IV. 1. REVE LATION. 975   
   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION. AUTHORIZED VERSION REVIS   
 with me in my throne, even   
 as I also overcame, and in my eos as Tt bo} overcame,   
 am set down with my i   
 Father in his throne.jand sat down with my Father in   
 # He that hath av ear,|his throne. \*2\* He that hath an ear, act. ii7.   
 tet him hear what the\ 14 him hear what the Spirit saith   
 Spirit saith unto the et him hear what the Spirit saith   
 churches. unto the ehurehes.   
 IV. ' After this Tlook-| JV 1 After these things I saw,   
 ed, and, behold, a door was = m . .   
 Soe sees eer ns and, behold, a door set open in   
 first voice which I heard heaven: and the \*former voice eb. i.t.   
   
 construction), I will give to him to sit But preparatory to both these series of   
 {in the blessed life of hereafter: such revelations, we have described to us in   
 promises cannot be regarded, as this by chapp. iv. v., the heavenly scenery which   
 some, ts partially fulfilled in this life: furuishes the local ground for thesé visions,   
 thus the following analogy, “as J also, &e.” OF these, ch. iv. properly the scene   
 would fail) with me (compare Johu xvii. 24) itself: ch. v. being a farther unfolding   
 on my throne (have a share in My kingly of its details with a view to the vision of   
 power, as ch. ii. 27, xx.6), as I also con- the seals which is to follow. So that we   
 quered, and sat down with my Father have,—   
 on His throne (the past tenses refer to Cut. IV, 1-11,] Tne viston oF Gon’s   
 the historieal facts of Resurrection and PRESENCE IN MEAVEN. “ Deerees respect-   
 Aseension. By the latter, Christ sat ing the fortunes of the future vest with God,   
 at the right hand of God, or of the throne and from Him comes the revelation of them   
 of God, as Heb. xii, 2. No distinetion through Jesus Christ, Hence the Revela-   
 must be made between the throne of the tion begins with the imparting to the Apos-   
 Father, ou which Christ sits, and that of tle, through Christ, of the vision of God’s   
 Christ, on which the victorious believer is presence.” De Wette.   
 to sit with Him: they are one and the 1.] After these things (or, “after this,”   
 same, called “the throne of God and —is a formula frequently occurring in   
 the Lamb,” ch. xxii. 1; and the glory of this book, and nowhere indicating a break   
 » redeemed will be a participation in in the ecstatic state the Seer, but only the   
 it of the Father and the Son, John succession of separate visions. Those are   
 |. 22).—Doubtless the oceurrence of mistaken, c. g. Bengel, Hengstenberg, who   
 this, the highest and most glorious of all imagine an interval, here and in the other   
 the promises, in this place, is to be e: places, during which the Seer wrote déwn   
 plained not entirely trom any especial that which had heen previously revealed to   
 aptness to the circumstances of the Lao- him. The whole is conceived as imparted   
 dicean ehureh, thongh such has been at- in one continuous revelation consisting of   
 tempted to be assigned [e. ¢. by Ebrard many parts. See below on ver. 2) I saw   
 —becanse the vietory over Inkewarmness (not with the bodily eye, but with the eye   
 would be so much more difficult thun that of eestatie vision, as throughout the book.   
 in any other ease}, but also from the fuct of He is throughout in the Spirit. It is not   
 its oceusring at the end of all the Epistles, Llooked, asin A. V.: not the directing of   
 and as it were gathering them all into one. the Seer’s attention which discovers the   
 Tt must not be forgotten too, that the door to him, but the simple reception of   
 words, I sat down with my Father on the vision which is recorded), and, behold,   
 His throne, form a link to the next put a door set open (not, was opened, us A, V.   
 of the book, where we soon, ch. v. 5, 6, which gives the idea that the Seer wit   
 read, And I saw in the midst we ‘the nessed the act of opening. For the samo   
 throne... a Lamb standing, as it were reason the word “opened” is objection   
 slain. 22.) See on ch. ii. able, as it may be mistaken for the past   
 From this point begins the Revelation tense of the neuter verb fo open) in   
 proper, extending to the end of the book. heaven (notice the difference between this   
 And herein we lave a first great portion, vision and that in Ezek. i, 1; Matt.   
 embracing chapp. iv.—xi. the opening of 16; Acts vii. 56, x. 11. In those, the   
 the seals and the sounding of the trumpets. heaven itself parts asunder, and discloses