

¹وَكَمَلَ جَمِيعُ الْعَمَلِ الَّذِي عَمَلَهُ سُلَيْمَانُ لِبَيْتِ الرَّبِّ. وَأَدْخَلَ سُلَيْمَانُ أَقْدَاسَ دَاوُدَ أَبِيهِ. وَالْفِصَّةُ وَالذَّهَبُ وَجَمِيعُ الْآيَةِ جَعَلَهَا فِي خَزَائِنِ بَيْتِ اللَّهِ.² جَبَنِدُ جَمَعَ سُلَيْمَانُ سُيُوحَ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَكُلَّ رُؤُوسِ الْأَسْبَاطِ رُؤُوسَاءِ الْآبَاءِ لِبَيْتِ إِسْرَائِيلَ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ لِإِصْعَادِ تَابُوتِ عَهْدِ الرَّبِّ مِنْ مَدِينَةِ دَاوُدَ هِيَ صِهْيَوْنُ.³ فَاجْتَمَعَ إِلَى الْمَلِكِ جَمِيعُ رِجَالِ إِسْرَائِيلَ فِي الْعِيدِ الَّذِي فِي الشَّهْرِ السَّامِعِ.⁴ وَجَاءَ جَمِيعُ سُيُوحِ إِسْرَائِيلَ. وَحَمَلَ الْلاَوِيُّونَ التَّابُوتَ⁵ وَأَصْعَدُوا التَّابُوتَ وَحَيْمَةَ الْإِجْتِمَاعِ مَعَ جَمِيعِ آيَةِ الْقُدُسِ الَّتِي فِي الْحَيْمَةِ، أَصْعَدَهَا الْكَهَنَةُ وَالْلاَوِيُّونَ.⁶ وَالْمَلِكُ سُلَيْمَانُ وَكُلُّ جَمَاعَةِ إِسْرَائِيلَ الْمُجْتَمِعِينَ إِلَيْهِ أَمَامَ التَّابُوتِ كَانُوا يَدْبَحُونَ عَنَمًا وَتَقْرَأُ مَا لَا يُحْصَى وَلَا يُعَدُّ مِنَ الْكَثَرَةِ.⁷ وَأَدْخَلَ الْكَهَنَةُ تَابُوتَ عَهْدِ الرَّبِّ إِلَى مَكَائِهِ فِي مِحْرَابِ الْبَيْتِ فِي قُدُسِ الْأَقْدَاسِ إِلَى تَحْتِ جَنَاحِي الْكَرُوبِيمِ.⁸ وَكَانَ الْكَرُوبَانِ بَاسِطَيْنِ أَجْنَحَتَهُمَا عَلَى مَوْضِعِ التَّابُوتِ. وَظَلَّلَ الْكَرُوبَانِ التَّابُوتَ وَعَصِيَّتَهُ مِنْ قَوْقُورٍ.⁹ وَجَذَبُوا الْعِصِيَّ قَتَرَاءَتْ رُؤُوسُ الْعِصِيَّ مِنَ التَّابُوتِ أَمَامَ الْمِحْرَابِ وَلَمْ تُرْ خَارِجًا، وَهِيَ هُنَاكَ إِلَى هَذَا الْيَوْمِ.¹⁰ لَمْ يَكُنْ فِي التَّابُوتِ إِلَّا اللَّوْحَانِ اللَّذَانِ وَضَعَهُمَا مُوسَى فِي حُورِبَ حِينَ عَاهَدَ الرَّبُّ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ عِنْدَ خُرُوجِهِمْ مِنْ مِصْرَ.¹¹ وَكَانَ لَمَّا خَرَجَ الْكَهَنَةُ مِنَ الْقُدُسِ. لِأَنَّ جَمِيعَ الْكَهَنَةِ الْمُؤْجِدِينَ تَقَدَّسُوا. لَمْ تُلَاخِطِ الْفِرْقُ.¹² وَالْلاَوِيُّونَ الْمُعْتُونَ أَجْمَعُونَ، أَسَافُ وَهَيْمَانُ وَبَدُونُ وَبَنُوهْمُ وَإِخْوَتُهُمْ، لَابِسِينَ كِتَانًا بِالصُّنُوجِ وَالرَّبَّابِ وَالْعِيدَانِ وَاقِفِينَ سَرَقِيَّ الْمَذْبَحِ، وَمَعَهُمْ مِنَ الْكَهَنَةِ مِئَةٌ وَعِشْرُونَ يَنْفُخُونَ فِي الْأَبْوَاقِ.¹³ وَكَانَ لَمَّا صَوَّتَ الْمُبَوِّقُونَ وَالْمُعْتُونَ كَوَاجِدَ صَوْنًا وَاجِدًا لِتَسْبِيحِ الرَّبِّ وَحَمْدِهِ، وَرَفَعُوا صَوْنًا بِالْأَبْوَاقِ وَالصُّنُوجِ وَالْآلِ الْغَنَاءِ وَالتَّسْبِيحِ لِلرَّبِّ، لِأَنَّهُ صَالِحٌ لَأَنَّ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ رَحْمَتُهُ، أَنَّ بَيْتَ الرَّبِّ امْتَلَأَ سَخَابًا.¹⁴ وَلَمْ يَسْتَطِعِ الْكَهَنَةُ أَنْ يَقِفُوا لِلْخِدْمَةِ بِسَبَبِ السَّخَابِ، لِأَنَّ مَجْدَ الرَّبِّ مَلَأَ بَيْتَ اللَّهِ.

¹Thus all the work that Solomon made for the house of the LORD was finished: and Solomon brought in all the things that David his father had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of God.²Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.³Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king in the feast which was in the seventh month.⁴And all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark.⁵And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, these did the priests and the Levites bring up.⁶Also king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel that were assembled unto him before the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbered for multitude.⁷And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, to the oracle of the house, into the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubims:⁸For the cherubims spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.⁹And they drew out the staves of the ark, that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle; but they were not seen without. And there it is unto this day.¹⁰There was nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses put therein at Horeb, when

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the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.¹¹ And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place : (for all the priests that were present were sanctified, and did not then wait by course:¹² Also the Levites which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:)¹³ It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying , For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;¹⁴ So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.