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(4) Hear the word of the LORD, O House of Jacob, Every clan of the House of Israel! (5) Thus said the LORD: What wrong did your fathers find in Me That they abandoned Me And went after delusion and were deluded? (6) They never asked themselves, “Where is the LORD, Who brought us up from the land of Egypt, Who led us through the wilderness, A land of deserts and pits, A land of drought and darkness, A land no man had traversed, Where no human being had dwelt?” (7) I brought you to this country of farm land To enjoy its fruit and its bounty; But you came and defiled My land, You made My possession abhorrent. (8) The priests never asked themselves, “Where is the LORD?” The guardians of the Teaching ignored Me; The rulers rebelled against Me, And the prophets prophesied by Baal And followed what can do no good. (9) Oh, I will go on accusing you —declares the LORD— And I will accuse your children’s children! (10) Just cross over to the isles of the Kittim and look, Send to Kedar and observe carefully; See if aught like this has ever happened: (11) Has any nation changed its gods Even though they are no-gods? But My people has exchanged its glory For what can do no good. (12) Be appalled, O heavens, at this; Be horrified, utterly dazed! —says the LORD. (13) For My people have done a twofold wrong: They have forsaken Me, the Fount of living waters, And hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, Which cannot

ירמיהו ב' ד-כ"ח

(ד) שִׁמְעוּ דְבַר־יְהוָה בַּיִת יַעֲקֹב וְכָל־מִשְׁפְּחוֹת בַּיִת יִשְׂרָאֵל: (ה) כֵּן אָמַר יְהוָה מַה־מָּצְאוּ אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם בִּי לְעוֹלָם כִּי רָחֲקוּ מֵעֲלֵי בְיָלְכוּ אַחֲרַי הַהֶבֶל וַיִּהְיֶה־לָּוִי: (ו) וְלֹא אָמְרוּ אֵינָהּ יְהוָה הַמַּעֲלָה אֶתְנוּ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם הַמּוֹלִיד אֶתְנוּ בַּמִּדְבָּר בְּאֶרֶץ עַרְבָה וַיִּשְׁחָה בְּאֶרֶץ צִיָּה וַצַּלְמֹת בְּאֶרֶץ לֹא־עָבַר בָּהּ אִישׁ וְלֹא־יָשַׁב אָדָם שָׁם: (ז) וְאָבִיא אֶתְכֶם אֶל־אֶרֶץ הַפְּרָמָל לְאֵלֶּכְל פְּרִיָּה וְטוֹבָה וַתִּבְאֹו וַתִּטְמְאוּ אֶת־אֶרְצִי וַנְחַלְתִּי שְׂמֹתֵם לְתוֹעֵבָה: (ח) הַפְּהֻנִים לֹא אָמְרוּ אֵינָהּ יְהוָה וַתִּפְשְׁו הַתּוֹרָה לֹא יָדְעוּנִי וְהִרְעִים פִּשְׁעוּ כִּי וַתִּבְיֵאִים נִבְאוּ בַכַּעַל וְאַחֲרַי לֹא־יֹדְעוּ הַלְכוּ: (ט) לָכוּ עַד אָרִיב אֶתְכֶם נְאֻם־יְהוָה וְאַת־בְּנֵי בְנֵיכֶם אָרִיב: (י) כִּי עָבְרוּ אֲנִי כַתְיִים וְרָאוּ וַקְנָר שִׁלְחוּ וְהִתְבּוֹנְנוּ מְאֹד וַרְאוּ הֵן הִיָּתָה כְּזֹאת: (יא) הַהִימִיר גּוֹי אֱלֹהִים וְהִמָּה לֹא אֱלֹהִים וְעַמִּי הִמִּיר כְּבוֹדוֹ בְּלוֹא יוֹעִיל: (יב) שָׁמוּ שְׂמִים עַל־זֹאת וַשְׁעֲרוּ חֲרָבוֹ מְאֹד נְאֻם־יְהוָה: (יג) כִּי־שִׁתִּים רַעוֹת עָשָׂה עַמִּי אֹתִי עֲזָבוּ מִקְדֹּר וּמִים חַיִּים לְחַצְב לְהִם בְּאֵרוֹת בְּאֵרֶת נִשְׁבְּרִים אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יִקְלוּ הַמַּיִם: (יד) הַעֲבֹד יִשְׂרָאֵל אִם־יִלִּיד בַּיִת הוּא מִדּוֹעַ הִנֵּה לְבַז: (טו) עָלִיו יִשְׁאַגּוּ כְּפָרִים נִתְּנוּ קוֹלָם וַיִּשְׁתִּיּוּ אֶרְצוּ לְשִׁמָּה עָרְיוּ נִצְתָה [נִצְתָה] מִבְּלִי יָשַׁב: (טז) גַּם־בְּנֵי־נָף וַתַּחֲפֹנֶס [וַתַּחֲפֹנֶס] יִרְעוּד קִדְקֹד: (יז) הַלּוֹא־זֹאת תַּעֲשֶׂה־לָּךְ עֲזָבוּ אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּעַת מוֹלִיכְךָ בְּדַרְךָ:

