

¹هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ، هَتَدًا أَوْفِطُ عَلَى بَابِلَ وَعَلَى
السَّاكِينِ فِي وَسْطِ الْقَائِمِينَ عَلَيَّ رِيحًا مُهْلِكَةً.² وَأُرْسِلُ
إِلَى بَابِلَ مَذْرِبِينَ قَبْذُرَوْتَهَا وَبُعْرَعُونَ أَرْضَهَا، لِأَنَّهُمْ
يَكُونُونَ عَلَيْهَا مِنْ كُلِّ جَهَةٍ فِي يَوْمِ السَّرِّ.³ عَلَى التَّارِعِ
فِي قَوْسِهِ قَلْبِنَزَعِ التَّارِعِ وَعَلَى الْمُفْتَخِرِ يَدْرِعِهِ، فَلَا
تُسْفِفُوا عَلَى مُنْتَحِبِهَا بَلْ حَرِّمُوا كُلَّ جُنْدِهَا.⁴ فَتَسْفُطُ
الْقُنَى فِي أَرْضِ الْكِلْدَانِيِّينَ وَالْمَطْعُونِ فِي
سَوَارِعِهَا.⁵ لِأَنَّ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَهُودَا لَيْسَا بِمَقْطُوعَيْنِ عَنْ
إِلَهَيْهِمَا عَنْ رَبِّ الْجُنُودِ، وَإِنْ تَكُنْ أَرْضُهُمَا مَلَأَتْهُ إِنَّمَا
عَلَى قُدُوسِ إِسْرَائِيلَ.⁶ أَهْرَبُوا مِنْ وَسْطِ بَابِلَ وَانْجُوا كُلُّ
وَاحِدٍ بِنَفْسِهِ. لَا تَهْلِكُوا يَدَيْهَا لِأَنَّ هَذَا رَمَانُ انْتِقَامِ
الرَّبِّ. هُوَ يُؤَدِّي لَهَا جَزَاءَهَا. بَابِلُ كَأْسٌ دَهَبِ يَدِ الرَّبِّ
تُسَكَّرُ كُلُّ الْأَرْضِ مِنْ خَمَرِهَا تَسْرِبُ الشُّعُوبُ. مِنْ
أَجْلِ ذَلِكَ جُبَّتِ الشُّعُوبُ. سَقَطَتْ بَابِلُ بَعْتَهُ وَتَحَطَّمَتْ.
وَلَوَلُوا عَلَيْهَا. خُذُوا بَلْسَانَ لِحْزَجِهَا لَعَلَّهَا تُشْفَى.⁹ دَاوَبْنَا
بَابِلَ فَلَمْ تُشَف. دَعُوهَا وَلْتَذْهَبْ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ إِلَى أَرْضِهِ،
لِأَنَّ قَصَاءَهَا وَصَلَ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَارْتَفَعَ إِلَى
السَّحَابِ.¹⁰ قَدْ أَخْرَجَ الرَّبُّ بَرَّيَا. هَلَمْ فَاقْصُصْ فِي صِهْيَوْنَ
عَمَلَ الرَّبِّ إِلَهِنَا.¹¹ سُوُوا السَّهَامَ. أَعِدُّوا الْأَنْزَاسَ. قَدْ
أَقْبَطَ الرَّبُّ رُوحَ مُلُوكِ مَادِي، لِأَنَّ قَصْدَهُ عَلَى بَابِلَ أَنْ
يُهْلِكَهَا. لِأَنَّهُ تَقَمَّهُ الرَّبُّ. تَقَمَّهُ هَيْكَلُهُ.¹² عَلَى أَسْوَارِ بَابِلَ
ارْقَعُوا الرَّابِيَةَ. سَدُّوا الْخِرَاسَةَ. أَقِيمُوا الْخُرَاسَ. أَعِدُّوا
الْكَمِينَ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ قَدْ قَصَدَ وَأَيْضًا فَعَلَ مَا تَكَلَّمَ بِهِ عَلَى
سُكَّانِ بَابِلَ. أَتَيْتُهَا السَّاكِنَةُ عَلَى مِيَاهِ كَثِيرَةٍ، الْوَاغِرَةُ
الْخَزَائِنِ، قَدْ أَتَتْ آخِرَتُكَ، كَيْلَ اغْتِصَابِكَ.¹⁴ قَدْ خَلَفَ رَبُّ
الْجُنُودِ بِنَفْسِهِ، إِنِّي لَأَمْلَأُكَ أَنَاثًا كَالْعَوْنَاءِ قَبِرُفَعُونَ
عَلَيْكَ جَلْبَةً.¹⁵ صَانِعُ الْأَرْضِ يَقُوتُهُ، وَمُؤَسَّسُ الْمَسْكُونَةِ
يَحْكُمُهَا، وَبِقَهْمِهِ مَدَّ السَّمَاوَاتِ. إِذَا أُعْطِيَ قَوْلًا تَكُونُ
كَثْرَةُ مِيَاهٍ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَيُبْصَعُ السَّحَابُ مِنْ أَقَاصِي
الْأَرْضِ. صَنَعَ بُرُوقًا لِلْمَطَرِ وَأَخْرَجَ الرِّيحَ مِنْ
خَزَائِنِهِ.¹⁷ يَلِدُ كُلُّ إِنْسَانٍ يَمَعْرِفَتِهِ. خَرِي كُلُّ صَانِعٍ مِنَ
الْتِمْنَالِ لِأَنَّ مَسْبُوكَهُ كَذِبٌ وَلَا رُوحَ فِيهِ.¹⁸ هِيَ بَاطِلَةٌ
صَنْعَةُ الْأَصَالِيلِ. فِي وَفْتِ عِقَابِهَا تَبِيدُ.¹⁹ لَيْسَ كَهَذِهِ
تَصِيبُ بَعْفُوبَ، لِأَنَّهُ مُصَوِّرُ الْجَمِيعِ، وَقَضِيبُ مِيزَانِهِ رَبُّ
الْجُنُودِ اسْمُهُ.²⁰ أَنْتَ لِي قَاسٌ وَأَدَوَاتُ حَرْبٍ فَاسْحَقِي بِكَ
الْأَمَمَ وَأَهْلِكَ بِكَ الْمَمَالِكُ،²¹ وَأَكْسَرِي بِكَ الْقَرَسَ وَرَاكِبُهُ
وَأَسْحَقِي بِكَ الْمَرْكَبَةَ وَرَاكِبَهَا،²² وَأَسْحَقِي بِكَ الرَّجُلَ
وَالْمَرْأَةَ، وَأَسْحَقِي بِكَ الشَّيْحَ وَالْقَتَى، وَأَسْحَقِي بِكَ الْعِلَامَ

