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ُبَعْدَ هَذَا نَظَرْتُ، وَإِذَا بَابٌ مَفْتُوحٌ فِي السَّمَاءِ وَالصَّوْتُ الأُوَّلُ الَّذِي سَمِعْتُهُ ۖ كَبُوق يَتَكَلَّمُ مَعِي قَائِلاً: اصْعَدْ إِلَى هُنَا فَأْرِيَكَ مَا لاَ يُدَّ أَنْ يَصِّيرَ يَعْدَ هَذَا. ُوَللْوَقْتِ صِرْتُ فَي الرُّوح، وَإِذَا عَرْشُ مَوْضُوعٌ فِي السَّمَاءِ وَعَلَى الْعَرْشِ جَالِسٌ، ۚ وَكَانَ الْجَالِسُ في المَنْظَرِ شَبْهَ حَجَرِ الْيَشْبِ وَالْعَقِيقِ وَقَوْسُ قُرَحَ حَوْلَ الْعَرْشِ فِي الْمَنْظُرِ شِبْهُ الزُّمُرُّد. 4 وَحَوْلَ الْعَرْشِ أَرْبَعَةٌ وَعَشْرُونَ عَرْشاً، وَرَأَنْتُ عَلَى الْعُرُوشِ أَرْبَعَةً وَعَشْرِينَ شَيْخاً جَالِسِينَ مُتَسَرَّبِلِينَ بيض وَعَلَى رُؤُوسِهِمْ أَكَالِيلُ مِنْ ذَهَبٍ. وَمِنَ الْعَرْشَ يَخْرُجُ بُرُوقٌ وَرُعُودٌ وَأَصْوَاتٌ، وَأَمَامَ اَلْعَرْشِ سَبْعَةُ مَصَابِيحٍ نَارٍ مُتَّقِدَةٌ هِيَ سَبْعَةُ أَرْوَاحِ اللهِ. ۗ وَقُدَّامَ الْعَرْش بَحْرُ ۚ رُجَاجِ شِبْهُ الْبَلُّورِ، وَفِي وَسَطِ الْعَرْش وَحَوْلَ الْعَرْشِ أَرْبَعَةُ حَيَوَانَاتِ مَمْلُوَّةٌ عُيُوناً مِنْ قُدَّامَ وَمِنْ وَرَاءٍ. وَالْحَيَوَانُ الأَوَّلُ شَبْهُ أَسَدِ وَالْحَيَوَانُ الثَّانِي َ شَبْهُ عِجْلِ وَالْحَيَوَانُ التَّالِثُ لَهُ وَجْهُ مِثْلُ وَجْهِ إِنْسَانِ وَالْحَيَوَانُ الرَّالِعُ شِبْهُ نَسْرِ طَائِرٍ. ۚ وَالأَرْبَعَةُ الْحَيَوَانَاتُ لِكُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْهَا سِتَّةُ أَجْنِحَةِ، حَوْلَهَا وَمِنْ دَاخِل مَمْلُوَّةٌ عُيُوناً، وَلاَ تَـزَالُ نَهَـاراً وَلَيْلاً قَائِلَـةً: قُـدُّوسٌ، قُـدُّوسٌ، قُدُّوسٌ، الرَّبُّ الإلِّهُ الْقَادِرُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، الَّذِي كَانَ وَالْكَائِنُ وَالَّذِي يَأْتِي. ۖ وَحِينَمَا تُعْطِي الْحَيَوَانَاتُ مَحْداً وَكَرَامَةً وَشُكْراً لِلْجَالِسِ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ، الْحَيِّ إِلَى أَبَدِ عَلَى الْعَـرْشِ وَيَسْـحُدُونَ لِلْحَـيِّ الِّي أَيَدِ الْآيدِينَ، وَيَطْرَ حُونَ أَكَالِيلَهُمْ أَمَامَ الْعَرْشِ قَائِلِينَ:¹¹أَنْتَ مُسْتَحِقٌّ، أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ، أَنْ تَأْخُذَ المَجْدَ وَالْكَرَامَةَ وَالْقُدْرَةَ لأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ خَلَقْتَ كُلَّ الأَشْيَاءِ وَهِيَ بِإِرَادَتِكَ كَائِنَةٌ 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. And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. And 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. And 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. And 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. And 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. And 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. And 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. And 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.