أَإِنْ رَجَعْتَ يَا إِسْرَائِيلُ يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ، إِنْ رَجَعْتَ إِلَىَّ وَإِنْ نَزَعْتَ مَكْرُهَاتِكَ مِنْ أَمَامِي، فَلاَ تَتِيهُ. ۚ وَإِنْ حَلَفْتَ، حَيُّ هُوَ الرَّبُّ بِالْحَقِّ وَالْعَدْلِ وَالْبِرِّ فَتَتَبَرَّكُ الْشُّعُوبُ بِهِ وَبِهِ يَفْتَخِرُ وِنَ. ۚ لِأَنَّهُ هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ لِرِجَالِ يَهُوذَا وَلأُورُ شَلِيمَ، احْرُثُوا لأَنْفُسكُمْ حَرْثاً وَلاَ تَرْرَعُوا في الأَشْوَاك. ۗ إِخْتَتنُوا لِلرَّبِّ وَابْنِعُوا غُرَلَ قُلُوبِكُمْ يَا رِجَالَ يَهُوذَا وَسُكَّانَ أُورُ شَلِيمَ، لِئَلاَّ يَخْرُجَ كَنَارٍ غَيْظِي، فَيُحْرِقَ وَلَيْسَ مَنْ يُطْفئُ بِسَبَب شَرِّ أَعْمَالِكُمْ. ۚ أَخْبِرُوا فِي يَهُوذَا وَسَمِّعُوا فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ وَقُولُوا، اصْرِبُوا بِالْبُوقِ فِي الأَرْضِ. نَادُوا بصَـوْتِ عَـال وَقُولُـوا، اجْتَمِعُـوا فَلْنَـدْخُل الْمُـدُنَ الْحَصِينَةَ. وَارْ فَعُوا الرَّايَةَ نَحْوَ صِهْيَوْنَ. اِحْتَمُوا. لاَ تَقِفُوا. لأَنِّي آتِي بشَرٍّ مِنَ الشِّمَالِ وَكَبِسْرِ عَظِيمٍ. ۖقَدْ صَعِدَ الأَسَدُ مِنْ غَايَتِهِ وَزَحَفَ مُهْلِكُ الأَمَمِ. خَرَجَ مِنْ مَكَانِهِ لَتَحْعَلَ أَرْضَك خَرَاباً. تُخْرَبُ مُدُنُك فَلاَ سَاكِنَ. ْمِنْ أَجْل ذَلكَ تَنَطَّقُوا بِمُسُوحٍ. الْطُمُوا وَوَلْولُوا لأَنَّهُ لَمْ يَرْتَدَّ خُمُوُّ غَضَب الرَّبِّ عَنَّا. ۗ وَيَكُونُ فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ، يَقُولُ الرَّبَّ، أَنَّ قَلْتَ الْمَلِكُ يُعْدَمُ، وَقُلُوتِ الرُّؤَسَاءِ. وَتَبَّحَيَّرُ الْكَهَنَةُ هَتَتَعَجَّبُ الأَنْسَاءُ.¹⁰فَقُلْتُ، آه ِيَا سَيِّدُ الرَّبُّ، حَقَّاً إِنَّكَ خِدَاعاً خَادَعْتَ هَذَا الشُّعْبَ وَأُورُشَلِيمَ، قَائِلاً، يَكُونُ لِّكُمْ سَلَامٌ وَقَدْ بَلَغَ الِسَّيْفُ النَّفْسَ. 11 فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ يُقَالُ لِهَذَا الشُّعْبِ وَلأُورُشَلِيمَ، ريحٌ لاَفِحَةٌ مِنَ الْهِضَابِ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ نَحْوَ بِنْتِ شَعْبِي، لاَ لِلتَّذْرِيَةِ وَلاَ لِلتَّنْقِيَةِ.¹²ريحُ أَشَدُّ تَـأْتِي لِـي مـنْ هَـذه. الآنَ أَنَا أَيْضـاً أَحَـاكُمُهُمْ. 13هُـوَذَا كَسَحَابِ يَصْعَدُ وَكَزَوْبَعَةِ مَرْكَبَاتُهُ. أَسْرَعُ مِنَ النَّسُورِ خَيْلُهُ. وَيْلُ لَنَا لأَنَّنَا قَدْ أَخْرِ بْنَا. ¹⁴اغْسلى مِنَ الشَّرِّ قَلْبَكِ بَا أُورُ شَلِيمُ لِتُخَلِّصِي. إِلَى مَتَى تَبِيتُ في وَسَطك أَفْكَارُكِ الْبَاطِلَةُ. 15 لَأَنَّ صَوْتاً يُخْبِرُ مِنْ دَانَ، وَيُسْمَعُ بِبَلِيَّةِ مِنْ أَذْكُرُوا لِلأُمَمِ. انْظُرُوا. أَسْمِعُوا عَلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ. الْمُحَاصِرُونَ آتُونَ مِنْ أَرْض بَعِيدَةِ فَيُطْلِقُونَ عَلَى مُدُن يَهُوذَا صَوْتَهُمْ. 1 كَحَارِسِي خَقْل صَارُوا عَلَيْهَا حَوَالَيْهَا، لَأَنَّهَا تَمَرَّدَتْ عَلَىَّ يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ. ١٩ طَريقُك وَأَعْمَالُك صَنَعَتْ هَذِه لَك. هَذَا شَرُّك. فَإِنَّهُ مُرٌّ. فَإِنَّهُ قَدْ قَلْتَكَ. 19 أَحْشَائِي، أَحْشَائِي. تُوجِعُنِي جُدْرَانُ قَلْبِي. يَئِنُّ فيَّ قَلْبِي. لاَ أَسْتَطِيعُ السُّكُوتَ. لأَنَّكِ سَمعْتِ يَا نَفْسِي ۚ صَوْتَ ۗ الْيُوقِ وَهُتَافِ الْحَرْبِ. 20 بِكَسْرٍ عَلَى كَسْرٍ نُودِيَ، لأَنَّهُ قَدْ خَرِبَتْ كُلِّ الأَرْضِ. بَغْتَةً خَرَبَتْ خِيَامِيَ وَشُقَقِي فِي لَحْظَةٍ. 21 حَتَّى مَتَى أَرَى الرَّالِيَةَ وَأَسْمَعُ صَوْتَ الْبُوقِ. 22لأَنَّ شَعْبِي أَحْمَقُ. إِيَّايَ لَمْ يَعْرِفُوا. هُمْ