¹Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against me, a destroying wind;²And will send unto Babylon fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about.³Against him that bendeth let the archer bend his bow, and against him that lifteth himself up in his brigandine: and spare ye not her young men; destroy ye utterly all her host.⁴Thus the slain shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans, and they that are thrust through in her streets.⁵For Israel hath not been forsaken, nor Judah of his God, of the LORD of hosts; though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel.⁶Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the LORD's vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence.⁷Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.⁸Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.⁹We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country: for her judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies.¹⁰The LORD hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the LORD our God.¹¹Make bright the arrows; gather the shields: the LORD hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device is against

وَالْعَذْرَاءَ،²³ وَأَسْحَقُ بِكَ الرَّاعِيَّ وَقَطِيعَهُ، وَأَسْحَقُ بِكَ
الْفَلَّاحَ وَقِدَّاتِهِ، وَأَسْحَقُ بِكَ الْوَلَاةَ وَالْحُكَّامَ.²⁴ وَأَكَاْفِيُ
بَابِلَ وَكُلَّ سَكَّانِ أَرْضِ الْكِلْدَانِيِّينَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَرِّهِمُ الَّذِي
فَعَلُوهُ فِي صِهْيَوْنَ أَمَامَ عُيُونِكُمْ يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ.²⁵ هَتَّيذًا
عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا الْجَبَلُ الْمُهِلُّكُ يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ، الْمُهِلُّكُ كُلَّ
الْأَرْضِ، قَامُدُّ يَدَيَّ عَلَيْكَ وَأَذْخِرُكَ عَنِ الصُّخُورِ،
وَأَجْعَلُكَ جَبَلًا مُحْرَقًا،²⁶ فَلَا يَأْخُذُونَ مِنْكَ حَجَرًا لِرَاوِيَةٍ وَلَا
حَجَرًا لَأَسْسِ، بَلْ تَكُونُ حَرَابًا إِلَى الْأَبَدِ يَقُولُ
الرَّبُّ.²⁷ اِرْقَعُوا الرَّايَةَ فِي الْأَرْضِ. اضْرِبُوا بِالْبُوقِ فِي
السَّعُوبِ. قَدَّسُوا عَلَيْهَا الْأَمَمَ. نَادُوا عَلَيْهَا مَمَالِكُ
أَرَارَاطَ وَمِثِّي وَأَشْكَنَازَ. أَقِيمُوا عَلَيْهَا قَائِدًا. أَصْعِدُوا
