

¹The burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.²God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.³The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked : the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.⁴He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth.⁵The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.⁶Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.⁷The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.⁸But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies.⁹What do ye imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.¹⁰For while they be folden together as thorns, and while they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.¹¹There is one come out of thee, that imagineth evil against the LORD, a wicked counsellor.¹²Thus saith the LORD; Though they be quiet, and likewise many, yet thus shall they be cut down, when he shall pass through. Though I have afflicted thee, I

¹وَحَيَّ عَلَى يَبْتَوَى. سِيفُ رُؤُبَا تَاخُومَ الْأَلْفُوشِيِّ، الرَّبُّ إِلَهُ عَيُورٍ وَمُسْتَقِيمٌ. الرَّبُّ مُسْتَقِيمٌ وَدُؤُ سَخَطٍ. الرَّبُّ مُتْعِمٌ مِنْ مُبْعِضِهِ وَحَافِظٌ عَصَبُهُ عَلَى أَعْدَائِهِ. الرَّبُّ بَطِيءٌ الْعَصَبِ وَعَظِيمُ الْقُدْرَةِ، وَلَكِنَّهُ لَا يَبْرِيءُ الْبَتَّةَ. الرَّبُّ فِي الرُّوْتَةِ، وَفِي الْعَاصِفِ طَرِيفُهُ، وَالسَّحَابُ غُبَارُ رِجْلَيْهِ. ⁴يَسْهَرُ الْبَحْرُ فَيَنْسَقُفُهُ وَيُجَفِّفُ جَمِيعَ الْأَنْهَارِ. يَذْبُلُ بَاشَانُ وَالْكَرْمَلُ، وَزَهْرُ لُبْنَانَ يَذْبُلُ. ⁵الْجِبَالُ تَرْجُفُ مِنْهُ وَاللَّكَلُ تَذُوبُ، وَالْأَرْضُ تُزْفَعُ مِنْ وَجْهِهِ وَالْعَالَمُ وَكُلُّ السَّاكِينِ فِيهِ. ⁶مَنْ يَفُفُ أَمَامَ سَخَطِهِ، وَمَنْ يَقُومُ فِي حُمُومِ عَصَبِهِ. عَيْطُهُ يَنْسَكِبُ كَالنَّارِ، وَالصُّخُورُ تَنْهَدُ مِنْهُ. ⁷صَالِحٌ هُوَ الرَّبُّ. حِصْنٌ فِي يَوْمِ الصِّيقِ، وَهُوَ يَعْرِفُ الْمُتَوَكِّلِينَ عَلَيْهِ. ⁸وَلَكِنْ يَطُوقَانِ غَايِرٌ يَصْنَعُ هَلَاكاً تَاماً لِمَوْضِعِهَا، وَأَعْدَاؤُهُ يَبْتَغُهُمْ ظَلَامً. ⁹مَاذَا تَتَكَبَّرُونَ عَلَى الرَّبِّ. هُوَ صَانِعُ هَلَاكاً تَاماً. لَا يَقُومُ الصِّيقُ مَرَّتَيْنِ. ¹⁰فَإِنَّهُمْ وَهُمْ مُسْتَبْكُونَ مِثْلَ الشَّوْكِ وَسَكَرَانُونَ كَمِنْ حَمْرِهِمْ، يُؤْكَلُونَ كَالْقَشِّ الْيَابِسِ بِالْكَمَالِ. ¹¹مِنْكَ حَرَجَ الْمُفْتَكِرُ عَلَى الرَّبِّ سَرّاً، الْمُسِيرُ بِالْهَلَاكِ. ¹²هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ، إِنْ كَانُوا سَالِمِينَ وَكَثِيرِينَ هَكَذَا فَهَكَذَا يُجْرُونَ فَيَعْبُرُ. أَذَلِكَ تَابِيَةٌ. ¹³وَالآنَ أَكْسِرُ نَبْرَهُ عَنْكَ وَأَقْطَعُ رُبُطَكَ. ¹⁴وَلَكِنْ قَدْ أَوْصَى عَنْكَ الرَّبُّ، لَا يُرَرِّغْ مِنْ اسْمِكَ فِي مَا بَعْدَ. إِنِّي أَقْطَعُ مِنْ بَيْتِ إِلَهِكَ التَّمَائِيلَ الْمُنْخَوْتَةَ وَالْمَسْبُوكَةَ. أَجْعَلُهُ قَبْرَكَ، لِأَنَّكَ صِرْتَ خَقِيراً. ¹⁵هُودَا عَلَى الْجِبَالِ قَدْ مَا مَسَّسَ مُتَارٍ بِالسَّلَامِ، عَيْدِي يَا يَهُودَا أَعْيَادَكَ. أَوْفِي بُدُورِكَ، فَإِنَّهُ لَا يَعُودُ يَعْبُرُ فِيكَ ابْنُ الْمُهْلِكِ. قَدْ انْقَرَضَ كُلُّهُ.

will afflict thee no more.¹³ For now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder.¹⁴ And the LORD hath given a commandment concerning thee, that no more of thy name be sown: out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image and the molten image: I will make thy grave; for thou art vile.¹⁵ Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.