

¹طُوفُوا فِي شَوَارِعِ أُورُشَلِيمَ وَانْظُرُوا، وَاعْرِفُوا وَقَسِّسُوا فِي سَاحَاتِهَا. هَلْ تَجِدُونَ إِنْسَانًا أَوْ يُوْجَدُ عَامِلٌ بِالْعَدْلِ طَالِبُ الْحَقِّ، قَاصِّحٌ عَنْهَا.² وَإِنْ قَالُوا، حَيْثُ هُوَ الرَّبُّ فَإِنَّهُمْ يَخْلِفُونَ بِالْكَذِبِ.³ يَا رَبِّ، أَلَيْسَتْ عَيْنَاكَ عَلَى الْحَقِّ. صَرَّيْتَهُمْ فَلَمْ يَتَوَجَّعُوا. أَفَتَبَيْتَهُمْ وَأَبَوْا قُبُولَ التَّائِبِ. صَلُّوا وَجُوهَهُمْ أَكْثَرَ مِنَ الصَّخْرِ. أَبَوْا الرَّجُوعَ.⁴ أَمَّا أَنَا فَقُلْتُ، إِنَّمَا هُمْ مَسَاكِينُ. قَدْ جَهِلُوا لِأَنَّهُمْ لَمْ يَعْرِفُوا طَرِيقَ الرَّبِّ، قَضَاءُ إِلَهُهُمْ.⁵ أَنْطَلِقُ إِلَى الْعُطَمَاءِ وَأَكَلِمُهُمْ لِأَنَّهُمْ عَرَفُوا طَرِيقَ الرَّبِّ، قَضَاءُ إِلَهُهُمْ. أَمَّا هُمْ فَقَدْ كَسَرُوا الشِّرَاجِمَ جَمِيعًا وَقَطَعُوا الشُّرُطَ.⁶ مِنْ أَجْلِ ذَلِكَ يَصْرُبُهُمُ الْأَسَدُ مِنَ الْوَعْرِ. ذَنْبُ الْمَسَاءِ يَهْلِكُهُمْ. يَكْمُنُ التَّمِرُ حَوْلَ مُذْنِبِهِمْ. كُلُّ مَنْ حَرَجَ مِنْهَا يُفْتَرَسُ لِأَنَّ دُوبَهُمْ كَثُرَتْ. تَعَاطَمَتْ مَعَاصِيهِمْ.⁷ كَيْفَ أَصْفَحَ لَكَ عَنْ هَذِهِ. بَنُوكَ تَرْكُونِي وَخَلَفُوا يَمًا لَيْسَتْ إِلَهَةٌ. وَلَمَّا أَشْبَعْتُهُمْ رَعَوْا، وَفِي بَيْتِ رَانِيَّةٍ تَرَاخَمُوا.⁸ صَارُوا خُصْنًا مَعْلُوفَةً سَانِيَةً. صَهَلُوا كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ عَلَى امْرَأَةِ صَاحِبِهِ.⁹ أَمَّا أَغَاقِبُ عَلَى هَذَا يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ. أَوْ مَا تَتَّقِمُ نَفْسِي مِنْ أُمَّةٍ كَهَذِهِ.¹⁰ إِصْعَدُوا عَلَى أَسْوَارِهَا وَاحْرُبُوا وَلَكِنْ لَا تُفْنَوْهَا. ائْرَعُوا أَفْنَانَهَا لِأَنَّهَا لَيْسَتْ لِلرَّبِّ. لِأَنَّهُ خِيَانَةٌ خَاتِبِي بَيْتِ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَبَيْتِ يَهُودَا، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ.