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 of new details belonging to the other angelic annoucements. At the   
 sixth vial, we have the sounds of the gathering of an approaching battle   
 of God’s enemies against Him, and the very battle-field pointed out.   
 After the seventh and its closing formula, Babylon comes into remem-   
 brance before God, to give her the cup of his vengeance, ‘Thus then we   
 pass to the second of the angelic announcements—the fall of Babylon.   
 Here the Seer is carricd in spirit into the wilderness, and shewn the   
 great vision of the woman seated on the beast. I have entered in the   
 Commentary into all the details of this important portion of the pro-   
 phecy: and it is unnecessary to repeat them here. It may suffice to   
 say, that the great persecuting city, the type of the union of ecclesias-   
 tical corrnption with civil tyranny, is finally overthrown by the hands   
 of those very kingdoms who had given their power to the beast, and this   
 overthrow is celebrated by the triumphant songs of the Church and of   
 Creation and of innumerable multitudes in heaven.   
 62. But here again, according to the practice of which I cannot too   
 often remind the student, a voice from heaven announces the character   
 of the new and final vision which is to follow: Blessed are they which   
 are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And now, in the pro-   
 phetie details of the third of the previous angelic announcements, and   
 of the proclamation of the blessedness of the holy dead, the great events   
 of the time of the end crowd, in their dread majesty, upon us. First,   
 the procession of the glorified Redeemer with the armies of heaven   
 following Him, coming forth to tread the winepress of the wrath of   
 Almighty God. ‘Then, the great battle of the Lord against His foes,   
 the beast and the false prophet, Jeagued with the kings of the earth   
 against Him. ‘Then, the binding of the dragon, the old serpent, for a   
 season. Then, the first resurrection, the judgment of the church, the   
 millennial reign: as to which I have again and again raised my earnest   
 protest against evading the plain sense of words, and spiritualizing in   
 the midst of plain declarations of fact. That the Lord will come in per-   
 son to this our earth : that His risen elect will reign here with Him and   
 judge: that during that blessed reign the power of evil will be bound,   
 and the glorious prophecies of peace and truth on earth find their   
 accomplishment :—this is my firm persuasion, and not mine alone, but   
 that of multitudes of Christ’s waiting people, as it was that of his pri-   
 miitive apostolic Chureh, before controversy blinded the eyes of the   
 Fathers to the light of prophecy.   
 63. But the end is not yet. One struggle more, and that the last.   
 At the end of the millennial period, Satan is unloosed, and the nations   
 of the earth are deceived by him—they come up against and encircle the   
 camp of the saints and the beloved city: and fire comes down out of   
 heaven and consumes them: and the devil who deceived them is east   
 into the lake of fire. Then is described the gencral judgment of the   
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