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 had opened the second seal, ‘I heard the second living- teb.1v.z   
 seal, I heard the second being saying, Come ¢.   
 beast say, Come and see. went out another horse, 4 red; it was x in time   
 4 And there went out an- given to him that sat thereon And to there t 3 tin   
 other horse that was red: away peace from the earth, and that §7 also,   
 ‘and power was given to they should kill one another: and ny more   
 him that sat thereon to » there was given unto him a great hatatt.x.s4.   
 take peace from the earth, 5 And when he opened the   
 and that they should Kill   
 one another: and there sword.   
 was given unto him a great   
 sword. § And when he   
   
 ‘All four judgments upon the earth: the it was taken, with divergences of separate   
 Deating down of earthly power, the break- detail, by all expositors from the earliest   
 ing up of carthly peace, the exhausting of times down to the year 1500).   
 earthly wealth, the destrnetion of earthly 3, 4.] And when he opened the second   
 life. Nor is this analogy disturbed, when seal, I heard the second living-being   
 we come to enquire, who is the rider on saying, Come (sce above on ver. 1). And   
 this white horse. We mnst not, in reply, there came forth another horse, red   
 on the one hand, too hastily introduce the (the colour of blood. ‘The colour of the   
 Person of our Lord Himself, or on the horse in each case has reference to the em-   
 other, be startled at the objection that we ployment of the rider), and to him that   
 shall be paralleling Him, or one closely re- sat upon him it was given to take away   
 sembling Him, with the far different peace (not “the peace left by the former   
 which follow. Doubtless, the resemblance seal,” for 1) the former seal neither im-   
 to the rider in ch. xix. 11 ff. very close, plies nor leaves such peace, and 2) these   
 and is intended to be very close. ‘The dif- four seals are strictly correlative, not con-   
 ference however is considerable. There, secutive on one another; but, peace in its   
 He is set forth as preseat in His trinmph, entirety) out of the earth (gencrally, as   
 followed by the hosts of heaven : here, He is ever: not, Judza, nor Roman empire,   
 working, in bodily absence, and rider is nor any special portion merely) and that   
 not Himself, but only a symbol of His vie- they (incn: the inhabitants of the carth)   
 torious power, the embodiment of His ad- shall kill (s0 literally: not only importing   
 vaneing kingdom as regards that side of its the result of purpose, but including also   
 progress where it breaks down earthly matter of fact, they may... which   
 power, and makes the kingdom of the world they also shall”) one another: and there   
 to be the kingdom of our Lord and His was given to him a great sword (the key   
 Christ. Further it would not be wise, nor to the interpretation of this seal is to be   
 indeed according to the analogy of these found in Matt. x. 34and parallels: Think   
 visions, to specify. In all cases but the not that I came to send peace upon the   
 last, these riders are left in the vagueness earth; I came not to send peace, bul a   
 of symbolic offices. If we attempt in sword.” It represents to us the taking   
 this ease to specify further, e. g. as Vieto- away of peace from the earth, the slaying   
 rinus, “The white horse is the word of one another, the reign of the sword, as one   
 reaching with the aid of the Holy Spirit of the destined concomitants of the grow-   
 sent forth into the world; for the Lord ing and conquering power of Christ, and   
 saith, This gospel shall preached throngh one of the world-long and world-wide pre-   
 all the world, for a testimony before the parations for Iis coming. Observe, all   
 nutions, and then shall the end come,”— limitations of this meaning are wrong ;   
 while we are sure that we are thus far whether to the persecutions of the Chris-   
 right, we are but partially right: we do tians, or to any period of time, ancient or   
 not cover the extent of the symbol, seeing modern, ‘The above was the most ancient   
 that there are other aspects and instra- interpretation 5 c. g. we have in Victorinus,   
 ments of vietory of the kingdom of Christ, ‘The red horse, and he that sat upon him   
 besides the preaching of the Word. The having a sword, are future wars, as we read   
 same might be said any other of the par- in the gospel, for nation shall rise against   
 tial interpretations which have been given nation, ke.” Matt. 7).   
 by those wha have taken this view. And 5, 6.] And when he opened the third