164 ST. MATTHEW. XXIV.   
 12 And because iniquity ¥ shal abound, the   
 deceive many.   
 koh. x.   
 Hecidtau love of ¥ many shall wax cold. 15 \* But he that shall endure   
 Joh. tv. unto the end, the same shall be saved. 14 And this ! gospel   
 ix. 3. of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world fora   
 witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.   
 =u zu 15™ ye therefore shall see the abomination of de-   
 Dan! solation, spoken of by ® Daniel the prophet, Y stand in the   
   
 V render, hath abounded. W render, the many ; i.¢. most men.   
 X render, hath endured. Y render, standing.   
   
 In the Apocryphal works called the Cle- pregnant meaning of prophecy. The Gos-   
 mentines, which follow similar to pel had been preach rough the whole   
 that of the factions to Paul the Roman world, and every nation had re-   
 Corinthian Church, he is hinted at ceived its testimony, before destruc-   
 the name “the enemy.” (See Stanley, tion of Jerusalem eee Col. i. 23: 2 Tim.   
 Essays on Apostolic Age, p. 877.) These iv. 17. This was necessary not only re-   
 Judaizing teachers, among others, are garded the Gentiles, but to give to   
 meant by the false prophets, as also people the Jews, who were scattered   
 plentiful of heretical teachers all these nations, the opportunity of re-   
 sprang up every where with the good seed ceiving or rejecting the preachis   
 of the Gospel when first See espe- este bro in the ed Ded rie   
 cially Acts xx. 80: Gal. i. 7—9: Rom. imply that the Gospel shall preached in   
 xvi. 17, 18: Col. ii, 17—end: 1 Tim. i. all the world, literally taken, the   
 6, 7, 20; vi. 8—5, 20, 2 Tim. ii. 18; great and finalendcome. The apostasy of   
 iii, 2 Pet. ii. (and Jude): 1 John the latter days, the universal disper-   
 ii. 18, 22, 28, iv. 1, 8: 2 John 7: sion of missions, the two great signs   
 false apostles, 2 Cor. xi. 18. the end drawing near. 15. the abomi-   
 12.] It is against iniquity ally nation of desolation] The Greek words   
 that James, in his Epistle, and Jude, in the LXX rendering of the Hebrew of Dan.   
 more than the outward sense the brother xii. 11. The similar expression in ch.   
 of James, were called on to protest,—the 81, is rendered in same manner by the   
 mixture of heathen licentiousness the LXX. To what exactly the w in   
 profession of Christianity. But perhaps Daniel apply, is notclear. other pro-   
 we ought to have regard to the tense phecies, is probable they are Breg.-   
 of the verb in the original, interpret, nant with several interpretations,   
 ‘because the iniquity is filled on ac- not yet entirely fulfilled. were in-   
 count of the horrible state of morality terpreted of Antiochus by the   
 (parallel that described by Thucydides, Alexandrine Jews; thus 1 Macc. i. we   
 as prevailing in Greece, which had de- read “they set up the of de-   
 stroyed all mutual confidence), love solation upon the Jvsephus refers   
 and mutual trust of the gencrality of the prophecy to the desolation the Ro-   
 Christians shall grow cold. of mans. The principal have   
 the many,—thus we have, ch. xxv. 6, supposed, that the eagles of the Roman   
 “ all slumbered and slept.” Even legions are which were as abomina-   
 the Church iteelf leavened by the dis- tion, inasmuch as they were dole wor-   
 trust of the evil See 2 Thess. 3. shipped by the soldiers. These, say,   
 18.] The primary meaning of this stood in-the holy place, a holy place,   
 seems to be, that remained faith- when the Roman armies encamped round   
 fal till destruction of should Jerusalem under Cestius Gallus first,   
 be preserved from it. No Christian, 66, then under Vespasian, a.D. 68, then   
 we Ynow of, perished the siege or after lastly Titus, a.p. 70. Of these the   
 it: see below. But it has ulterior mean- first is taken as the sign meant.   
 ings, according to the end will sig- Josephus relates, J. ii. 1, that after   
 ay, to an individual, day of his death Cestius was defeated, of the prin-   
 (see Rev. ii. martyrdom, asin the cipal Jews removed from the city, from   
 case of some of those here addressed,—to a sinking ship.” But, without denying   
 the Church, endurance in the to the that this time that of the sign being   
 end of all things. See Luke xxi. 19, given, I believe that such interpreta-   
 note. 14] We here again have the tions of its are wholly inapplica-