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Most High: has learned by the slow lapse of centuries  
how vain are all his plans, how uniformly defeat has  
extinguished them. Surely, then, we should be apt to  
imagine, he will say to himself—‘ It is folly to strive  
with God. This heavy captivity of a thousand years  
has not indeed destroyed my hatred of God, but it has  
at least taught me prudence. I will not offend against  
Him openly. JI will keep my enmity locked in my  
own bosom. I am once again at liberty: I will not do  
aught rebellious again to forfeit it, and to draw down  
final and eternal wrath.’ Is such the result ? Nothing  
of the kind. Heis the tiger ; while enclosed in his  
dungeon, his love of blood is undiminished by his cap-  
tivity : and as soon as his prison doors are loosed, he is  
off to his jungle and his prey once more.  
  
THE MILLENNIUM  
  
4, ‘‘ And I saw thrones, and (men) sat upon them, and judg-  
ment was given unto them: and (I saw) the souls of those that  
had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus, and because  
of the Word of God: and whosoever worshipped not the Wild  
Beast, nor his image, nor received his mark on their forehead, or  
on their hand, koth lived and reigned with the Christ a thousand  
years. 5. And the rest of the dead lived not until the thousand  
years were fulfilled. This is the first resurrection. 6. Blessed  
and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection ; over  
these the second death hath not authority, but they shall be  
priests of God and of the Christ, and shall reign with him a thou-  
sand years.”  
  
We have now arrived at a much controverted portion  
of the book: may the Holy Spirit enlighten us with  
true conceptions of the period described !  
We inquire first :—  
Is the resurrection here spoken of FIGURATIVE or  
LITERAL ?