even hold water. (14) Is Israel a bondman? Is he a home-born slave? Then why is he given over to plunder? (15) Lions have roared over him, Have raised their cries. They have made his land a waste, His cities desolate, without inhabitants. (16) Those, too, in Noph and Tahpanhes Will lay bare your head. (17) See, that is the price you have paid For forsaking the LORD your God While He led you in the way. (18) What, then, is the good of your going to Egypt To drink the waters of the Nile? And what is the good of your going to Assyria To drink the waters of the Euphrates? (19) Let your misfortune reprove you, Let your afflictions rebuke you; Mark well how bad and bitter it is That you forsake the LORD your God, That awe for Me is not in you —declares the Lord GOD of Hosts. (20) For long ago you broke your yoke, Tore off your yoke-bands, And said, “I will not work!” On every high hill and under every verdant tree, You recline as a whore. (21) I planted you with noble vines, All with choicest seed; Alas, I find you changed Into a base, an alien vine! (22) Though you wash with natron And use much lye, Your guilt is ingrained before Me —declares the Lord GOD. (23) How can you say, “I am not defiled, I have not gone after the Baalim”? Look at your deeds in the Valley, Consider what you have done! Like a lustful she-camel, Restlessly running about, (24) Or like a wild ass used to the desert, Snuffing the wind in her eagerness, Whose passion none can restrain, None that seek her need grow weary— In her season, they’ll find her! (25) Save your foot from going bare, And your throat from thirst. But you say, “It is no use. No, I love the strangers, And after them I must go.” (26) Like a thief chagrined when he is caught, So is the House of Israel chagrined— They, their kings, their officers, And their priests and prophets. (27) They said to wood, “You are my father,” To stone, “You gave birth to

(יח) ועמָהּ מה־לָךְ לְדַרְדֵּר מִצָּרִים לְשִׁתּוֹת מִי שְׁחֹר וּמַה־לָךְ לְדַרְדֵּר אֲשׁוּר לְשִׁתּוֹת מִי נָהָר: (יט) תִּסְבְּרָה רַעְמָהּ וּמִשְׁבּוֹתֶיהָ תּוֹכְחֶהּ וּדְעֵי וְרֵאֵי כִי־רַע וְמָר עֲזָבָה אֶת־יְהוָה אֶלְהֵיהָ וְלֹא פָחַדְתִּי אֵלָיֶה נְאֻם־אֱדֹנָי יְהוָה צָבָאוֹת: (כ) כִּי מֵעוֹלָם שָׁבַרְתִּי עֲלֶיךָ גַּלְתִּי מוֹסְרֹתֶיהָ וּתְאֻמְרֵי לֹא אֶעֱבֹד [אֶעֱבֹר] כִּי עַל־כָּל־גִּבְעוֹתָהּ גִּבְתָּהּ וּתְחַת כָּל־עֵץ רַעְנָן אֶת־צֵעָה זָנָה: (כא) וְאַנְכִי נֹטַעְתִּיהָ שָׂרֵק כָּלֶּה יִרַע אֲמַת וְאִידָהּ נִהְפְּקַת לִי סוּרֵי הַגָּפֹן נִכְרֵיהָ: (כב) כִּי אִם־תִּכְבְּסִי בְנֹתַי וּתְרַבִּי־לָךְ בְּרִית נִכְתָּם עֲוֹנֶךָ לִפְנֵי נְאֻם אֱדֹנָי יְהוָה: (כג) אִידָהּ תֹאמְרֵי לֹא נִטְמָאתִי אַחֲרַי הַבְּעָלִים לֹא הִלַּכְתִּי רֵאֵי דַרְכָּךְ בְּגֵאֵי דְעֵי מִהָ עֲשִׂית בְּכִרְהָ קִלְהָ מִשְׁרַכַּת דְּרַכֵּיהָ: (כד) פָּרַה | לִמָּד מִדְּכָר בְּאֹת נִפְשׁוֹ [נִפְשָׁה] שְׁאֵפָה רֹיחַ תִּפְאַנְתָּה מִי יִשִּׁיבָנָה כָּל־מִבְקָשֶׁיהָ לֹא יִיעָפוּ בְּחַדְשָׁהּ יִמְצְאוּנָהּ: (כה) מִנְעֵי רִגְלָךְ מִיִּתְּף וּגוֹרֵנֶךָ [וּגְרוּנֶךָ] מִצְמָאָה וּתְאֻמְרֵי נוֹאֵשׁ לֹא כִי־אֶהְבֵּתִי זָרִים וְאַחֲרֵיהֶם אֵלֶיךָ: (כו) כָּל־נִשְׁת גִּבְבִּי כִּי יִמְצָא כִּן הִבִּישׁוּ בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל הִמָּה מִלְכִּיהֶם שְׁרִיָּהֶם וְכִהְנִיָּהֶם וּנְבִיאֵיהֶם: (כז) אִמְרִים לְעֵץ אָבִי אֶתָּה וְלֵאבֹן אֶתָּה יִלְדֶתְנִי [יִלְדֶתְנִי] כִּי־פָנּוּ אֵלַי עָרַף וְלֹא פָגַם וּבָעַת רַעְתָּם יֹאמְרוּ קוֹמָה וְהוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ: (כח) וְאִיָּהּ אֶלְהֵיהָ אֲשֶׁר עֲשִׂית לָךְ יִקְוֹמוּ אִם־יִוְשִׁיעוּךָ בְּעַת רַעְתָּךְ כִּי מִסְפָּר עָרֶיךָ הָיוּ אֶלְהֵיהָ יְהוָה: (ס)

me,” While to Me they turned their backs
And not their faces. But in their hour of
calamity they cry, “Arise and save us!”
(28) And where are those gods You made
for yourself? Let them arise and save you,
if they can, In your hour of calamity. For
your gods have become, O Judah, As
many as your towns!

Jeremiah 3:4

(4) Just now you called to Me, “Father!
You are the Companion of my youth.

ירמיהו ג':ד'
(ד) הָלֹא מַעֲתָה קראתי [קראת] לִי אָבִי
אֱלֹהִים נַעֲרִי אָתָּה:

