last who came down from heaven, ch. x. 1)  
**coming down out of heaven** (the Scer is  
still on the earth) **having great power**(possibly as Elliott suggests, as the executor  
of the judgment that he announced. If  
so, the announcement is still anticipatory,  
see ver. 21), **and the earth was lighted  
up by** (literally, out of, as the source of the  
brightness) **his glory: {2} and he cried in a  
mighty voice saying, Babylon the great is  
fallen, is fallen, and is become an habitation of demons** (see especially the Septuagint version of Isa. xxxiv. 14 ff., where,  
instead of *wild-beasts*, as in A. V., we have  
**demons**), **and an hold** (a place of detention :  
as it were an appointed prison) **of every  
unclean spirit, and an hold of every unclean and hated bird** (see the prophecy  
respecting Babylon, Jer. i. 39): {3} **because of  
the wrath of her fornication all the nations have drunk** (see on ch. xiv. 8. The  
use of the word wrath is even more remark-  
able here : of that wine of her fornication  
which has turned into wrath to herself),  
**and the kings of the earth committed fornication with her, and the merchants of  
the earth became rich out of the quantity  
of her luxury** (the word used here,—see note  
on 1 Tim. v.11, seems properly to mean the  
exuberance of strength, the flower of pride).

**4—20.**] *Warning to God's people to  
leave her, on account of the greatness of  
her crimes and coming judgments* (4—8): *lamentations over her on the part of those  
who were enriched by her* (9—20). {4} **And I  
heard another voice out of heaven** (not  
that of the Father, nor of Christ, for in  
such a case, as has been well observed, the  
long poetical lamentation would be hardly  
according to prophetic decorum; but that  
of an angel speaking in the name of God,  
as we have **my** used in ch. xi. 3 also) **saying, Come out of her, my people** (in the  
prophetic references in Isaiah, the circumstances differed, in that being a joyful  
exodus, this a cautionary one: and thus  
the warning is brought nearer to that one  
which our Lord commands in Matt, xxiv,  
16, and the cognate warnings in the Old  
Test., viz, that of Lot to come out of  
Sodom, Gen, xix, 15—22, when her destruction impended, and that of the people  
of Israel to get them up from the tents of  
Dathan and Abiram, Num. xvi. 23-26.  
In Jeremiah, we have the same circumstance of Babylon’s impending destruction  
combined with the warning: and from  
those places probably, especially Jeremiah  
li. 45, the words here are taken, The inference has been justly made from them  
[Elliott iv. p. 40], that there shall be, even  
to the last, saints of God in the midst of  
Rome: and that there will be danger of  
their being, through a lingering fondness  
for her, partakers in her coming judgments), **that ye partake not in her sins**,