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millennial Israel, with certain great advances even on  
that standing.  
“God shall wipe away every tear from their  
eyes.”  
All had shed tears before : now past sorrows shall be  
healed and forgot. Sorrow, tears, cries, were the con-  
sequences of the fall. Gen. iii. 16, 17. Now those  
consequences are blotted out.  
This happy portion was granted long ago to the  
Great Multitude rapt to the throne of God in resurrec-  
tion. Rev. vii. 17.  
\*\* Death shall be no more, nor mourning, nor scream.”’  
- Death occurs during the thousand years (Isa. Ixv.  
20; Ix. 7) both on man and beast. The offender  
is cut off at once in his sin. Jer. xxxi.30; Ezek. xliv.  
25-27. Hence it is now said, “Death shall be no  
more.” It has existed till that time.  
But, then, as sin and the sinful have passed away for  
ever, so have death and sorrow no entrance on the new  
earth. The word translated “crying” in the Autho-  
rized version appears to mean the loud cry of suffering  
from any cause, from pain, or oppression, or God’s ven-  
geance. Exod. xi 6; xii. 30; 1 Sam. iv. 14; Gen.  
xxvii. 34; Isa. v. 7.  
The following passage will vividly illustrate this  
word.  
““ As we passed through the streets. loud screams, as  
of a person frantic with rage and grief, drew our atten-  
tion towards a miserable hovel, whence we perceived a  
woman issuing hastily with a cradle containing an  
infant. Having placed the child upon the area. before  
her dwelling she as quickly ran back again: we then  
perceived her beating something violently, all the while  
filling the air with the most piercing shrieks. Running  
to see what was the cause of her cries, we observed an  
enormous serpent, which she had found near her infant,