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¹ وَبَعْدَ هَذَا رَأَيْتُ أَرْبَعَةَ مَلَائِكَةٍ وَاقِفِينَ عَلَى أَرْبَعِ زَوَايَا الْأَرْضِ مُمَسِّكِينَ أَرْبَعِ رِيَّاحِ الْأَرْضِ لِكَيْ لَا تَهْبِ رِيحٌ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ وَلَا عَلَى الْبَحْرِ وَلَا عَلَى شَجَرَةٍ مَا. ² وَرَأَيْتُ مَلَكَآ آخَرَ طَالِعًا مِنْ مَشْرِقِ الشَّمْسِ مَعَهُ حَتْمُ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ فَنَادَى بِصَوْتٍ عَظِيمٍ إِلَى الْمَلَائِكَةِ الْأَرْبَعَةِ الَّذِينَ أُعْطُوا أَنْ يَصُفُّوا الْأَرْضَ وَالْبَحْرَ ³ قَائِلًا: لَا تَصُفُّوا الْأَرْضَ وَلَا الْبَحْرَ وَلَا الْأَشْجَارَ حَتَّى تَحْتِمَ عَيْدِي إِلَيْهَا عَلَى جِبَاهِهِمْ. ⁴ وَسَمِعْتُ عِدَّةَ الْمَخْتُومِينَ: مِئَةً وَأَرْبَعَةً وَأَرْبَعِينَ أَلْفًا مَخْتُومِينَ مِنْ كُلِّ سِبْطٍ مِنْ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ. ⁵ مِنْ سِبْطِ يَهُودَا اثْنَا عَشَرَ أَلْفَ مَخْتُومٍ، مِنْ سِبْطِ رَأُوْبَيْنِ اثْنَا عَشَرَ أَلْفَ مَخْتُومٍ، مِنْ سِبْطِ جَادَ اثْنَا عَشَرَ أَلْفَ مَخْتُومٍ، ⁶ مِنْ سِبْطِ أَسِيْرٍ اثْنَا عَشَرَ أَلْفَ مَخْتُومٍ، مِنْ سِبْطِ نَفْثَالِي اثْنَا عَشَرَ أَلْفَ مَخْتُومٍ، مِنْ سِبْطِ مَنَسَّى اثْنَا عَشَرَ أَلْفَ مَخْتُومٍ، ⁷ مِنْ سِبْطِ شَمْعُونِ اثْنَا عَشَرَ أَلْفَ مَخْتُومٍ، مِنْ سِبْطِ لَآوِي اثْنَا عَشَرَ أَلْفَ مَخْتُومٍ، مِنْ سِبْطِ بَسَّاكِرَ اثْنَا عَشَرَ أَلْفَ مَخْتُومٍ، ⁸ مِنْ سِبْطِ رَبُوْلُونَ اثْنَا عَشَرَ أَلْفَ مَخْتُومٍ، مِنْ سِبْطِ يُوْسُفَ اثْنَا عَشَرَ أَلْفَ مَخْتُومٍ، مِنْ سِبْطِ بِنِيَامِينَ اثْنَا عَشَرَ أَلْفَ مَخْتُومٍ.

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⁹ بَعْدَ هَذَا تَطَلَّثْتُ، وَإِذَا جَمْعٌ كَثِيرٌ لَمْ يَسْتَطِعْ أَحَدٌ أَنْ يَعُدَّهُ، مِنْ كُلِّ الْأُمَّةِ وَالْقَبَائِلِ وَالشُّعُوبِ وَاللَّسِيَّةِ، وَاقِفُونَ أَمَامَ الْعَرْشِ وَأَمَامَ الْحُرُوفِ مُتَسَرِّلِينَ بِنِيَابِ بَيْضٍ وَفِي أَيْدِيهِمْ سَعَفُ النَّخْلِ. ¹⁰ وَهُمْ يَصْرُخُونَ بِصَوْتٍ عَظِيمٍ قَائِلِينَ: الْخَلَاصُ لِإِلَهِنَا الْجَالِسِ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ وَالْحُرُوفِ. ¹¹ وَجَمِيعُ الْمَلَائِكَةِ كَانُوا وَاقِفِينَ حَوْلَ الْعَرْشِ وَالشُّيُوحِ وَالْحَيَوَاتِ الْأَرْبَعَةِ، وَحَرُّوا أَمَامَ الْعَرْشِ عَلَى وُجُوهِهِمْ وَسَجَدُوا لِلَّهِ قَائِلِينَ: آمِينَ، الْبَرَكَهَ وَالْمَجْدَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَالشُّكْرَ وَالْكَرَامَةَ وَالْقُدْرَةَ وَالْقُوَّةَ لِإِلَهِنَا إِلَى أَبَدِ الْآبِيدِينَ، آمِينَ. ¹³ وَسَأَلَنِي وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الشُّيُوحِ: هَؤُلَاءِ الْمُتَسَرِّلُونَ بِالنِّيَابِ الْبَيْضِ، مَنْ هُمْ وَمِنْ أَيْنَ أَتَوْا؟ ¹⁴ فَقُلْتُ لَهُ: يَا سَيِّدِي، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ. فَقَالَ لِي: هَؤُلَاءِ هُمُ الَّذِينَ أَتَوْا مِنَ الصِّبْغَةِ الْعَظِيمَةِ وَقَدْ عَسَلُوا نِيَابَهُمْ وَبَيَّضُوهَا فِي دَمِ الْحُرُوفِ، ¹⁵ مِنْ أَجْلِ ذَلِكَ هُمْ أَمَامَ عَرْشِ اللَّهِ وَبَحْدُمُوتهُ تَهَارًا وَلَيْلًا فِي هَيْكَلِهِ، وَالْجَالِسُ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ يَحِلُّ فَوْقَهُمْ. ¹⁶ لَنْ يَجُوعُوا بَعْدُ وَلَنْ يَعْطَشُوا بَعْدُ وَلَا تَقَعُ عَلَيْهِمُ الشَّمْسُ وَلَا سَيْءٌ مِنَ الْحَرِّ، ¹⁷ لِأَنَّ الْحُرُوفَ الَّذِي فِي وَسْطِ الْعَرْشِ بَرَّعَاهُمْ وَبَقَّنَادَهُمْ إِلَى نِيَابِيعِ مَاءٍ حَيَّةٍ، وَيَمَسُّحُ اللَّهُ كُلَّ دَمْعَةٍ مِنْ

¹ And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. ² And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, ³ Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. ⁴ And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. ⁵ Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand. ⁶ Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephtalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand. ⁷ Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand. ⁸ Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand. ⁹ After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; ¹⁰ And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth

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upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.¹¹ And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,¹² Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.¹³ And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?¹⁴ And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.¹⁵ Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.¹⁷ For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.