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and had completely despatched before our arrival.  
Never were maternal feelings more strikingly portrayed  
than in the countenance of this woman. Not satisfied  
with having killed the animal she continued her blows,  
until she had reduced it to atoms, unhceding anything  
that was said to her, and only abstracting her attention  
from its mangled body to cast occasionally a wild and  
momentary glance toward her child”? (Dr. EH. Clarke’s  
Travels, 11, 439).  
“ Neither shall there be any more pain.”  
The Greek word used may describe both the toil of  
man inflicted by the fall, and the sorrows laid on the  
woman. Sin shall not enter, nor any of its black-robed  
train.  
“For the former things passed away.”  
The old dispensations are passed : the old earth, with  
its scenes and its materials, is no more. Here are more  
than Israel’s blessings, without the conditions laid on  
failing men. Evil in its roots, as well as its stem, is  
cut off for ever for the saved. These woes cleaved to  
the old heavens and earth, and the old covenant could  
not remove them: but the new sweeps away both  
together.  
  
THE JUDGMENT OF THE SAVED AND LOST  
  
5-8. “‘ And the Sitter on the throne said, ‘ Behold I make all  
things new.’ And he saith, ‘ Write : for these sayings are faithful  
and true.’ And he said tome,‘ They are done. lJamthe Alpha  
and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to him  
thatis athirst out of the fountain of the water of life without cost.  
He that overcometh shall inherit these things,! and I will be his  
God, and he shall be my son. But the cowardly, and unbelieving,  
and abominable, and murderers, and sorcerers, and idolaters,  
  
  
  
1 This is the true reading, as the critical editions agree.