الْخَيْلَ كَعَوْنَاءَ مُفْسِدَةٍ.²⁸ قَدَّسُوا عَلَيْهَا السَّعُوبَ، مُلُوكَ
مَادِي، وَلَاتَهَا وَكُلَّ حُكَّامِهَا وَكُلَّ أَرْضِ
سُلْطَانِهَا.²⁹ فَتَرْجِفُ الْأَرْضُ وَتَتَوَجَّعُ لِأَنَّ أَفْكَارَ الرَّبِّ
تَقُومُ عَلَى بَابِلَ، لِيَجْعَلَ أَرْضَ بَابِلَ حَرَابًا يَلَا
سَاكِنِ. كَفَّ جَبَايِرَهُ بَابِلَ عَنِ الْحَرْبِ وَجَلَسُوا فِي
الْخُصُوفِ. تَصَيَّتْ شَجَاعَتُهُمْ. صَارُوا نِسَاءً. حَرَفُوا
مَسَاكِنَهَا. تَحَطَّمَتْ عَوَارِضُهَا.³¹ تَرْكُضُ عَدَاءُ لِلِقَاءِ عَدَائِهِ
وَمُخِيزُ لِلِقَاءِ مُخِيرٍ، لِيُخِيرَ مَلِكُ بَابِلَ يَأَنَّ مَدِينَتَهُ قَدْ
أُخِذَتْ عَنِ أَفْصَى،³² وَأَنَّ الْمَعَايِرَ قَدْ أُمْسِكْتَ، وَالْقَصَبَ
أَحْرَقُوهُ بِالنَّارِ وَرَجَالَ الْحَرْبِ اضْطَرَبَتْ.³³ لِأَنَّهُ هَكَذَا قَالَ
رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ إِلَهُ إِسْرَائِيلَ، إِنَّ بِنْتَ بَابِلَ كَيْبِدَرُ وَفَتْ
دَوْسِيهِ. بَعْدَ قَلِيلٍ يَأْتِي عَلَيْهَا وَفَتْ الْخَصَادَ.³⁴ أَكَلْنِي
أَقْتَانِي تَبُوحْدَتَصَّرُ مَلِكُ بَابِلَ. جَعَلَنِي إِنَاءً قَارِعًا. ائْتَلَعَنِي
كَتِّينٌ وَمَلَأَ جَوْفَهُ مِنْ نَعَمِي. طَوَّحَنِي.³⁵ طَلَمَنِي وَلَحْمِي
عَلَى بَابِلَ تَقُولُ سَاكِنَتُهُ صِهْيَوْنَ، وَدَمِي عَلَى سَكَّانِ
أَرْضِ الْكِلْدَانِيِّينَ تَقُولُ أَوْشَلِيمُ.³⁶ ذَلِكَ هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ،
هَتَّيذًا أَحَاصِمُ خُصُومَتِكَ وَأَتَقِمُّ تَقَمَّتِكَ وَأَتَسِفُّ بِخَرِّهَا
وَأَجْفُفُ يَتْبُوعَهَا.³⁷ وَتَكُونُ بَابِلُ كَوْمًا وَمَاوَى بَنَاتِ آوَى
وَدَهْشًا وَصَفِيرًا يَلَا سَاكِنِ.³⁸ يَرْمِجُونَ مَعًا كَأَسْبَالِ.
يَرَارُونَ كَجِرَاءِ أَسُودٍ.³⁹ عِنْدَ خَرَازِنِهِمْ أَعِدُّ لَهُمْ شَرَابًا
وَأَسْكِرُهُمْ لِيَفْرَحُوا وَيَنَامُوا تَوَمًا أَبَدِيًّا وَلَا يَسْتَقِيطُوا
يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ.⁴⁰ أَرْزُلُهُمْ كَخِرَافٍ لِلدَّبْحِ وَكِكَبَاشٍ مَعَ
أَعْتِدَةٍ.⁴¹ كَيْفَ أَخَذْتُ شَيْشَكَ وَأُمْسِكْتُ فَخْرَ كُلِّ الْأَرْضِ.
كَيْفَ صَارَتْ بَابِلُ دَهْشًا فِي السَّعُوبِ.⁴² طَلَعَ الْبَحْرُ عَلَى
بَابِلَ فَتَعَطَّتْ يَكْتَرُهُ أَمْوَاجُهُ.⁴³ صَارَتْ مُدُّهَا حَرَابًا، أَرْضًا
تَأْسِفُهُ وَقَفْرًا، أَرْضًا لَا يَسْكُنُ فِيهَا إِنْسَانٌ وَلَا يَعْبُرُ فِيهَا
ابْنُ آدَمَ.⁴⁴ وَأَعَاقِبُ يَلٍ فِي بَابِلَ وَأُخْرِجُ مِنْ قِمِهِ مَا

