648 THE ACTS. 1,   
 aan all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of   
   
   
 the earth. 9%? when he had spoken these things,   
 while they beheld, @he was itaken up; and a eloud   
 . received him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked   
 stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men   
 stood by them ‘in white apparel ; 1 which also said, Ye   
 \* men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven ? this   
 . same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven,   
 ‘shall so come in like manner as ye ¥ have seen him go into   
   
   
 12" Then returned they unto Jerusalem from   
 heaven.   
   
 i render, lifted up. It is not the same word as in ver, 2.   
 X render, beheld him going.   
   
 See on verses 21, 22, and Introduction, a manifest propricty in the last with-   
 ch. i, § 3, paragraph 5. both in Je- drawal of the Lord, while ascending,   
 rusalem.....] By the extension of their not consisting in a disappearance of His   
 testimony, from Jerusalem to Samaria, Body, as on former occasions since the   
 and then indefinitely over the world, Resurrection ; for thus might His abiding   
 He reproves, by implication, their car- Humanity have been called in question.   
 1 anticipation of the restoration of the As it was, He went up, past the visible   
 Kingdom to Zsrael thus understood. The boundary of Heaven, the cloud,—in hemen   
 Kingdom was to be one founded on testi- form, and so we think of and pray to Him.   
 mony, and therefore reignimg in the con- 10.] as he went (or was going) up,   
 victions of men’s hearts; and not confined not “when He had gone up :” implying   
 to Judea, but coextensive with the world.— that the cloud remained ible for some   
 The Apostles understood this command only time, probably ascending with Him.   
 of Jews scattered through the world, see two men] These were evidently angels.   
 ch. xi, 19.—De Wette observes, that these See Luke xxiv. 4: John xx. 12. 11.]   
 words contain the whole plan of the Acts: which (not only appeared but) also said.   
 Ye shall receive power by the Holy There is a propriety in tlie address, Ye   
 Ghost coming upon you, ch. ii. 1 to end; men of Galilee. It served to remind   
 the witnesses in Jerusalem, ch. iti. them of their origin, their call to be   
 7; then the martyrdom of Stephen dis- His disciples, and the duty of obedience   
 persed them through Judea, vi. 8—viii. 3; to Him resting on them in consequence.   
 they preach in Samaria, viii. and, in like manner as;—to be taken   
 from that point, the conversion of the literally; as you beheld Him going, so   
 Apostle of the Gentiles, the vision of shall He be seen coming: in the same   
 Peter, the preaching and journeys of Paul. human form, and in the clouds of heaven,   
 In their former mission, Matt. x. 5, 6, Luke xxi. 27. His corporeal identity is   
 they had been expressly forbidden from implied in the words, this same Jesus.   
 preaching either to Samaritans or Gentiles. «Notice, it is not said that they who saw   
 9.] This appears (see Introduction, Him ascending should also see Him come   
 ch. iv. § 4, paragraph 2) to be an account again. Between the Ascension and the   
 of the Ascension furnished to St. Luke glorious Advent no exent is interposed   
 subsequently to the publication .of his which can be put in comparison with   
 Gospel, more particular in detail than either of them: and in consequence these   
 that found in it. He has not repeated two are placed together. It was then with   
 here details found there; see Luke xxiv. reason that the Apostles, before the giving   
 50—52. On the Ascension in general, see of the Apocalypse, looked to the day of   
 note on Luke, as above. he was Christ as very near. And it is agreeable   
 lifted up] We may understand this of the to the Majesty of Christ, that He should   
 commencing ascent, when He was first be expected without intermission during   
 lifted from the ground where they were the whole interval between the Ascension   
 standing: the next clause, a cloud re- and His Advent.” Bengel. 12.] In   
 ceived him out of their sight, describes so careful a writer (sce Luke i. 3), there   
 the close of the scene, as far as it was must be some reason why this minuto   
 visible to the spectators. There was specification of distance should be here in-