(compare ch. x. 4, where the command  
is otherwise: also Daniel viii. 26): **for the  
time is near** (in Daniel viii. 26, the reason  
for sealing up the vision is that the time  
shall be *for many days*). {11} **Let him that is  
unjust commit injustice still: and let the  
filthy** (morally pollated) **pollute himself  
still: and let the righteous do righteousness still, and the holy sanctify himself  
still** (see Ezek. iii. 27: and compare Matt.  
xxvi. 45, “Sleep on now, and take your  
rest: behold the hour is at hand:” also  
Ezek. xx. 39. The saying has solemn irony  
  
in it the time is *so* short, that there is  
hardly room for change—the lesson conveyed in its depth is, “Change while there  
is time”). {12} **Behold I come quickly, and my  
reward is with me** (Isa. xl. 10) **to render  
to each as his work is** (these words sound  
as if spoken by our Lord himself: perhaps  
at the conclusion, the Apostle puts together,  
in prophetic shortness, many divine sayings  
of warning and consolation, with the replies  
to them). {13} **I am the Alpha and the  
Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end** (these words have hitherto  
been said by the Father: see above, ch.  
i. 8, xxi. 6, and notes, And in all probability it is so here likewise, whether we  
assume the words to be spoken by Christ  
in God’s name, or by the Eternal Father  
Himself). {14} **Blessed are they that wash  
their robes** (see the margin, and ch, vii.  
14, where the expression is fuller, “in the  
Blood of the Lamb.” The difference in the  
readings is curious, being in the original  
that between *poîountes tas entolas autou* and  
*plunontes tas stolas autôn*, either of which  
might easily be mistaken for the other)  
**that they may have the power** (licence)  
**over the tree** (to eat of the tree) **of life,  
and may enter by the gates into the city.  
{15} Outside are the dogs** (impure persons,  
see reff.), a**nd the sorcerers, and the fornicators, and the murderers, and the idolaters and every one loving and practising falsehood** (see on these, ch. xxi. 8).  
{16} **I Jesus** (our Lord now speaks directly in  
His own person) **sent my angel to testify  
these things to you in the churches, “I**