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 he departed, and went into another place.   
 what was become of Peter. 18 Now as soon   
 as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers,   
 of Tyre and Sidon: 39 And when Herod had   
 Phe Beek.”   
 xvii sought for by him, king’s found him not, he examined the   
 keepers, arrayed commanded apparel, they should be put to death.   
 And he went down t from he. to Czsarea, and there   
 hastily departs. unto James] James,   
 20 And t Herod was highly displeased with them   
 but they came with one accord to   
   
 him, and, having made Blastus the king’s chamberlain   
 their friend, desired peace; because ? their country was   
 21 And upon a set day   
 sat upon his throne, and   
   
   
   
 province, and he himself being in high   
 the brother of the Lord, whom we find favour at Rome :—nor is this implied i our   
 presiding over the church at Jerusalem, text. The quarrel, however it originated,   
 eh, 135 xxi. 18: . 12. See Gal. appears to have been carried ont on ‘Herod’s   
 i. 1 e him to have been part by some commercial regulation op-   
 one of hore cd hren of the Lord” men- posed to their interest, dependent as they   
 tioned Matt 55; John vii.5; ch. i. were on supplies from rritory.   
 14; 1 Cor. 5, of whom I have in the came with one accord, by a deputa-   
 note on the first of these passages main- tion.—Blastus is a Roman name, and, from   
 tained, that they were His real maternal Herod’s frequent visits to Rome, it is   
 brethren, sons of Joseph and Ma to likely that he would have Romans as his   
 have been an Apostle, as Paul and Barna- confidential servants. peace] not   
 bas, but not of the number of the twelve (see above) in its strict sense, but recon-   
 (see note on ch. xiv. 14) :—and to have ciliation. because their country was   
 been therefore of course distinct from nourished by the king’s country | We   
 James the son of Alpheus, enumerated Jearn from 1 Kings v. 11, that Solomon   
 (Matt. and parallels) among the twelve. made presents of wheat and oil to Hiram   
 The reasons for this belief reserve for the in return for the cedar and fir-trees for   
 Introduction to the Epistle of James. Lord’s house: and from Ezek. xxvii. 17,   
 into another place] I sce in these words a that Judah and Israel exported wheat,   
 minute mark of truth in our narrative. honey, oil, and balm (or resin) to Tyre.   
 Under the cireumstances, the place of In Ezra iii. 7 also, we find Zerubbabel   
 Peter’s retreat would very natura giving meat, drink, and oil to them of   
 the time be kept seeret. It probably was Sidon and. Tyre, to bring eedar-trees to   
 unknown to the person from whom the Toppa. Mr. Humphry quotes trom Bede,   
 narrative came, or designedly left «The Tyrians found the king’s friendship   
 And soit has remained, the narrative not necessary to them, becanse ‘their country   
 following Peter’s history any longer. We was a very narrow strip, and close on the   
 find him again at Jerusalem in ch. xy. borders of Galilee and Damaseus.’—An ad-   
 Whether he left it not on this oecasion ditional reason for their request this par-   
 is uncertain. It is not asserted in the ticular time may haye been, the prevalence   
 word departed,—which only implies that of famine. 21.) ‘The account in Jose-   
 he left the Zouse. 18 as soon as it phus is remarkably illustrative the sacred   
 was day] Wieseler argues from this, and text: “The third year of his reigu over all   
 I think rightly, that the deliverance of Judea was now fulfilled, and he came to   
 Peter must have taken place in the last the city of Cisarea . and gave specta-   
 watch of the night (3—6 a.m. in April), cles in honour of Cwsar .... and all the   
 for otherwise lis eseape would have been rank and wealth of the province was assem-   
 perceived before the break of day, viz. at bled at them. And on the second day of   
 the next change of the watch. 20.) the spectacles, he put on a vesture all   
 It is impossible that Herod should have wrought of silver, so that tes   
 been at war with the Tyrians and Sido- wondrous to behold, and came into the   
 nians, belonging as they did toa Roman theatre at the rising of the sun, ‘Then the