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ُونَظَرْتُ لَمَّا فَتَحَ الْخَرُوفُ وَاحِداً مِنَ الْخُتُومِ السَّبْعَةِ، وَسَمِعْتُ وَاحِداً مِنَ الأَرْبَعَةِ الْحَيَوانَاتِ قَائِلاً كَصَوْتِ رَعْدٍ: هَلُمَّ وَانْظُرْ. ۚ فَنَظَرْتُ، وَإِذَا فَرَسٌ أَبْيَنُ وَالْجَالِسُ عَلَيْهِ مَعَهُ قَوْسٌ، وَقَدْ أَعْطِيَ إِكْلِيلاً وَخَرَجَ غَالِباً وَلِكَيْ يَغْلِبَ. ُوَلَمَّا فَتَحَ الْخَتْمَ الثَّانِيَ، سَمِعْتُ الْحَيَوَانِ الثَّانِيَ قَائلاً: هَلَمَّ وَانْظُرْ. ۗ فَحَرَجَ فَرَسٌ آخَرُ، أَحْمَرُ، وَأَعْطَىَ للْجَالس، عَلَيْـه أَنْ يَنْـزعَ السَّلاَمَ مِـنَ الأَرْضِ وَأَنْ يَقْتُـلَ بَعْضُهُـمَّ

ُولَمَّا فَتَحَ الْخَتْمَ الثَّالِثَ، سَمِعْتُ الْحَبَوَانَ الثَّالِثَ قَائلاً: هَلُمَّ وَانْظُرْ. فَنَظَرْتُ، وَإِذَا فَرَسُ أَسْوَدُ وَالْجَالِسُ عَلَيْهِ مَعَهُ مِيزَانٌ فِي يَدِهٍ، وَسَمِعْتُ صَوْتاً فِي وَسَطِ الأَرْبَعَةِ الْحَيَوَانَاتِ قَائِلاً: ثُمْنِيَّةُ قَمْحِ بِدِينَارِ وَثَلاَثُ ثَمَانِيٍّ شَعِيرِ بِدِينَارٍ، وَأُمَّا الرَّيْثُ وَالْخَمْرُ فَلاَ تَضُرَّهُمَا.

وَلَمَّا فَتَحَ الْخَتْمَ الرَّابِعَ، سَمِعْتُ صَوْتَ الْحَبَوَانِ الرَّابِعِ قَائلاً: هَلُمَّ وَانْظُرْ ۚ فَنَظَرْتُ، وَإِذَا فَرَسُ أَجْضَرُ وَالْجَالِسُ عَلَيْهِ اسْمُهُ: المَوْتُ، وَالْهَاوِيَةُ تَتْبَعُهُ. وَأَعْطِيَا سُلْطَاناً عَلَى رُبْعِ الأَرْضِ أَنْ يَقْتُلاَ بِالسَّيْفِ وَالْجُـوعِ وَالمَـوْتِ

وَلَمَّا فَتَحَ الْخَتْمَ الْخَامِسَ، رَأَنْتُ تَحْتَ الْمَذْبَحِ نُفُوسَ الَّذِينَ قُتلُوا مِنْ أَجْلِ كَلِمَةِ اللهِ وَمِنْ أَجْلِ الشُّهَادَةِ الَّتِي كَانَتْ عِنْدَهُمْ، أُوصَرَخُوا بِصَوْتِ عَظِيمٍ قَائِلِينَ: حَتَّى السَّيِّدُ الْقُدُّوسُ وَالْحَقُّ، لإَ تَقْضِي وَتَنْتَقِمُ لِدِمَائِنَا مِنَ السَّاكِنِينَ عَلَى الأَرْضِ؟¹¹فَأَعْطُوا كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ ثِيَاباً بيضاً وَقِيلَ لَهُمْ، أَنْ يَسْتَرِيخُوا زَمَاناً يَسيراً أَيْضاً حَتَّى بَكْمَلَ الْعَسِدُ رُفَقَاؤُهُمْ وَإِخْوَتُهُمْ أَبْضاً، الْعَتبِدُونَ أَنْ

وَنَظَرْتُ لَمَّا فَتَحَ الْخَتْمَ السَّادِسَ، وَإِذَا زَلْزَلَةٌ عَظِيمَةٌ حَـدَثَتْ وَالشَّمْسُ صَـارَتْ سَـوْدَاءَ كَمِسْح مِـنْ شَعْـر وَالْقَمَرُ صَارَ كَالدَّم، 3 وَنُجُومُ السَّمَاءِ سَقَطَتْ إِلَى الأرْضِ كَمَـا تَطْـرَحُ شَجَـرَةُ التِّيـن سُـقَاطَهَا إِذَا هَرَّتْهَـا ريـخُ عَظيمَةٌ، 14 وَالسَّـمَاءُ انْفَلَقَـتُ كَدَرْجٍ مُلْتَـفٍ وَكُلُّ حَيلٍ ِنْ مَوْضعهمَـًا.¹⁵وَمُلُــوكُ الأرْضَ وَالْغُظَمَاءُ وَالأَغْنِيَاءُ وَالأَمَرَاءُ وَالأَقْوِيَاءُ وَكُلَّ عَبْدٍ وَكُلَّ خُرًّ أَخْفَهْا أَنْفُسَهُمْ في المَغَاير وَفي صُخُورِ الْجِبَال¹⁶وَهُمْ يَقُولُونَ لِلْجِبَالِ وَالصُّخُورِ: اسْقُطِي عَلَيْنَا وَأَخْفِينَا عَنْ وَحْه الْجَالِس عَلَى الْعَرْشِ وَعَنْ غَضَبِ الْخَرُوفِ، ¹⁷لأَنَّهُ قَدْ جَاءَ يَوْمُ غَضَبِهِ الْعَظِيمُ وَمَنْ يَسْتَطِيعُ الْوُقُوفَ؟

And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conguer. And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword. And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say. A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine. And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth. And when he had opened the fifth seal. I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the

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earth?¹¹And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled. 12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; 13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. ¹⁴ And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. ¹⁵And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains: 16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: ¹⁷ For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?