

Chapter 7

The earth being to be punished, 3. they are commanded to faue them that are figned 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 thefe things I faw foure Angels fanding 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 figned, an hundred fourtie foure thoufand were figned, ^b)of euery Tribe of the children of Ifrael. ⁵ ^c)Of the Tribe of Iuda, twelue thoufand figned. Of the Tribe of Ruben, twelue thoufand figned. Of the Tribe of Gad, twelue thoufand figned. ⁶ Of the Tribe of Afer, twelue thoufand figned. Of the Tribe of Nephali, twelue thoufand figned. Of the Tribe of Manaffes, twelue thoufand figned. ⁷ Of the Tribe of Simeon, twelue thoufand figned. Of the Tribe of Leui, twelue thoufand figned. Of the Tribe of Iffachar, twelue thoufand figned. ⁸ Of the Tribe of Zabulon, twelue thoufand figned. Of the Tribe of Iofeph, twelue thoufand figned. Of the Tribe of Benjamin, twelue thoufand figned.

^a It is an allufiõ to the figne of the Croffe which the faithful beare in their foreheads to shew they be not ashamed 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 al Nations, and Tribes, and peoples, & tongues: ſtanding before the throne, and in the ſight of the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and ^a)palmes 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 al the Angels ſtood in the circuit of the throne, and of the Seniours, 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 wiſedom, and thankes-giuing, honour and power and ſtrength to our God for euer and euer. Amen.

The elect of the
Gentils.

¹³ And one of the Seniours 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 bloud 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 fitteth in the throne, ſhal dwel ouer them.

The glorie of
Martyrs.

Eſa. 49, 10.

¹⁶ They ſhal no more hunger nor thirſt, neither ſhal the funne fal vpon them, nor any heat. ¹⁷ Becauſe the Lamb which is in the middes of the throne, ſhal rule them, and ſhal conduct them to the liuing fountaines of waters, and

Eſ. 25, 8.
Apo. 21, 4.

God wil wipe away al teares from their eyes.

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