

الكتاب الى كنيسة ساردس

¹وَكَتُبْ إِلَى مَلَكَ الْكَنِيسَةِ الَّتِي فِي سَارْدِسَ: هَذَا يَقُولُهُ الَّذِي لَهُ سَبْعَةُ أَرْوَاحِ اللَّهِ وَالسَّبْعَةُ الْكُوكَبُ: أَنَا عَارِفٌ أَعْمَالَكَ، أَنَّ لَكَ اسْمًا أَتَكَ حَيًّا، وَأَنْتَ مَيِّتٌ.² كُنْ سَاهِرًا وَشَدِّدْ مَا بَقِيَ الَّذِي هُوَ عَتِيدٌ أَنْ يَمُوتَ، لِأَنِّي لَمْ أَجِدْ أَعْمَالَكَ كَامِلَةً أَمَامَ اللَّهِ.³ قَادِرٌ كَيْفَ أَحَدٌ وَسَمِعْتُ، وَاحْفَظْ وَثُبْ، فَإِنِّي إِن لَمْ تَسْهَرْ أَقْدِمُ عَلَيْكَ كِلْسَ وَلَا تَعْلَمُ آيَةَ سَاعَةِ أَقْدِمُ عَلَيْكَ.⁴ عِنْدَكَ أَسْمَاءٌ قَلِيلَةٌ فِي سَارْدِسَ لَمْ يَتَجَسَّسُوا ثِيَابَهُمْ، فَسَمِعْتُهُنَّ مَعِي فِي ثِيَابٍ بَيضٍ لِأَنَّهُنَّ مُسْتَجِيقُونَ.⁵ مَنْ يَغْلُبُ فَذَلِكَ سَيَلْبَسُ ثِيَابًا بَيضًا وَلَنْ أَمْحُو اسْمَهُ مِنْ سِفْرِ الْحَيَاةِ وَسَأُعْتَرِفُ بِاسْمِهِ أَمَامَ أَبِي وَأَمَامَ مَلَائِكَتِهِ.⁶ مَنْ لَهُ أُذُنٌ فَلْيَسْمَعْ مَا يَقُولُهُ الرُّوحُ لِلْكَتَائِسِ.

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⁷وَكَتُبْ إِلَى مَلَكَ الْكَنِيسَةِ الَّتِي فِي فِيلَادَلْفِيَا: هَذَا يَقُولُهُ الْقُدُّوسُ الْحَقُّ الَّذِي لَهُ مِفْتَاحُ دَاوُدَ، الَّذِي يَفْتَحُ وَلَا أَحَدٌ يُغْلِقُ وَيُغْلِقُ وَلَا أَحَدٌ يَفْتَحُ.⁸ أَنَا عَارِفٌ أَعْمَالَكَ، هَتِّدًا قَدْ جَعَلْتُ أَمَامَكَ بَابًا مَفْتُوحًا وَلَا يَسْتَطِيعُ أَحَدٌ أَنْ يُغْلِقَهُ، لِأَنَّ لَكَ قُوَّةَ يَسِيرَةٍ وَقَدْ حَفِطْتَ كَلِمَتِي وَلَمْ تُكِرْ اسْمِي.⁹ هَتِّدًا أَجْعَلُ الَّذِينَ مِنَ مَجْمَعِ الشَّيْطَانِ، مِنَ الْفَارِسِيِّينَ مِنْهُمْ يَهُودٌ وَلَيْسُوا يَهُودًا بَلْ يَكْدُبُونَ، هَتِّدًا أَصْبِرُهُمْ يَأْتُونَ وَيَسْجُدُونَ أَمَامَ رَجُلِكَ وَيَعْرِفُونَ أَنِّي أَنَا أَحْبَبْتُكَ.¹⁰ لَأَنَّكَ حَفِطْتَ كَلِمَةَ صَبْرِي أَنَا أَيْضًا سَأَحْفَظُكَ مِنْ سَاعَةِ التَّجَرُّبَةِ الْعَتِيدَةِ أَنْ تَأْتِيَ عَلَى الْعَالَمِ كُلِّهِ لِنَجَرَّبَ السَّاكِنِينَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ.¹¹ هَا أَنَا آتِي سَرِيعًا، تَمَسِّكْ بِمَا عِنْدَكَ لئَلَّا يَأْخُذَ أَحَدٌ إِيْلَيْكَ.¹² مَنْ يَغْلُبُ فَسَأَجْعَلُهُ عَمُودًا فِي هَيْكَلِ إِلَهِي وَلَا يَعُودُ يَخْرُجُ إِلَى خَارِجٍ، وَكَتُبْ عَلَيْهِ اسْمُ إِلَهِي وَاسْمُ مَدِينَةِ إِلَهِي، أَوْرُشَلِيمَ الْجَدِيدَةِ، الثَّالِثَةَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مِنْ عِنْدِ إِلَهِي، وَاسْمِي الْجَدِيدِ.¹³ مَنْ لَهُ أُذُنٌ فَلْيَسْمَعْ مَا يَقُولُهُ الرُّوحُ لِلْكَتَائِسِ.

