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¹بَعْدَ هَذَا تَطَلَّرْتُ، وَإِذَا بَابٌ مَفْتُوحٌ فِي السَّمَاءِ وَالصَّوْتُ
الْأَوَّلُ الَّذِي سَمِعْتُهُ كَصَوْتِ بَتَكَلَّمَ مَعِيَ قَائِلًا: اصْعَدْ إِلَى
هُنَا فَأَرِيكَ مَا لَا يَبْدَأُ أَنْ يَصِيرَ بَعْدَ هَذَا.² وَلِلْوَقْتِ صِرْتُ فِي
الرُّوحِ، وَإِذَا عَرْشٌ مَوْضُوعٌ فِي السَّمَاءِ وَعَلَى الْعَرْشِ
جَالِسٌ،³ وَكَانَ الْجَالِسُ فِي الْمَنْطَرِ شَبَهُ حَجَرِ الْيَسَبِ
وَالْعَقِيقِ وَقَوْسٌ فَرَحَ حَوْلَ الْعَرْشِ فِي الْمَنْطَرِ شَبَهُ
الرُّمُودِ.⁴ وَحَوْلَ الْعَرْشِ أَرْبَعَةٌ وَعِشْرُونَ عَرْشًا، وَرَأَيْتُ
عَلَى الْعُرُوشِ أَرْبَعَةً وَعِشْرِينَ سَيِّحًا جَالِسِينَ مُتَسَرِّبِينَ
بَيْتَابٍ بَيْضٍ وَعَلَى رُؤُوسِهِمْ أَكَالِيلُ مِنْ ذَهَبٍ.⁵ وَمِنْ
الْعَرْشِ يَخْرُجُ بُرُوقٌ وَرَعُودٌ وَأَصْوَاتٌ، وَأَمَامَ الْعَرْشِ
سَبْعَةُ مَصَابِيحَ تَارٍ مُنْعِدَّةٌ هِيَ سَبْعَةُ أَرْوَاحِ اللَّهِ.⁶ وَقُدَّامَ
الْعَرْشِ بَحْرُ رُجَاجٍ شَبَهُ الْبَلُورِ، وَفِي وَسْطِ الْعَرْشِ
وَحَوْلَ الْعَرْشِ أَرْبَعَةُ حَيَوَاتٍ مَمْلُوءَةٌ غُبُونًا مِنْ قُدَّامِ
وَمِنْ وَرَاءِ.⁷ وَالْحَيَوَاتُ الْأَوَّلُ شَبَهُ أَسَدٍ وَالْحَيَوَاتُ الثَّانِي
شَبَهُ عِجْلٍ وَالْحَيَوَاتُ الثَّلَاثُ لَهُ وَجْهٌ مِثْلُ وَجْهِ إِنْسَانٍ
وَالْحَيَوَاتُ الرَّابِعُ شَبَهُ تَسْرٍ طَائِرٍ.⁸ وَالْأَرْبَعَةُ الْحَيَوَاتُ
لِكُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْهَا سِنَّةٌ أَجْحَقَةٌ، حَوْلَهَا وَمِنْ دَاخِلِ مَمْلُوءَةٌ
غُبُونًا، وَلَا تَرَالُ تَهَارًا وَلَيْلًا قَائِلَةً: قُدُّوسٌ، قُدُّوسٌ،
قُدُّوسٌ، الرَّبُّ إِلَهُ الْقَادِرُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، الَّذِي كَانَ
وَالْكَائِنُ وَالَّذِي يَأْتِي.⁹ وَحِينَمَا تُعْطِي الْحَيَوَاتُ مَجْدًا
وَكِرَامَةً وَشُكْرًا لِلْجَالِسِ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ، الْحَيِّ إِلَى أَبَدِ
الْأَبَدِينَ،¹⁰ يَخْرُ الْأَرْبَعَةُ وَالْعِشْرُونَ سَيِّحًا قُدَّامَ الْجَالِسِ
عَلَى الْعَرْشِ وَتَسْجُدُونَ لِلْحَيِّ إِلَى أَبَدِ الْآبِدِينَ،
وَيَطْرَحُونَ أَكَالِيلَهُمْ أَمَامَ الْعَرْشِ قَائِلِينَ:¹¹ أَنْتَ مُسْتَحَقٌّ،
أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ، أَنْ تَأْخُذَ الْمَجْدَ وَالْكَرَامَةَ وَالْقُدْرَةَ لِأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ
خَلَقْتَ كُلَّ الْأَشْيَاءِ وَهِيَ بِإِرَادَتِكَ كَانَتْهُ وَخُلِقَتْ.

¹After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.²And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.³And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.⁴And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.⁵And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.⁶And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.⁷And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.⁸And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.⁹And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,¹⁰The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever,

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and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, ¹¹Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.