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 round about the   
 about the throne, in sight appearance of an throne, like the   
 like unto an emerald. round about the emerald. 48 And geb.x.10.   
 44nd round about the twenty thrones : throne, four and   
 throne were four and four and twenty thrones, upon + elders   
 twenty seats: and upon   
 the seats I saw four and   
 tiventy elders sitting,   
 clothed in white raiment ; iand ton their heads   
 ‘and they had on their crowns heh.   
 heats crowns of gold. 7 5 z 918,18.   
 Sand out of the throne| °F gold. ®And out had the throne xix.   
 ver. 10.   
 stone of varions wavy semi-opaqne, uimbus; not horizontally), our to the ap-   
 granulons in texture, uscd in ancient times pearance of an emerald (on this name, in   
 for gems and ornaments, but in more Greek “smaragdus,” all seem agreed, that   
 modern ones on a larger scale for pave- it represents the stone so known among   
 ments and tables. ‘The altar in Canter- us as the emerald, of « lovely green colour.   
 bury Cathedral stands on a platform of Almost all the Commentators think of the   
 yellow jasper pavement, 80 feet by 14 fect. gracious and federal character of the how   
 ‘The sardine is a red stone, commonly sup- of God, Gen. ix. 12—17. Nor is it any   
 posed to answer to our cornelian. But objection to this that the bow or glory here   
 Epiphanius, in his treatise on the twelve is green, instead of prismatic: the form is   
 stones in Aaron’s breastplate, says of it, that of the covenant bow, the colour even   
 that it isa Babylonian stone, blood red in more refreshing and more directly sym-   
 colour, like the gleam of the sardine fish bolizing grace and mercy, So far at Teast,   
 when pickled, and semi-opaque. Several we may be sure of as to the symbolism of   
 of the Commentators have said much on this appearance of Him that sitteth on the   
 the symbolic significance of these stones as throne: that the brightness of His glory   
 representing the glory of God. ‘Thus much and fire of His judgment is ever girded by,   
 only seems, in the gecat eertainty and and found within, the refreshment and   
 variety of views, to stand firm for us: thnt surety of His merey and goodness, So   
 if the jasper is he takenas inch. xxi. 11, that, as Diisterdieck says well, “This fun-   
 as, by the reference there to the glory of damental vision contains all may serve   
 God it certainly seems it must, then it for terror to the enemies, and consolation   
 represents a watery crystalline brightness, to the friends, of Him that sitteth on the   
 whereas the sardine is on all hands acknow- throne. ..”).   
 ledged to be fiery red. ‘Thus we shall have 4.] The assessors of the enthroned One.   
 ample material for symbolic meaning : —The construction after behold still con-   
 whether, as some take it, of the one great tinues. And round the throne twenty-four   
 judgment by water [or of baptism], and thrones (i. e.) evidently smaller thrones,   
 the other by fire,—ns others, of the good- and probably lower than the throne): and   
 ness of God in nature [jasper being taken upon the twenty-four thrones, elders sit-   
 as green} and His severity in jndgment,— ting, clothed in white garments; and   
 as Ansbert, of the divinity and humanity on their heads golden crowns (these   
 [becanse His humanity at the time of His twenty-four elders are not angels, as   
 passion was tinged with blood], &c., or as maintained by some, as is shewn [not   
 the moderns mostly, of the holiness of God by ch. v. 9, as generally argued, eve by   
 and His justice. ‘This last to me the Elliott, vol. p. 81 f+ see text there: hut]   
 anore probable, especially as the same mix- by their white robes and crowns, the re=   
 ture of white light with fire seems to per. wards of endurance, ch. iii. ii.   
 vade the Old Testament and Apocalyptic representatives of the Church, as generally   
 visions of the divine majesty. Compare understood. But if so, sort of repre-   
 Ezek. i. 4, viii, 2; Dan. vi, 9: and our sentatives, and why twenty-four inuamber ?   
 ch. i. 14, x. 1. But nothing can be con- This has been variously The   
 fidently asserted, in our ignorance of the usual understanding has been that of our   
 precise import of the jasper): and a rain- earliest Commentator, Victorinus; who   
 bow (Gen. ix. 12-175 Ezek. j. 28) round says, “twelve Apostles, and as Pa-   
 about the throne (i.¢. in all probability, triarchs.” And this is in all probabilit   
 surrounding the throne vertically, asa right in the main: the key to the inter-