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 come, whereof we speak. whereof we speal 6 But one in a   
 6 But one ia a@ cer-) certain place testified, saying, ! What "3b,   
 tain place testified, say- |   
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 of the angels of God.” ‘There, it is true, most probable account: to be given is that   
 the Hebrew text has, as A. V., “accord- the phiase represents the Hebrew expr   
 ing to the number of the children [more sion, “ the age to came” [sce note on ch.   
 properly, the sons, in the stricter sense] of 1}, and imports the whole new order of   
 Ismael.” Origen (or his translator) says, things brought in by Christ,—taking its   
 “ Xecording to the number of Ifis angels, rise in His life on earth, and having its   
 or, as we read in other copies, according to completion in His reign in glory. ‘This   
 the number of the sons of Israel.” But last-mentioned view is by far the best,   
 the doctrine rests on passages about which agreeing as it does with the connexion, for   
 there ean be no such donbt. See Dan, x. he has been speaking of the gospel above,   
 13, 20, 21; xii.1, for this commit of with the ordinary way of speaking, and   
 kingdoms to the superintendence of angels : with the whole subject of the Epistle.   
 regards the guardianship same individuals : All reference to the future need not be   
 and not 20 &e,, for that of the name [for be excluded: we Christians are so eminently   
 understood: see note there]. See also “prisoners of hope,” that the very men-   
 Dan. iv. In the apocryphal and rab- tion of such a designation would naturally   
 binical writings we find ‘the same idea awaken a thought of the glories to come:   
 asserted, and indeed carried out into but this reference mnst not be pressed as   
 details. So in Ecclus. xvii. 17, “Ju the having any prominence), of which we are   
 division of the nations of the whole earth speaking (which forms the subject of our   
 he set a ruler over every people: but Israel present argument: viz, that urged in   
 is the Lord’s portion.” The rabbinical vv. 1—4, The sense is strictly present ;   
 authorities may be found in Bleck and not past, nor future. Bleek has here some   
 Sisenmenger. See also a very claborate excellent remarks: “ As regards the whole   
 “Engel”—by Béhme, in Herzog’s thought, the non-subjection of the new   
 Encyclépiidie: and testimonies to the view order of the world to angels, it respects   
 of the early church from Eusebius, Justin partly what is already present, partly what.   
 Martyr, Irenwus, Atheuagoras, and Cle- we have yet to wait for. Certainly, here   
 ment of Alexandria, in Whitby’s note. and there in the New Test. history angels   
 ‘The idea then of subjection of the world are mentioned: but they come in only   
 to angels was one with which the readers as transitory appearances, to announce or   
 of this Epistle were familiar) the world to execute some matter which is specially   
 to come is, reference of this expression entrusted to them: they never appear as   
 tinguished variously present by expositors. sential agents in the introduction of the   
 1) Many will hardly tully with to context Kingdom of God, either in general, or in   
 here. Thongh it might be said that the particular: they do not descend on earth   
 fature life, being the completion of the as preaching repentance, or preparing men   
 state of salvation by Christ, might very to be received into God’s kingdom. This   
 well here he spoken of as the subject of is done by men, first and chiefly by Him   
 the present discourse. 2) Some have sup- who is Son of Man par excellence, and after   
 posed a direct allusion to ch. i. 6. But Him by the disciples whom He prepared   
 certainly in this case the verb would have for the work. Even the miraculous con-   
 been past: “of which we spoke,” and version of Paul is brought about, not by   
 besides, addition of the epithet to come angels, but by the appearing of the Lord   
 sufficiently distinguishes it from the mere Himself. Our author has indeed, in ch. i.   
 inhabited world, in the other place. 3) 14, designated the angels as fellow-workers   
 Others again have thonght of heaven, in the salvation of men: but only in a   
 which is to us future, because we are not serving eapacity, never as working or im-   
 yet admitted to its joys, But this again parting salvation by independent agency, as   
 would not agree with contest. 4) The does the Son of Man in the first and   
 then in a certain degree His disciples also.   
 So that we cannot speak with any truth of   
 a subjection of this new order of things to   
 the angels, Rather, even by what we sce   
 at present, does it appear to be subjected to