

Chapter 7

The earth being to be punished, 3. they are commanded to faue them that are figed in their fore-heads: 4. which are defcribed and numbred both of the Iewes and Gentiles, blefsing God. 13. Of them that were clothed in white ftoles or long robes.

After these things I faw foure Angels fstanding vpon the foure corners of the earth, holding the foure winds of the earth that they fhould not blow vpon the land, nor vpon the fea, nor on any tree. ² And I faw another Angel afcending from the rifing of the funne, hauing the figne of the liuing God; & he cried with a loud voice to the foure Angels, to whom it was giuen to hurt the earth and the fea, ³ faying: Hurt not the earth and the fea, nor the trees, til ^{a)}we figne the feruants of our God in their foreheads.

⁴ And I heard the number of them that were figed, an hundred fourtie foure thoufand were figed, ^{b)}of euery Tribe of the children of Ifrael. ^{5 c)}Of the Tribe of Iuda, twelue thoufand figed. Of the Tribe of Ruben, twelue thoufand figed. Of the Tribe of Gad, twelue thoufand figed. ⁶ Of the Tribe of Afer, twelue thoufand figed. Of the Tribe of Nephali, twelue thoufand figed. Of the Tribe of Manaffes, twelue thoufand figed. ⁷ Of the Tribe of Simeon, twelue thoufand figed. Of the Tribe of Leui, twelue thoufand figed. Of the Tribe of Iffachar, twelue thoufand figed. ⁸ Of the Tribe of Zabulon, twelue thoufand figed. Of the Tribe of Iofeph, twelue thoufand figed. Of the Tribe of Benjamin, twelue thoufand figed.

^a It is an allufiō to the figne of the Croffe which the faithful beare in their foreheads to shew they be not afhamed of Chrif. *S. Aug. tract. 43. in Io.*

^b Of all the Tribes put together, fo many, 144,000.

^c He fignifieth by thefe thoufands and the multitude following, al the elect: but the elect of the Iewes, to be in a certaine number: the elect of the Gentils to be innumerable.

⁹ After these things I saw a great multitude which no man could number, of all Nations, and Tribes, and peoples, & tongues: standing before the throne, and in the sight of the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and ^apalms in their hands: ¹⁰ And they cried with a lowd voice, saying: Saluation to our God which fitteth vpon the throne, and to the Lamb. ¹¹ And all the Angels stood in the circuit of the throne, and of the Seniors, and of the foure beasts: and they fel in the sight of the throne vpon their faces, and adored God, ¹² saying, Amen. Benediction, and glorie, and wisdom, and thankes-giuing, honour and power and strength to our God for euer and euer. Amen.

The elect of the Gents.

¹³ And one of the Seniors answered, and said to me: These that are clothed in the white robes, who be they? and whence came they? ¹⁴ And I said to him: My Lord thou knowest. And he said to me: These are they which are come out of great tribulation, and haue washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore they are before the throne of God, and they serue him day and night in his Temple: and he that sitteth in the throne, shall dwell ouer them. ¹⁶ They shall no more hunger nor thirst, neither shall the sunne fall vpon them, nor any heat. ¹⁷ Because the Lamb which is in the middes of the throne, shall rule them, and shall conduct them to the liuing fountaines of waters, and God will wipe away all teares from their eyes.

The glorie of Martyrs.

Esa. 49, 10.

Ef. 25, 8.
Apo. 21, 4.

^a Boughes of the palme tree be tokens of triumph & victorie.