Babylon, to destroy it; because it is the vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance of his temple.¹² Set up the standard upon the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set up the watchmen, prepare the ambushes: for the LORD hath both devised and done that which he spake against the inhabitants of Babylon.¹³ O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, and the measure of thy covetousness.¹⁴ The LORD of hosts hath sworn by himself, saying, Surely I will fill thee with men, as with caterpillers; and they shall lift up a shout against thee.¹⁵ He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding.¹⁶ When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens; and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth: he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.¹⁷ Every man is brutish by his knowledge; every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them.¹⁸ They are vanity, the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.¹⁹ The portion of Jacob is not like them; for he is the former of all things: and Israel is the rod of his inheritance: the LORD of hosts is his name.²⁰ Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms;²¹ And with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and his rider;²² With thee

اِنْبَلَعُهُ، فَلَا تَجْرِي إِلَيْهِ الشُّعُوبُ بَعْدُ، وَتَسْقُطُ سُورُ بَابِلَ
 أَيْضًا.⁴⁵ أَخْرِجُوا مِنْ وَسْطِهَا يَا شَعْبِي، وَلْيَبِيعْ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ
 نَفْسَهُ مِنْ حُمُومِ عَذَابِ الرَّبِّ. وَلَا يَصْغَفُ قَلْبُكُمْ فَتَخَافُوا⁴⁶
 مِنَ الْخَيْرِ الَّذِي سَمِعَ فِي الْأَرْضِ، فَإِنَّهُ يَأْتِي خَيْرٌ فِي
 هَذِهِ السَّنَةِ نَحْنُ بَعْدَهُ فِي السَّنَةِ الْآخَرَى، خَيْرٌ وَطَلَمٌ فِي
 الْأَرْضِ، مُتَسَلِّطٌ عَلَى مُتَسَلِّطٍ.⁴⁷ لِذَلِكَ هَا أَيَّامُ تَأْتِي
 وَأَعَاقِبُ مَنْحَوَاتِ بَابِلَ، فَتَخْرَى كُلُّ أَرْضِهَا وَتَسْقُطُ كُلُّ
 قَلَالِهَا فِي وَسْطِهَا.⁴⁸ فَتَهْتَفُ عَلَى بَابِلَ السَّمَاوَاتُ
 وَالْأَرْضُ وَكُلُّ مَا فِيهَا، لِأَنَّ التَّاهِبِينَ يَأْتُونَ عَلَيْهَا مِنَ
 السَّمَاءِ يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ.⁴⁹ كَمَا أَسْقَطْتُ بَابِلَ قَتَلْتُ إِسْرَائِيلَ
 تَسْقُطُ أَيْضًا قَتَلْتُ بَابِلَ فِي كُلِّ الْأَرْضِ. أَيُّهَا التَّاجُونَ
 مِنَ السَّيْفِ اذْهَبُوا. لَا تَقْفُوا. اذْكُرُوا الرَّبَّ مِنْ بَعِيدٍ
