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 dead, the destruction of death and Hadés, and the condemnation of all   
 whose names are not found written in the book of life.   
 64. Finally, in accord with the previous proclamation of the blessed-   
 ness of the holy dead, the description of the heavenly Jerusalem forms   
 the glorious close of the whole.   
 65. It remains that I say a few words in explanation of the annexed   
 Table, which contains an arrangement of the Apocalyptic matter in   
 accordance with the view upheld above.   
 66. In the upper part of the table, extending all across it, are speci-   
 fied the general subject of the book, printed in black, and the Epistles   
 to the seven churches. Then follow, printed in red, the heavenly   
 seenery and personages common to the whole following prophecy, till   
 all the various visions merge, at the bottom of each column, in the new   
 heayens and new earth, the description of which is again printed in red   
 across the table beneath the columns.   
 67. The columns themselves contain the various visions, followed by   
 the episodes which occur in them, in order: each in turn passing away   
 into the great day of the Lord, and the events of the time of the end.   
 Any one who has followed the Commentary, or even the epitome given   
 in this Introduction, will have no difficulty in making use of the con-   
 spectus given in the table.   
 68. The words printed in thick type are intended to direct the   
 reader's attention to their recurrence as furnishing landmarks, or tests   
 of interpretation: e.g. the numbers, seven, four, twelve: the white   
 horse and its Rider : the ruling the nations with a rod of iron, as unmis-   
 takeably identifying the Man-child of ch. xii. with the Victor of ch. xix.:   
 &e. &e.   
 69. I have now only to commend to my gracious God and Father   
 this feeble attempt to explain the most mysterious and glorious portion   
 of His revealed Scripture: and with it, this my labour of now four-and-   
 twenty years, herewith completed. I do it with humble thankfulness,   
 but with a sense of utter weakness before the power of His Word, and   
 inability to sound the depths even of its simplest sentence. May He   
 spare the hand which has been put forward to touch His Ark: may He,   
 for Christ’s sake, forgive all rashness, all perverseness, all uncharitable-   
 ness, which may be found in this book, and sanctify it to the use of His   
 Church: its truth, if any, for teaching: its manifold defect, for warn-   
 ing. My prayer is and shall be, that in the stir and labour of men over   
 His word, to which these volumes have been one humble contribution,   
 others may arise and teach, whose labours shall be so far better than   
 mine, that this book, and its writer, may ere long be utterly forgotten.   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
 AMEN, COME, LORD JESUS.   
   
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