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 nacle for the God of Jacob. 7" But Solomon built him »1Xtgsvia:   
 an house. 48 Howbeit °the most High dwelleth not 1S.   
 in Y temples made with hands; as saith the prophet, of!   
 49» Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool :   
 what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is ?ii   
 508 Hath not my hand made all ch.   
 51 Ye 4 stiffnecked and \* uncireumeised in “ohn   
 the place of my ye rest? always resist the Holy Ghost: as 74,   
 these things ? 52s Which of the prophets .   
 d have not your futhers persecuted ? and they ¢have slain +2 rae   
 them which shewed before of the coming of ‘the Just Deut,   
 your fathers did, so do been now the betrayers and mur- Jer. iv.   
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 Eze 10,   
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 toh. tii   
 Y read, things. 2 literally, the footstool of my feet.   
 8 render, Did not my hand make.   
 » render, did not your fathers persecute. © render, slew.   
   
 at first conceded by Nathan, though after- Prof. Hackett, in his commentary on the   
 wards, on a revelation made from God, Acts: and [ cannot but think it far the   
 denied :—not ‘desired,’ as A.V. The vow most probable. ‘ Henceforward he is borne   
 (a species of prayer) Kere referred to, de- along by vehemence in his discourse. His   
 fined by the expression “find a tabernacle,” approaching death gave him great boldness   
 to be that mentioned Ps. exxxii. of speech : for of this believe him to have   
 48.] But, though Solomon built Him an been fully aware.” Chrysostom,   
 house, we are not to suppose, for all that, stiffaecked and uncircumcised] Words and   
 that He is confined to earthly spots. figures familiar to the in speaking   
 as saith the prophet] We have in substance of the rebellious Israel: see besides the   
 the same declaration by Solomon himself references, Deut. ix. 6, Neh. ix. 16:—   
 at the dedication of his temple, 1 Kings Dent. x. 16; xxx. 6. See also Rom. ii.   
 i : see also the beautiful prayer of 29. and ears] I should hardly   
 David, 1 Chron. xxix. 10—19. The cita- think of any allusion to Ps. x1.   
 tion is freely the LXX.—The student the LXX have rendered ‘mine ears hast   
 will not fail to be interested in observing thou opened’ by “a body hast thou pre-   
 the apparent reference to this declaration pared me.” ye do always resist the   
 in Stephen’s apology, by St. Paul, ch. xvii. parently n reference to Isa.   
 24. 51.] I do not think there stances as yet had been   
 occasion to suppose an interruptio: ¢ fathers: now he has   
 the audience to have occasioned this out- arrived at their own times. The ¢wo are   
 break of holy iudignation. At each sepa- taken up again in the next verse.   
 rate recital (vv. 9, 25, 35, 39 ff.) he has 52, Which of the prophets] See Matt. xxiii.   
 dwelt, with continually increasing fervour, 34 ff: 2 Chron. xxxvi. where the same   
 on the rebellions against and rejections of general expressions are used of their perse-   
 God by His people. He has now brought cuting the prophets. Such sayings are not   
 down the history to the establishment of to be pressed to the letter, but represent   
 the temple worship. From Solomon’s time the uniform attitude of disobedience and   
 to his own, he saw but a succession of hostility which they assumed to the mes-   
 ies, idolatries, of God’s sengers of God. See also the parable,   
 a dark and loathsome cata- Matt. xxi. 35, them which shewed   
 logue, terminated hy the betrayal and before of the coming of the Just One] The   
 murder of the Just One Himself. It is office of all the prophets, see ch. iti. 18.   
 not at all beyond probability, to believe 'The assertion is to connect them,   
 that the zeal of his fervent spirit was, by by this title, with Him, whom they an-   
 the view of this, filling of the mea- nounced. the Just One] This namo   
 sure of their iniquities, into a flame was used by the Jews to designate the   
 of inspired I find that this is Messiah. Sce note on James v. 6.   
 nder’s view, in opposition to the betrayers] by Jndas’s treachery, of which   
 generality of Commentators, as also that of the Sauliedrists had been the accomplices ;