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¹⁴وَكَتُبْ إِلَى مَلَكَ كَنِيسَةِ اللَّاودَكِيِّينَ: هَذَا يَقُولُهُ الْآمِينُ، الشَّاهِدُ الْآمِينُ الصَّادِقُ، بَدَاءَةُ خَلِيقَةِ اللَّهِ.¹⁵ أَنَا عَارِفٌ أَعْمَالَكَ أَنَّكَ لَسْتَ بَارِدًا وَلَا حَارًّا. لَيْتَكَ كُنْتَ بَارِدًا أَوْ حَارًّا.¹⁶ هَكَذَا، لَأَنَّكَ قَاتِرٌ وَلَسْتَ بَارِدًا وَلَا حَارًّا، أَنَا مُرْمِعٌ أَنْ أَتَقَيَّكَ مِنْ قَمِي. لَأَنَّكَ تَقُولُ: إِنِّي أَنَا عَتِيدٌ وَقَدْ اسْتَعْتَيْتُ وَلَا حَاجَةَ لِي إِلَى شَيْءٍ، وَلَسْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ أَنْتَ

¹And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.² Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.³ Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.⁴ Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.⁵ He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.⁶ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.⁷ And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;⁸ I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.⁹ Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.¹⁰ Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the

السَّقِيَّ وَالْبَائِسُ وَقَقِيرَ وَأَعْمَى وَعُزْرَانُ.¹⁸ أَشِيرُ عَلَيْكَ
أَنْ تَسْتَرِيَّ مِنِّي ذَهَباً مُصَفًّى بِالنَّارِ لِكَيْ تَسْتَعِينِي، وَثِيَاباً
بَيْضاً لِكَيْ تَلْبَسَ، فَلَا يَطْهَرُ خِزْيُ عُرْيِكَ، وَكَيْلَ عَيْنِكَ
يَكْخُلُ لِكَيْ تُبْصِرَ.¹⁹ إِنِّي كُلُّ مَنْ أَجِبُهُ أَوْجُهُ وَأَوَدِّبُهُ، فَكُنْ
غَيْراً وَثَبً.²⁰ هَنَذَا وَأَقِفُ عَلَى الْبَابِ وَأَقْرَعُ، إِنْ سَمِعَ
أَحَدٌ صَوْتِي وَفَتَحَ الْبَابَ أَدْخُلُ إِلَيْهِ وَأَتَعَشَّى مَعَهُ وَهُوَ
مَعِيَ.²¹ مَنْ يَغْلِبُ قَسَا عَطِيهِ أَنْ يَجْلِسَ مَعِيَ فِي عَرْشِي
كَمَا غَلَبْتُ أَنَا أَيْضاً وَجَلَسْتُ مَعَ أَبِي فِي عَرْشِهِ.²² مَنْ لَهُ
أُذُنٌ فَلْيَسْمَعْ مَا يَقُولُهُ الرُّوحُ لِلْكَتَائِسِ.

hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.¹¹ Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.¹² Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.¹³ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.¹⁴ And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;¹⁵ I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.¹⁶ So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.¹⁷ Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:¹⁸ I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.¹⁹ As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.²¹ To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in

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my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.²² He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.