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 it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard \* the salutation   
 of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was   
 filled with the Holy Ghost: 4 and she spake out with a   
 mye 4. loud Y voice, and said, ™ Blessed art thou among women,   
 and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. 48 And whence is   
 this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to   
 me? 4 For lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation   
 sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb \* for   
 joy. \* And blessed is she that believed: for there shall   
 be a performance of those things which were told her   
 \*pewuv.s, from the Lord. 4 And Mary said, \* My soul doth magnify   
 pan the Lord, #7 and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my   
 fen Saviour. 4 For °he hath regarded the low estate of his   
   
   
   
   
   
 X render for perspicuity (see Mary’s salutation.   
 Y literally, ® render, in exultation.   
   
 ver. 28,—and one would hardly be intro- margin of A. V., blessed she that be-   
 duced so abruptly here. It is not Heved that there shall be. The last is   
 Jerusalem ; for that would hardly have maintained by Bengel and De Wette, and   
 been described as in Atl country ; and supported by Acts xxvii. 25. I much   
 from vv. 23, 65, the clearly in- fer the former rendering, as   
 dicates some other place than Jerusalem likewise the of Scripture,   
 as the residence of the parents of John. Saith, in the of the divine   
 41.) The salutation uttered by is so represented g co-ordinate   
 Elisabeth is implied to have been of the fulfilment those purposes. Light-   
 an inspiration of the Holy Spirit. foot well that there may have been   
 intimation had been made to her of the present to mind of Elisabeth unbelief   
 situation of Mary. The movement of the of her husband, as contrasted Mary’s   
 babe in her womb (possibly for the first faith. 46—55.] Compare through-   
 time) was of the effect the same out Ln song of Hannah, 1 Sam. ii. 1—10.   
 spiritual The known mysterious As connected with the defence the   
 effects sympathy in such cases, at hymns contained in these chapters, we   
 lead us to believe there may be cor- may observe, taking very lowest   
 responding effects the causes are of that there nothing improbable, as matter   
 ind beyond our common experience. of fact, holy persons, of the thoughts   
 ‘ The salutation Mary’ might be which run through the O. T. prophecies,   
 taken to mean the Annunciation : better breaking out such songs of praise as   
 therefore in margin, Mary’s salutation. these, which are grounded on almost   
 —i.e. called blessed rendered Blessed expressed in the of Scripture. The   
 is the best be the that of blessed,—from Christian believer however will take a   
 in Jer. xlix. among Song of Sol. i. 8. higher view than this, attribute to the   
 43.] The word Lord, as applied to mother of our Lord that same inspiration   
 the unborn babe, can no otherwise be of the daughter which filled in a   
 explained than as uttered in the spirit higher Zacharias (ver. of that salvation   
 . prophecy, and expressing divine nature which God’s pecple expected: a :   
 of our Lord: see ly Ps. cx. 1, see on the Holy v, reckons hers   
 from which Bleek thinks the is Only sinners need a Saviour. 48.)   
 adopted. 45.) The words may be i.e. looked upon. Bleek re-   
 rendered either as in A. V. (0 also the ers, that “look upon my son” in Luke   
 a ate, Beza, Meyer), blessed ix. 38, is “have mercy om my son”   
 believed, for, &c.—or as in in Matt. xvii. low estate, or