16—28, ST. MATTHEW. 81   
   
 2 Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most   
 of his mighty works were done, because they repented not :   
 21 Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida!   
 for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been   
 done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long   
 ago "in sackcloth and ashes. \* But I say unto you, °It=jounus,   
 shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of °\*\*\*   
 judgment, than for you. % And thou, Capernaum, ? & which ? s¢ ee,   
 art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to » hell: for \*   
 if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had   
 been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this   
   
   
   
   
 & the best MSS, read, shalt thou be exalted unto heaven? thou shalt   
 be brought. } in the original, Hades.   
 ing ‘at the of’ the whence the   
 justification comes. .] Sxconp ject had been chastised by   
 PART iad THE eee Pea i ver. 7. ake folie Dove Nebuchadnezzar   
 men eeee he ‘is expres- and Alexander, but still (Acts xii.   
 sion of or time. o} whole chapter 20; xxi.8, 7; xxvii. O00   
 stands in such close connexion, one part ssokeloth and ashos is probably an allu-   
 arising out, of another (2. this out ‘of sion to Jonah iii. or to general Eastern   
 th 1 >= 10), all pervaded by same custom. 23.] The sense has been   
 undertone, which sounds forth in variously in: , Some suppose it to   
 vv. 80, that it is quite impossible allude to the distinguished honour con-   
 that this should be a collection of our Serred on Capernaum by our Lord’s resi-   
 Lord’s suyings. at different dence there. Others to the rick fisheries   
 I would rather the then began he carried on at Oapernaum, by means of   
 as a token of the of an ear-witness, which the town was proud and prosperous.   
 and as pointing to a pause or change of Others refer the expression to the lofty   
 manner on the part of our Lord. See situation of which however ‘   
 note on Luke x. 13. because they very uncertain. The first int tion   
 Yepented not] Connect this with the first to me the most probable, seeing   
 subject of our Lord’s ch. iv. t our Lord chose that place to be the   
 The reference is some unrecorded mira- principal ecene of His ministry and resi-   
 cles, of which we know (Luke iv. 28: ence, “ his own ch. ix.1. Thevery   
 John xxi. 25) there were many. sites of three places now matter   
 £1. Chorasin] According to Jerome, a of dispute among travellers. See Robin-   
 town of Galilee, two (according Euse- son, vol. iii, 2883—800. Dr. Thom-   
 bius twelve, but most likely an error in son, “The Land and the Book,” p. 859,   
 the transcriber) miles jernawn. ha aoe found Knee = in the ruins   
 It is nowhere mentioned except here and ring the name , lying a side   
 in the similar of Luke. Beth- valley of the Wady Nacht’ which runs   
 saida} Called a city, i. 45,—a village down hehen tay be irene Him   
 (literally), viii. Galilee, John (Caperna And this, in spite of Dr.   
 xii. 21 :—on the western bank of the binson’s rejection the identification.   
 of Gennesaret, near the middle, not far in Sodom] The comparison between   
 ‘rom Capernawm ; the birth-place Simon sinful Israel Sodom is common in the   
 Peter, Andrew, and Philip. h this and O. T. See Deut. xxxii. 832: i. 10:   
 Chorazin appear to be put as examples of Lam. iv. 6: Ezek. xvi. 46—57.   
 the lesser towns in which our Lord had would have remained] This declaration   
 wrought his miracles (the literally, the Lord of all events, opens to us an   
 village-towns, of Mark i. 88), as distin- apa trath, that the destruction of   
 ished from am, the chief town was brought about, not by a   
 ver. 23) of neighbourhood. Tyre sity in divine purposes—still less a   
 and Sidon] These wealthy cities, often connexion of natural causes—but by the   
 ow. I. iniquity of its who, had they   
 turned and repented, might ae averto\*