71. REVELATION. 987   
   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED.   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION. °they sing a new song, saying, of   
 they sung @ new song, say- PThou art worthy to take the book, vo   
 ing, Thou art worthy to and to open the seals thereof: 9 for aver.   
 take the book, and to open thou wast slain, and   
 the seals thereof: for thou [tus] to God by thy blood \*out   
 wast slain, and hast re- of every kindred, and tongue, and   
 deemed us to God by thy people, and nation; 1tand didst   
 blood out of every kindred, make +them [+ unto our God] ta   
 and tongue, and people,   
 and nations and hast   
 made and priests: and we   
 shall reign on the earth. kingdom and priests: and + they ly the   
 WAnd I beheld, and I reign on the earth, MAnd I be- sh endrine   
 heard the voice of many   
 held, and I heard [fas it were] a °%. xiv.   
 6 t Exon. xix.0. Pet. ch.1.0, xx.6. xxl. 6. + So all MSS: except   
 of the is century, that the presumed to as the most and many otherts Punto   
 they priesthood. any read the {f So Sinaitic 0 aleo reads,   
 ‘rine the Fe tting it were, tic has,   
 ‘many the Alezan-   
 saints for the chureh below, or indeed of the verb, has considerable authority, but on   
 the glorified saints at all, there is not the whole seems more likely to have been   
 the least mention, nor does this passage inserted, considering the prevalent early   
 touch the question of the fact of such interpretation of the elders as Apostles and   
 intercession. In the division of the two Prophets, than omitted because they were   
 employments, the most of prayer fulls to imagined to be angels) to God by (lite-   
 the lot of the church in trial, the most rally, in, as the vehicle, and conditioning   
 of praise to the church in glory: and this clement of redemption) thy blood out of   
 is perhaps the reason why, while they have every tribe, and tongue and people and   
 harps on which they themselves play, they nation (the only thing to be noticed is the   
 only offer or present the vials of incense. quadruple number of these specifications,   
 De Wette remarks, that the Writer of the as indicating universality : see below,   
 Apoealypse seems not to know any thing ver. 13) and madest them a kingdom and   
 of the intereessory office of Christ. But priests, and they reign upon the earth   
 that office is through this whole («this clanse differs from that in eh. i. 6,   
 seene. What is the Lamb as it had been 1) that the and who are bought and by   
 slain—what the confession, “Thou re- the important are made ‘and a kingdom,   
 deemedst us to God by Thy blood,” but vi God’s,—2) that they are particulars:   
 recognitions of it? It underlies the priests,—3) that they are invested ‘ith   
 whole book): and they sing (why pre- kingly power. So rightly Ebrard.”\_D   
 sent? Is it because the sound still lin- terdieck. ‘The present tense, they reign,   
 gered in his ears? Or more probably, is not to be rendered as a future, bnt   
 as describing their special and glorions keeps its own meaning [the whole aspect   
 office generally, rather than the mere and reference of this heavenly vision being   
 one particular ease of its exercise ?) a new not future, but present: the world and   
 song (new, because the occasion was new; church as now existing, compare Eph,   
 the manifestation of the worthiness of the The Church even now, in Christ her Head,   
 Lamb calls forth fresh words springing reigns on the earth: all things are being   
 from fresh and living thoughts. These put under her feet, as under His: and   
 words which follow could not be spoken even if this meaning be questioned, we   
 except by those who had seen Christ’s fe her kingly rank and office asserted in   
 redemption complete ; therefore they mnst he present, even in the midst of perseen-   
 needs be new), saying, Thou art worthy tion and contempt).   
 to take the book, and to open the seals 11, 12.] The assenting chorus of the   
 of it: for Thon wast slain, and didst host of angels, And I saw (not ina ge   
 redeem (the object is not expressed, nor neral vague senso, introducing a fresh pur   
 need it be: sce similar constructions,   
 Matt. xxv. 8; 1 John iv. 13. The us,   
 which is in the MSS, added or prefixed to