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 19 Behold, \* I \*give unto you   
 x Mark xvi. lightning fall from heaven.   
 Eo xxviil power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the   
 power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means   
 burt you. 20 Notwithstanding in this: rejoice not, that the   
 . spirits are subject unto you; but [rather] rejoice, because   
 y Exod. ‘iz, Y names are written in heaven. \*!\* In that hour ¢ Jesus   
 Bt Pa.   
 ‘28. lea. rejoiced in 4 apirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord   
 #3. Kev. of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from   
 Br xx.   
 siti27.5. the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes:   
 ® read, have given. D omit, with nearly all the authorities.   
 © many ancient authorities have, he rejoiced.   
 4 read, with all the most ancient authorities, holy spirit.   
   
   
 of the fall, but the brightness of the Christians, Our Lord says, ‘the true   
 fallen is thus set forth. The de- cause of joy for you is, not the power   
 scription is not figurative, but literal shewn forth by or you ts My Name, but   
 i.e, as far as words can be said to that you, your names, are in the book of   
 be literal, accommodated to our sen- life’—as testified the Spirit which   
 suous conceptions. See on this verse, “beareth witness with our spirit we   
 xiv. 9—15, to which the words have a are children God,” Rom. viii. And   
 reference; and Rev. xii. 7—12. this brings us to 21, where our Lord   
 18.) Our Lord here,—including all the rejoices the revelation of these things   
 evil and poison in nature in power of even to the babes of the by the will   
 the enemy,—from the power given Him and pleasure of the Father things   
 over that enemy, asserts gift them, —not, the power the enemy—bnt all   
 extended afterwards to believers that is implied written in heaven.   
 xvi, 18), authority to ‘ the head of This, which is the true of joy to the   
 the t” (Gen. iii. There is an evi- believer, even the Saviour Himself   
 dent allusion Ps. xci. otliard to triumph, anticipating liii.   
 connexign is—‘seeing that power Which 91.) The words the holy, spirit, can-   
 I grant to you so large, arising my not well be excluded from the text; the   
 victory side of enemy,—make not one expression as thus is alone in   
 to you, that He hath of it your cause of New Testament, but is agreeable to the   
 Joy, nor indeed the mere subjection (de- analogy of Scripture: compare Rom. i. 4:   
 to Fle in those words above, positive a Heb. ix. 1 Pet. iii. see also Rom.   
 wider range of influence—influence over xiv. 17: 1 Thess,i.6. The ascription of   
 irit for —whereby the “spiritual praise, and the verses following, here   
 ings of wickedness” (80 literally Eph. in the very closest and it is per-   
 vi. 12) are subjected to the believers in fectly unimaginable that they have   
 Christ. written in heaven is an ex- been inserted in this place arbitrarily.   
 pression in various forms frequent in The same has been said of their   
 Scripture, is opposed to “written in in Matt. xi. and, from no love of har-   
 earth,” Jer. xvii. said of the rebellious. or ing difficulties, from   
 But no immutable predestination asserted a deep feeling of the inner spirit both   
 by it;—in the very first where it discourses, I am convinced that our Lord   
 occurs, Exod. xxxii. 88, the contrary is did utter, on the two « oceasions,   
 implied :—see Ps. Ixix. Isa.iv.3; Dan. these weighty words; and I find in them   
 xii. 1; Phil. 8; Heb. xii. 23; Rev. iii. most instructive instance the way in   
 6, xiii. 8, xx. 12, 16. The words your which such central sayings repeated   
 names seem to be a reference to in thy by Him. It was not a rejoicing (in   
 name above, which perhaps was with them Matthew), but only a confession compet   
 a medium of self-praise, s0 often with the whole discourse notes. it   
 the introd: words in that hour, or   
 “at that time,” may have been introduced   
 from one passage into the other, per-   
 haps y some one who imagined them the   
 same, I would willingly grant, needful ;