37. REVELATION, 967   
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 4 Te that overcometh, the overcometh, ¥the same f shall be Fh xs.s   
 same shall be clothed in clothed in white raiment; and I   
 white raiment s and I will will not ‘blot out his name out of 13-4255).   
 not blot out his name out the ™book of life; and "T will con- m'tia.is.s.   
 of the book of life, but I   
 will confess his name be-   
 Sore my Father, and before fess his name before my Father, es   
 his angels. ° He that hath and before his ange’   
 an ear, let him hear what hath an car, let him . hear what o   
 the Spirit saith unto the the Spirit saith unto the churches.   
 churches. 7And to the 7 And to the angel of the ehureh   
 angel of the church in in Philadelphia write ; These things   
 Philadelphia write; These   
 things saith he that is   
   
   
 rim on the priests, those who were con- just spoken of with these victorions ones):   
 demned were clothed in black, while the and I will not wipe out his name ont of   
 blimeless wore a white robe,—seems, like the book of life (this takes its colour   
 so many of these rabbinical illustrations, from the preceding. ‘Those who have a   
 to he far-fetched, and to spoil the simpli- name that they live, and are dead, are   
 city of the passage. An allusion to Zech. necessarily wiped out from the book of   
 . 31, is fir more obvions. with me, in life: only he whose name is a living name,   
 remarkable accord with onr Lord’s prayer can remain on those pages. Here again   
 in John xvii, 21, “Father, I will that the Rabbinical expositors have gone wrong   
 they whom Thou hast given Me, where L in imagining that the genealogical tables   
 am, there they also may be with me:” sce of the priests are alluded to. Far rather   
 also Luke xxiii. 43), for they are worthy is the reference to the ordinary lists of   
 (the worthiness here is found in the terms citizens, or of living members of any body   
 of the sentence itself. They have kept or society, from which the dead are struc!   
 their garments undefiled: they of all out. ‘Thus they whose names have been   
 others then are the persons who should once inscribed in this book, whether by   
 walk in the glorions white robes of hea- their outward admission into Christ’s   
 venly trinmph. Exactly thus in ch. xvi. church in baptism, or by their becoming   
 5, 6, “They shed blood, and thou gavest living members of Him by faith, if they   
 them blood to drink: thoy are worthy.” endure to the end as His soldiers and   
 To dream of any merit here implied, is not. servants, and obtain the vietory, shall not,   
 only to miss, but to run counter to the as all His mere professed members shall,   
 sense of the whole saying and situation. have their names erased from it. The   
 ‘The absence of defilement is only explained figure itself, of the book of lite, is found   
 hy ch. vii. 14, “ They washed their robes, as Exod, xxsii. 32 f.); and I will   
 and made them white in the blood of the his name in the presence of my   
 Lamb :” and as Vitringa excellently says, Father and in the presence of his angels   
 “Unworthiness here marks the proportion (see Matt. x.32; Luke xii. 8, of whieh   
 and congrueney which was between the are here eombined : see also Luke ix. 26 ;   
 state of grace in which they had been on M 88. The promise implies that   
 carth, and of the glory which the Lord had in the great day the Judge will expressly   
 decreed for them according to the measnre acknowledge the name thus written in the   
 of this very law of grace”). He that eon- hook of life, as belonging to one of His.   
 quereth, he (the reading “he that con- See ch, xx. 15, xxi. 275 also Matt. vii. 23,   
 quereth thus,” found in so many MSS., [xxv. 12], where He repudiates those   
 seems to have arisen originally in’ a very whom He knows not). 6.) See above,   
 usual confusion of the long and short o Br2 eh, i. 7.   
 Greek, and then to have been retained, 7-13.) Tue Eristie To THE cuvRcn   
 from not heing altogether withont mean- atPutLavetenta, It has been remarked,   
 ing; “thus,” i.e. as those first men- that this Epistle bears a tinge throughout,   
 tioned) shall be clad in white garments of Old Test. language and imagery, cor-   
 (the concluding promise takes the hue-of respondent to the circumstances of the   
 what had gone before, and identifies those church as connected with the Jews dwell-