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lake, was a foretaste of the destiny of those condemned  
because of such offences.  
4. “ And murderers.” Noah’s covenant inflicted  
death on such persons. The covenant with Israel  
affirmed the same penalty. But there is another sen-  
tence beyond the death of the body, which is here  
disclosed, to deter all from that treasonable defacement  
of their Maker’s image.  
5. “ And whoremongers.’”’ Ged’s displeasure against  
this sin was manifested in the wilderness, when Israel  
fornicated with the daughters of Moab. Solomon has  
an awful word concerning this offence. Prov. xxii. 14.  
The Gospel reiterates the warning. Heb. xiii. 4.  
Antichrist denounces marriage.  
6. “ And sorcerers.” Commerce with evil spirits is  
asad reality. It is one of the lusts of the flesh, and to  
it man has been ever prone. Gal. v. 19, 20. Moses  
threatened the sin with death temporal: but this  
shows its final doom. In Antichrist’s day Satan’s self  
is worshipped.  
The word here used includes the use of drugs for  
poisoning. These two classes of sin often went to-  
gether. How greatly in our day is poisoning extending  
itself !  
7. “And idolaters.” Strictly taken, idolatry seems  
to mean the worship of dead images fashioned by man.  
But the worship of any gods but the one True God, or  
polytheism, seems to be included. God will grant no  
dwelling with Himself to those who give His due to  
others.  
8. ‘‘ And all the false.” The article precedes this  
class. Does it not include more sins then merely those  
of lying? Satan was the first liar, and his place, as  
we have seen, isin the lake of fire. The greatest of  
lies is that of the Antichrist, who denies the Father and  
the Son. 1 John ii. 22.  
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