18—22. ST. MATTHEW. 71   
   
 synagogues; 18 and ye shall be brought before ° governors 0 Act mir.10:   
 and °kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and \*™™'"-"\*   
   
 the Gentiles. 19 But when they deliver you up, \* take no   
 thought how or what ye shall speak: for Pit shall be given ” }2%4:{7-%   
 you in that same hour what ye shall speak. % For it is   
 not ye that speak, but the 4Spirit of your Father which 03®=,21u.   
 speaketh in you. %1' And the brother shall deliver up the } tain. 14,   
 brother to death, and the father the child: and the chil- recs vv.s,.   
 dren shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to   
 be put to death. % And ye shall be hated of all men for   
   
   
 my name’s sake: but ‘he that endureth to the end shall +=.   
 t render, take not anxious thought.   
   
 cognizance of causes both civil and cri- nishes, and God alone, His Christ, His   
 minal, ch. v. 21: here perhaps put for Bpisit, is kad worker. 21.)   
 any courts of assembly in gen The jpoken perhaps of official ix ion   
 scourging in the s1 is supposed ven against Christians, there are no   
 to have been inflicted by order the le relations mentioned. But the   
 Tribunal of Three, who judged in them. idea is included. 22, all   
 18. and] literally, and more- men] i.e. all else yourselves ; as   
 over; assuming what has just been said, sometimes interpreted, a strong expres-   
 and passing on to something more. at rile to signify many, or the   
 governors —Proconsuls, rs, Pro- majority of mankind, but he that   
 curators, as (Pontins Pilate,) Festus, lureth] In order to understand these   
 Gallio, Sergius Paulus. |, words it is necessary to enter into the   
 (Herod,) Agrippa. The former verse was character of our prophecies respect-   
 of Jewish persecution; this, of Gentile: ing His coming, as having an immediate   
 the concluding words shew that the literal, a distant foreshadowed fulfil-   
 scope of both, in the divine purposes, ment. Throughout this discourse the   
 regarded the Apostles, was the same, viz. great prophecy in ch. xxiv., find the   
 for @ testimony. The “festimony” isin ‘iod used a of the   
 both senses—a testimony to, and against whole ages of the Church; and the ven-   
 them (see ch. 4, note), and refers to geance on Jerusalem, which historically   
 both sets of persecutors: to them, i.e. put an end to the old dispensation, and   
 Jews (not the “rulers kings,” for they was in its place with reference to that   
 are in most cases Gentiles and order of things, the coming of the of   
 to the Gentiles. It was testimony in the Man, as a type the final coming of the   
 best sense prohibition, answering to the Lord. These two subjects accompany and   
 but against Felix, 10. See and this interpenetrate one another in a manner   
 double power 20. For it is to the word of wholly inexplicable to those who are un-   
 God shews the reference of the accustomed to the wide import of Scrip-   
 sword” Rev. mission of the A 19. take ture prophecy, which B ve nerall:   
 not anxious (or distracting) b obesrved not so Tone of vente themselves   
 that our says our Father, but either my of time,—as of processions of events, all   
 Father (che xviii. or your Father (as ranging under one great description.   
 here), or both conjoined (John xx. 17); ‘Thus in the present there is certainly   
 never leaving it be inferred that God is direct reference the destruction of   
 in the same sense His Father and our Fa- salem ; the end directly of is that   
 ther. (2) It is also to be observed that event, and the shall be saved tho preser-   
 in the great work of God im the world, vation provided by the warning after-   
 human individuality sinks down and va- wards given in ch. xxiv. Sand the   
 next verse directly refers the journeys   
 of the Apostles over the actual cities   
 Israel, territorial, where Jews were   
 located. AC tis inly ia all these   
 expressions look to the great   
 coming of the Lord, the end of all pro-   
 phecy; as certainly the shall be saved