 وَلْتَحْطُرْ أَوْرُشَلِيمُ بِتَالِكُمْ.⁵¹ قَدْ خَرَبْنَا لِأَنَّا قَدْ سَمِعْنَا
 عَارًا. عَطَى الْحَجَلُ وَجُوهَهَا لِأَنَّ الْغُرَبَاءَ قَدْ دَخَلُوا
 مَقَادِسَ بَيْتِ الرَّبِّ.⁵² لِذَلِكَ هَا أَيَّامُ تَأْتِي يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ
 وَأَعَاقِبُ مَنْحَوَاتِهَا، وَتَبْتَهِدُ الْجَرَى فِي كُلِّ أَرْضِهَا.⁵³ فَلَوْ
 صَعِدْتُ بَابِلَ إِلَى السَّمَاوَاتِ وَلَوْ حَصَّنَتْ غَلِيَاءَ عِزِّهَا،
 فَمِنْ عِنْدِي يَأْتِي عَلَيْهَا التَّاهِبُونَ يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ.⁵⁴ صَوْتُ
 ضَرَاخٍ مِنْ بَابِلَ وَانْجَاطَامٍ عَظِيمٍ مِنْ أَرْضِ
 الْكِلْدَانِيِّينَ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ مُحَرِّبُ بَابِلَ وَقَدْ أَبَادَ مِنْهَا
 الصَّوْتِ الْعَظِيمَ، وَقَدْ عَجَّتْ أُمُومَاهُمْ كِمَيَامٍ كَثِيرَةٍ
 وَأَطْلَقَ صَجِيجَ صَوْتِهِمْ.⁵⁶ لَأَنَّهُ جَاءَ عَلَى بَابِلَ الْمُحَرِّبُ
 وَأَخَذَ جَبَائِرُهَا، وَخَطَمَتْ فَيْسَهُمْ لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ إِلَهُ مُجَارَاهٍ
 يُكَافِئُ مُكَافَأَةً.⁵⁷ وَأَسْكُرُ رُؤَسَاءَهَا وَحُكَمَاءَهَا وَوُلَاتِهَا
 وَحُكَّامَهَا وَأَبْطَالَهَا فَيَتَأَمُونَ تَوْمًا أَبَدِيًّا وَلَا يَسْتَيْقِظُونَ
 يَقُولُ الْمَلِكُ رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ اسْمُهُ.⁵⁸ هَكَذَا قَالَ رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ
 إِنَّ أَسْوَارَ بَابِلَ الْعَرِيشَةِ تُدْمَرُ تَدْمِيرًا، وَأَبْوَانُهَا السَّامِخَةُ
 تُحْرَقُ بِالنَّارِ، فَتَتَعَبُ الشُّعُوبُ لِلْبَاطِلِ وَالْقَبَائِلُ لِلنَّارِ
 حَتَّى تَعْيَا.⁵⁹ أَلَا مَرُّ الَّذِي أَوْصَى بِهِ إِرْمِيَا النَّبِيُّ سَرِيًّا بَنَ
 يِيرِيَّا بَنَ مَحْسِيَّا عِنْدَ دَهَابِهِ مَعَ صِدْقِيَّا مَلِكِ يَهُودَا إِلَى
 بَابِلَ فِي السَّنَةِ الرَّابِعَةِ لِمُلْكِهِ. وَكَانَ سَرِيًّا رَئِيسَ
 الْمَحَلَّةِ⁶⁰ فَكَتَبَ إِرْمِيَا كُلَّ السَّرِّ الَّتِي عَلَى بَابِلَ فِي سِفْرِ
 وَاجِدٍ، كُلُّ هَذَا الْكَلَامِ الْمَكْتُوبِ عَلَى بَابِلَ.⁶¹ وَقَالَ إِرْمِيَا
 لِسَرِيَّا، إِذَا دَخَلْتَ إِلَى بَابِلَ وَبَطَلْتَ وَقَرَأْتَ كُلُّ هَذَا
 الْكَلَامِ،⁶² قُلْ، أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ قَدْ تَكَلَّمْتَ عَلَى هَذَا الْمَوْضِعِ
 لِتَفْرُضَهُ حَتَّى لَا يَكُونَ فِيهِ سَاكِنٌ مِنَ النَّاسِ إِلَى الْبَهَائِمِ
 بَلْ يَكُونُ خَرِبًا أَبَدِيًّا.⁶³ وَيَكُونُ إِذَا فَرَعْتَ مِنْ قِرَاءَةِ هَذَا
 السِّفْرِ أَنَّكَ تَرْبُطُ بِهِ حَجَرًا وَتَطْرُقُهُ إِلَى وَسْطِ