¹² جَحَدُوا الرَّبَّ وَقَالُوا، لَيْسَ هُوَ، وَلَا يَأْتِي عَلَيْنَا شَرٌّ، وَلَا تَرَى سَيْفًا وَلَا جُوعًا.¹³ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءُ يَصِيرُونَ رِيحًا وَالْكَلِمَةُ لَيْسَتْ فِيهِمْ. هَكَذَا يُضْعَفُ بِهِمْ.¹⁴ لِيَذَلِكَ هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ إِلَهُ الْجُنُودِ، مِنْ أَجْلِ أَنَّكُمْ تَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِهَذِهِ الْكَلِمَةِ، هَنْتَدًا جَاعِلٌ كَلَامِي فِي فَمِكَ بَارًا، وَهَذَا الشَّعْبُ خَطِيئًا، فَتَأْكُلُهُمْ.¹⁵ هَنْتَدًا أَجْلِبُ عَلَيْكُمْ أُمَّةً مِنْ بَعْدِ يَا بَيْتِ إِسْرَائِيلَ يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ. أُمَّةٌ قَوِيَّةٌ. أُمَّةٌ مُنْذُ الْقَدِيمِ. أُمَّةٌ لَا تَعْرِفُ لِسَانَهَا وَلَا تَقْهَمُ مَا تَتَكَلَّمُ بِهِ.¹⁶ جَعْنَتُهُمْ كَقَبِيرٍ مَقْبُوحٍ. كُلُّهُمْ جَبَائِرُوثُ.¹⁷ قِيَاكُلُونَ حَصَادَكَ وَحُبْرَكَ الَّذِي يَأْكُلُهُ بَنُوكَ وَبَنَاتُكَ. يَأْكُلُونَ عَنَمَكَ وَيَقْرَكَ. يَأْكُلُونَ جَفْنَتَكَ وَتِسْكَ. يُهْلِكُونَ بِالسَّيْفِ مُدْنَكَ الْحَصِيَّةَ الَّتِي أَنْتَ مُتَكِلٌ عَلَيْهَا.¹⁸ وَأَيْضًا فِي تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ لَا أَفْنِيَكُمْ.¹⁹ وَيَكُونُ جِينٌ يَقُولُونَ، لِمَاذَا صَنَعَ الرَّبُّ إِلَهُنَا بِنَا كُلِّ هَذِهِ. يَقُولُ لَهُمْ، كَمَا أَنَّكُمْ تَرَكْتُمُونِي وَعَبَدْتُمْ إِلَهَةً غَرِيبَةً فِي أَرْضِكُمْ، هَكَذَا تَعْبُدُونَ الْغُرَبَاءَ فِي أَرْضِ لَيْسَتْ لَكُمْ.²⁰ أَحْزِرُوا بِهَذَا فِي بَيْتِ يَغُفُوبَ وَأَسْمِعُوا بِهِ فِي يَهُودَا قَائِلِينَ،²¹ اِسْمَعْ هَذَا أَنَّهُ الشَّعْبُ الْجَاهِلُ وَالْعَدِيمُ الْقَهْمِ، الَّذِينَ لَهُمْ أَعْيُنٌ وَلَا يَنْصُرُونَ.

