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This phase of the tabernacle lasts only during the  
transitional dispensation of the millennium.  
Why are these especially singled out as objects of  
the Antichrist’s blasphemy ? They are the ransomed  
ones, to eject whom the devil ventured on battle, and  
was defeated. Sorely does their victory, and their en-  
trance on his lost heritage, wound Satan. And Satan’s  
spirit speaks in Antichrist. They are men fully redeemed  
im resurrection, and are monuments of the truth which  
he has so long instigated the godlesstodeny. They are  
out of his reach—pledges of his further and complete  
overthrow. They are Christ’s army, sojourning in tents,  
because the campaign is not over. They come with  
Christ as the armies of heaven. xix. Of the two  
divisions of God’s people, then, who are placed in security  
—(l) the fugitives of earth fed in the wilderness ; and  
(2) the rescued of heaven—these are the most obnoxious  
to his hate.  
  
7. ‘\* And it was given them to make war on the saints, and to  
overcome them ; and authority was given him over every tribe and  
people, and tongue and nation.”  
  
The saints cannot league themselves with the Destroyer.  
They are not to resist him by the sword: though some,  
no doubt, will; and as surely as they do, they will be  
defeated.  
Who are the saints against whom the war is waged ?  
They are “ the remnant ” of the Woman’s seed, whether  
(1) Jewish, or (2) of the Church. Some of those left  
on earth know Jesus, and are “in the Lord ”’ (xiv. "ae  
13). It is remarkable that the expression “ saints,”  
not throughout the seven epistles to the churches wa  
of believers in Jesus.  
Antichrist carries out the plans of his father. Satan  
wars with the Woman and her Child. Baffled in both  
attempts, he gives the conduct of further hostilities into