also will I break in pieces man and woman; and with thee will I break in pieces old and young; and with thee will I break in pieces the young man and the maid;²³ I will also break in pieces with thee the shepherd and his flock; and with thee will I break in pieces the husbandman and his yoke of oxen; and with thee will I break in pieces captains and rulers.²⁴ And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, saith the LORD.²⁵ Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the LORD, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain.²⁶ And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be desolate for ever, saith the LORD.²⁷ Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz; appoint a captain against her; cause the horses to come up as the rough caterpillers.²⁸ Prepare against her the nations with the kings of the Medes, the captains thereof, and all the rulers thereof, and all the land of his dominion.²⁹ And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant.³⁰ The mighty men of Babylon have forborn to fight, they have remained in their holds: their might hath failed; they became as women: they have burned her

الْفُرَاتِ وَتَقُولُ، هَكَذَا تَغْرُقُ بَابِلُ وَلَا تَقُومُ مِنَ السَّرِّ
الَّذِي أَنَا جَالِبُهُ عَلَيْهَا وَيَغْيُونَ. إِلَى هُنَا كَلَامُ إِرْمِيَا.

dwellingplaces; her bars are broken.³¹ One post shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to shew the king of Babylon that his city is taken at one end,³² And that the passages are stopped, and the reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are affrighted.³³ For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; The daughter of Babylon is like a threshingfloor, it is time to thresh her: yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come.³⁴ Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicates, he hath cast me out.³⁵ The violence done to me and to my flesh be upon Babylon, shall the inhabitant of Zion say; and my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say.³⁶ Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee; and I will dry up her sea, and make her springs dry.³⁷ And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwellingplace for dragons, an astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant.³⁸ They shall roar together like lions: they shall yell as lions' whelps.³⁹ In their heat I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the LORD.⁴⁰ I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he goats.⁴¹ How is Sheshach taken! and how is the praise of the whole earth surprised! how is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations!⁴² The

sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof.⁴³ Her cities are a desolation, a dry land, and a wilderness, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth any son of man pass thereby.⁴⁴ And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up: and the nations shall not flow together any more unto him: yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall.⁴⁵ My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the LORD.⁴⁶ And lest your heart faint, and ye fear for the rumour that shall be heard in the land; a rumour shall both come one year, and after that in another year shall come a rumour, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler.⁴⁷ Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will do judgment upon the graven images of Babylon: and her whole land shall be confounded, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her.⁴⁸ Then the heaven and the earth, and all that is therein, shall sing for Babylon: for the spoilers shall come unto her from the north, saith the LORD.⁴⁹ As Babylon hath caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the earth.⁵⁰ Ye that have escaped the sword, go away, stand not still: remember the LORD afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your mind.⁵¹ We are confounded, because we have heard reproach: shame hath covered our faces: for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the LORD's house.⁵² Wherefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will do judgment upon her graven images: and through all

her land the wounded shall groan.⁵³ Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, yet from me shall spoilers come unto her, saith the LORD.⁵⁴ A sound of a cry cometh from Babylon, and great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans:⁵⁵ Because the LORD hath spoiled Babylon, and destroyed out of her the great voice; when her waves do roar like great waters, a noise of their voice is uttered:⁵⁶ Because the spoiler is come upon her, even upon Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, every one of their bows is broken: for the LORD God of recompences shall surely requite.⁵⁷ And I will make drunk her princes, and her wise men, her captains, and her rulers, and her mighty men: and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the King, whose name is the LORD of hosts.⁵⁸ Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly broken, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the people shall labour in vain, and the folk in the fire, and they shall be weary.⁵⁹ The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah into Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. And this Seraiah was a quiet prince.⁶⁰ So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, even all these words that are written against Babylon.⁶¹ And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When thou comest to Babylon, and shalt see, and shalt read all these words;⁶² Then shalt thou say, O LORD, thou hast spoken against this place,

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to cut it off, that none shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate for ever.⁶³ And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, that thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates:⁶⁴ And thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her: and they shall be weary. Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.