¹If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the LORD, return unto me: and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not remove. And thou shalt swear, The LORD liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory. For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns. Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can guench it, because of the evil of your doings. Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land: cry, gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the defenced cities. Set up the standard toward Zion: retire, stay not: for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction. The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; and thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant. For this gird you with sackcloth, lament and howl: for the fierce anger of the LORD is not turned back from us. And it shall come to pass at that day, saith the LORD, that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder. ¹⁰Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying. Ye shall have peace; whereas the

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sword reacheth unto the soul. 11 At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A dry wind of the high places in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to fan, nor to cleanse, ¹²Even a full wind from those places shall come unto me: now also will I give sentence against them. 13 Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots shall be as a whirlwind: his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us! for we are spoiled. 14O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee? 15 For a voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth affliction from mount Ephraim. ¹⁶Make ve mention to the nations: behold, publish against Jerusalem, that watchers come from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah. 17 As keepers of a field, are they against her round about; because she hath been rebellious against me, saith the LORD. 18 Thy way and thy doings have procured these things unto thee; this is thy wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reacheth unto thine heart. 19 My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.²⁰Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my tents spoiled, and my curtains in a moment. 21 How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet?²²For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none

بَنُونَ جَاهِلُونَ وَهُمْ غَيْرُ فَاهِمِينَ. هُمْ حُكَمَاءُ فِي عَمَل الشَّرِّ، وَلِعَمَلِ الصَّالِحِ مَا يَفْهَمُونَ. 23 نَظَرْتُ إِلَى الأَرْضِ وَإِذَا هِـىَ خَرَبَـةٌ وَخَالِيَـةٌ، وَإِلَـى السَّـمَاوَاتِ فَلاَ نُـورَ لَهَا.24 نَظَرْتُ إِلَى الْجِبَالِ وَإِذَا هِيَ تَرْتَجِفُ، وَكُلُّ الآكَامِ تَقَلْقَلَتْ 25 نَظَرْتُ وَإِذَا لاَ إِنْسَانَ، وَكُلُّ طُيُورِ السَّمَاءِ هَرَبَتْ. 26 نَظَرْتُ وَإِذَا الْبُسْتَانُ بَرِّيَّةُ، وَكُلَّ مُدُنِهَا نُقضَتْ مِنْ وَجْهِ الرَّبِّ، مَنْ وَجْهِ خُمُوٌّ غَضَبِهِ. 27لِأَنَّهُ هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ، خَرَاباً تَكُونُ كُلَّ الأَرْضِ، وَلَكَتَّنِي لاَ أَفْنِيهَا. 28مرْ، أَجْل ذَلِكَ تَنُوحُ الأَرْضُ وَتُطْلِمُ السَّمَاوَاتُ مِنْ فَوْقُ، مِنْ أَجْلِ أَنِّي قَدْ تَكَلَّمْتُ. قَصَدْتُ وَلاَ أَنْدَمُ وَلاَ أَرْجِعُ عَنْهُ. 29 مِنْ صَوْتِ الْفَارِسِ وَرَامِي الْقَوْسِ كُلُّ الْمَدِينَةِ هَارِبَةٌ. دَخَلُوا الْغَابَاتِ وَصَعِدُوا عَلَى الصُّخُورِ. كُلَّ الْمُدُن مَثْرُوكَةٌ وَلاَ إِنْسَانَ سَاكِنٌ فيهَا.30وَأَنْتِ أَتَنُهَا الْخَرِيَةُ، مَاذَا تَعْمَلِينَ. إِذَا لَبِسْتِ قِرْمِزاً، إِذَا تَزَيَّنْتِ بِزِينَةِ مِنْ ذَهَبٍ، إِذَا كَحَّلْتَ بِالأَثْمُدِ عَسْنَكُ فَيَاطِلاً تُحَسِّنينَ ذَاتَك، فَقَدْ رَ ذَلَك الْعَاشِقُونَ. يَطْلُبُونَ نَفْسَك.¹¹لأَنِّي سَمِعْتُ صَوْتاً كَمَاخِضَة، ضيقاً مثْلَ ضيق بكْريَّة، صَوْتَ ابْنَة صِهْيَوْنَ تَزْ فَرُ . تَبْسُطُ يَدَيْهَا قَائِلَةً، وَيْلُ لِي لَأَنَّ نَفْسِي قَدْ أَغْمِيَ عَلَيْهَا بِسَبِبِ الْقَاتِلِينَ.

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understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.²³I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. ²⁴I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. 25 I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. 26 beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, and by his fierce anger. ²⁷ For thus hath the LORD said. The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end.²⁸For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it.²⁹The whole city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they shall go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city shall be forsaken, and not a man dwell therein. 30 And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; thy lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life.31 For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, and the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that bewaileth herself, that spreadeth her hands, saying, Woe is me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.