¹In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, The LORD hath been sore displeased with your fathers. Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the LORD. 5 Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever? But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not take hold of your fathers? and they returned and said, Like as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us. Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, 8I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom; and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white. Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these be . 10 And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom the LORD hath sent to walk to

ُفِي الشَّهْرِ الثَّامِن فِي السَّنَةِ الثَّانِيَةِ لِدَارِيُوسَ، كَانَتْ -كَلِمَةُ الرَّبِّ إِلَى زَكَريًّا بْنِ بَرَخِيًّا بْنِ عِدُّو النَّبِيِّ، ۚقَدْ غَضِبَ الرَّبُّ عَضَياً عَلَى آَبَائِكُمْ. ۚ فَقُلْ لَهُمْ، هَكَذَا قَالَ رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ، ارْجِعُوا إِلَىَّ يَقُولُ رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ فَأَرْجِعَ إِلَيْكُمْ، َرَبَّ الْجُنُودِ. ٰۗلاَ تَكُونُوا كَآبَائِكُمُ الَّذِينَ نَادَاهُمُ اَلأَنْ الأَوَّلُونَ، هَكَذَا قَالَ رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ، ارْجِعُوا عَرْ، طُرُقكُمُ الشِّرِّيرَة وَعَنْ أَعْمَالكُمُ الشِّرِّيرَة. فَلَمْ يَسْمَعُوا وَلَمْ يُصْغُوا إِلَىَّ، يَقُولُ رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ. ۚ آبَاؤُكُمْ أَيْنَ هُمْ. وَالأَنْبِيَاءُ هَلْ أَبَداً يَحْيَوْنَ. ۗ وَلَكِنْ كَلاَمِي وَفَرَ ائِضِي الَّتِي أَوْصَيْتُ بِهَا عَبيدي الأَنْبِيَاءَ، أَفَلَمْ تُدْرِكْ آبَاءَكُمْ. فَرَجَعُوا وَقَالُوا، كُمَا قَصَدَ رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ أَنْ يَصْنَعَ بِنَا كَطَرُقِنَا وَكَأَعْمَالِنَا، كَذَلِكَ فَعَلَ بِنَا. ُ فِي الْيَوْمِ الرَّابِعِ وَالْعِشْرِينَ مِنَ الشَّهْرِ الْحَادِي عَشَرَ هُوَ شَهْرُ شَبَاطَ. فِي السَّنَةِ الثَّانِيَةِ لِدَارِيُوسَ، كَانَتْ كَلَمَـةُ الرَّبِّ إِلَى زَكَريَّا بْن بَرَخِيَّا بْن عِـدُّو النَّبِيِّ، ۚ رَأَيْتُ فِي اللَّيْلِ وَإِذَا بِرَجُلِ رَاكِبٍ عَلَى فَرَسِ أَحْمَرَ، وَهُوَ وَاقِفُ بَيْنَ الأَس الَّذِي فِي الظِّلِّ، وَخَلْفَةً حُمْرٌ وَشُقْرٌ وَشُهْتٌ. فَقُلْتُ، يَا سَيِّدي، مَا هَؤُلاَءِ. فَقَـالَ لِـي الْمَلاَكُ الَّـذي كَلَّمَنِـي، أَنَـا أُريـكَ ـ هَؤُلاَءِ.10 فَأَجَابَ الرَّاجُلُ الْوَاقفُ بَيْنَ الاَس، هَؤُلاَءِ الَّذِينَ أَرْسَلَهُمُ الرَّبُّ لِلْجَوَلاَنِ فِي الأَرْضِ. 11 فَأَجَابُوا مَلاَكَ ـ إِلرَّبِّ الْوَاقِفِ بَيْنَ الآسِ، قَدْ جُلْنَا فِي الأَرْضِ وَإِذَا الأَرْضُ ا مُسْتَرِيحَةٌ وَسَاكِنَـةٌ. 2 فَقَالَ مَلاَكُ الرَّبِّ، يَا رَبَّ الْجُنُودِ، إِلَى مَتَى أَنْتَ لاَ تَرْحَمُ أُورُشَلِيمَ وَمُدُنَ يَهُوذَا الَّتِي غَضَبْتَ عَلَيْهَا هَذِهِ السَّبْعِينَ سَنَةً.[1 فَأَجَابَ الرَّابُّ الْمَلاَكَ الَّذِي كَلَّمَنِي بِكَلاَم طَيِّب وَكَلاَم تَعْزِيَة. 14فَقَالَ الْمَلاَكُ الَّذِي كَلَّمَنِي، نَادٍّ قَائِلاً، هَكَذَا ۚ قَالَ رَبُّ الْجُنُود، غِرْتُ عَلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ وَعَلَى صِهْيَوْنَ غَيْرَةً عَظيمَةً.5 مُغْضِثٌ بِغَضَبٍ عَظِيمٍ عَلَى الأَمَمِ الْمُطْمَئِنِّينَ. غَضِبْتُ قَلِيلاً وَهُمْ أَعَانُوا الشَّرَّ ، 1 لَذَلَكَ هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّا قَدْ رَجَعْتُ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ بِالْمَرَاحِمِ، فَبَيْتِي يُبْنَى يَقُولُ رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ، وَيُمَدُّ الْمِطْمَارُ عَلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ. أَيْضاً وَقُلْ، هَكَذَا قَالَ رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ، إِنَّ مُدُنِي تَفِيضُ بَعْدُ براً، وَالـرَّبُّ يُعَـزِّي صِـهْيَوْنَ بَعْـدُ، وَيَخْتَـارُ بَعْـدُ الله عَيْنَيِّ وَنَظَرْتُ وَإِذَا بِارْبَعَةِ عَيْنَيِّ وَنَظَرْتُ وَإِذَا بِارْبَعَةِ لِلْمَلاَكُ الَّذِي كَلَّمَنِي، مَا هَذِهِ. فَقَالَ لِي، هَـذهُ هـيَ الْقُـرُونُ الَّتِـي بَـدَّدَتْ يَهُـوذَا وَإِسْـرَائِيلَ وَأُورُ شَلِيمَ. 20 فَأَرَانِي الرَّبُّ أَرْبَعَةَ صُنَّاعٍ. 21 فَقُلْتُ، جَاءَ هَؤُلاَءِ، مَاذَا يَفْعَلُونَ. فَأَجَابَ، هَذِهِ هِيِّ الْقُرُونُ الَّتِي

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بَدَّدَتْ يَهُوذَا حَتَّى لَمْ يَرْفَعْ إِنْسَانٌ رَأْسَهُ. وَقَدْ جَاءَ هَؤُلاَءِ لِيُرْعِبُوهُمْ وَلِيَطْرُدُوا قُرُونَ الأَمَمِ الرَّافِعِينَ قَرْناً عَلَى أَرْض يَهُوذَا لِتَبْدِيدِهَا.

and fro through the earth. 11 And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest. 12 Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years?¹³And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me with good words and comfortable words. ¹⁴So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. 15 And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction. 16 Therefore thus saith the LORD; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Ierusalem. ¹⁷Cry vet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem. 18 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns. 19 And I said unto the angel that talked with me. What be these? And he answered me. These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.²⁰And the LORD shewed me four carpenters. ²¹Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, so that

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no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up their horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.