¹Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it.² And though they say, The LORD liveth; surely they swear falsely.³ O LORD, are not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.⁴ Therefore I said, Surely these are poor; they are foolish: for they know not the way of the LORD, nor the judgment of their God.⁵ I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they have known the way of the LORD, and the judgment of their God: but these have altogether broken the yoke, and burst the bonds.⁶ Wherefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, and a wolf of the evenings shall spoil them, a leopard shall watch over their cities: every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces: because their transgressions are many, and their backslidings are increased.⁷ How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses.⁸ They were as fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbour's wife.⁹ Shall I not visit for these things? saith the LORD: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?¹⁰ Go ye up upon her walls, and

لَهُمْ آدَانُ وَلَا يَسْمَعُونَ.²² أَيْتَائِي لَا تَحْسُونَ يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ.
 أَوْ لَا تَرْتَعِدُونَ مِنْ وَجْهِ أَتَا الَّذِي وَصَعْتُ الرِّمْلَ تُخَوِّمًا
 لِلْبَحْرِ قَرِيبَةً أَبَدِيَّةً لَا يَتَعَدَّاهَا، فَتَتَلَطَّمُ وَلَا تَسْتَطِيعُ،
 وَتَعِجُ أَمْوَاجُهُ وَلَا تَتَجَاوَزُهَا.²³ وَصَارَ لِهَذَا الشَّعْبِ قَلْبُ
 غَاصِي وَمُتَمَرِّدٌ. عَصَوْا وَمَصَّوْا.²⁴ وَلَمْ يَقُولُوا يَقُولُ بِهِمْ،
 لِيَتَحَفَّ الرَّبُّ إِلَهَنَا الَّذِي يُعْطِي الْمَطَرَ الْمُبَكَّرَ وَالْمُتَأَخَّرَ
 فِي وَقْتِهِ. يَحْقِطُ لَنَا أَسَابِيعَ الْحَصَادِ الْمَفْرُوضَةِ.²⁵ أَنَامُكُمْ
 عَكْسَتْ هَذِهِ، وَخَطَايَاكُمْ مَنَعَتِ الْخَيْرَ عَنْكُمْ.²⁶ لَأَنَّهُ وَجَدَ
 فِي شَعْبِي أَشْرَارًا يَرْضُدُونَ كَمُنْحَنِ مِنَ الْقَانِصِينَ.
 يَنْصُبُونَ أَشْرَاكَ يُمَسِكُونَ النَّاسَ.²⁷ مِثْلَ قَقْصِ مَلَانٍ
 طُيُورًا هَكَذَا يُبُونُهُمْ مَلَأَتْهُ مَكْرًا. مِنْ أَجْلِ ذَلِكَ عَظُمُوا
 وَاسْتَعْنُوا.²⁸ سَمِنُوا. لَمَعُوا. أَيْضًا تَجَاوَزُوا فِي أُمُورِ الشَّرِّ.
 لَمْ يَقْضُوا فِي دَعْوَى الْيَتِيمِ، وَقَدْ تَجَحُّوا. وَبَحَقَّ
 الْمَسَاكِينِ لَمْ يَقْضُوا.²⁹ أَقْلَاجِلِ هَذِهِ لَا أَعَايِبُ يَقُولُ
 الرَّبُّ. أَوْ لَا تَنْتَقِمُ نَفْسِي مِنْ أُمَّةٍ كَهَذِهِ.³⁰ صَارَ فِي الْأَرْضِ
 دَهْشٌ وَقَسْعَرِيرَةٌ.³¹ الْأَنْبِيَاءُ يَسْبَأُونَ بِالْكَذِبِ، وَالْكَهَنَةُ
 تَحْكُمُ عَلَى أَيْدِيهِمْ، وَشَعْبِي هَكَذَا أَحَبَّ. وَمَاذَا تَعْمَلُونَ
 فِي آخِرَتِهَا.

destroy; but make not a full end: take away her battlements; for they are not the LORD's.¹¹ For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, saith the LORD.¹² They have belied the LORD, and said, It is not he; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine:¹³ And the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them: thus shall it be done unto them.¹⁴ Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.¹⁵ Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, saith the LORD: it is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say.¹⁶ Their quiver is as an open sepulchre, they are all mighty men.¹⁷ And they shall eat up thine harvest, and thy bread, which thy sons and thy daughters should eat: they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds: they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees: they shall impoverish thy fenced cities, wherein thou trustedst, with the sword.¹⁸ Nevertheless in those days, saith the LORD, I will not make a full end with you.¹⁹ And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say, Wherefore doeth the LORD our God all these things unto us? then shalt thou answer them, Like as ye have forsaken me, and served strange gods in your land, so shall ye serve strangers in a land that is not yours.²⁰ Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying,²¹ Hear now this, O foolish people, and without

understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not:²² Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it?²³ But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone.²⁴ Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.²⁵ Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you.²⁶ For among my people are found wicked men: they lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men.²⁷ As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich.²⁸ They are waxen fat, they shine: yea, they overpass the deeds of the wicked: they judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge.²⁹ Shall I not visit for these things? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?³⁰ A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land;³¹ The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?