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 relist them a \*white robe +; and it was them; and it was said   
 said unto them, \*that they should unto them, that they should   
 terader” rest yet for a little season, until rest yet for a little season,   
 alerz their fellow-servants also and their until their fellowservants   
 brethren, that should be killed as also and their brethren,   
 they were, should be fulfilled. that should be Killed as   
 12And I beheld when he opened the they were, should be ful-   
 veb.xviuis, sixth seal, \*and + there was a great \filled. 12 And I beheld   
 when he had opened the   
 sixth seal, and, lo, there   
 $ loisomirted earthquake; and \*the sun became was a great earthquake;   
 here black as sackcloth of hair, and the and the sun became black   
 +whole moon became as blood; 134¢and as sackcloth of hair, and   
 48" the stars of the heaven fell unto the the moon became as blood 3   
 | 13 and the stars of even as   
 earth, as a fig-tree casteth her un- a fig-tree casteth her un-   
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 difficulty in understanding this, if we are SEAL, AND ITS ATTENDANT VISIONS.   
 careful to mark its real and interpret And herein [12—17] Immediate approach   
 it accordingly. The white robe, in\_ this of the great day of the Lord, Matt. xxiv.   
 book, is the vestment of acknowledged and 29: (vii. 18) gathering of the elect   
 walk and righteousness Christ: sce the saints out of the four winds, Matt. xxiv. 31:   
 vii. 18, al. This was given to the mar- (vii. 8-17) ‘vision of the whole glorified   
 tyrs: but their prayer for vengeance was church, Matt. xxv.   
 not yet granted. The Seer saw in vision ‘The interpretation of this sixth seal isa \*   
 that’ this was so. The white robe was not erucial point in Apocalyptic exegesis. We   
 actually bestowed as some additional boon, may unhesitatingly set’ down all interpre-   
 but seemed in vision be thus bestowed, tations as wrong, which view as the fulfil-   
 because in that vision side only of the ment of this passage any period except   
 martyrs’ intermediate state had been pre- that of the coming of the Lord. See the   
 sented, viz. the of their slaughter and grounds of this below, And I saw when   
 their collective ery for vengeance. Now, he opened the sixth seal, and a great   
 as over against that, the other more glo- earthquake took place (we have no word   
 rious side is presented, viz, that though but “earthquake” for the word, literally   
 the collective ery for vengeance is not yet shaking, here used in the original:   
 answered, yet individually they are blessed but it does not by any means cover the   
 in glory with Christ, and waiting for their meaning. For here the \Qevapamenenan   
 fellows to be fully complete), and it was and the sea, and the dry land. See   
 said to them that they should rest (not Hag. ii. 7, and the comment in Heb.   
 merely, abstain from their ery for ven~ xii, 26 f. Compare also Zech. xiv. 4, 5),   
 geance, be quiet ;—but, rest in bléssedness, and the sun became black as sackcloth   
 See ch. xiv. 13, and Dan. xii. 18) yet a of hair (sce Isa. 1. 3. The cloth meant   
 little while, until their fellow-servants is the cilicium, or hair cloth: see note on   
 (a title corresponding to Master above) Acts xviii. 3. ‘This answers to Matt. xxiv.   
 also and their brethren (the two sub- 29,—« Immediately after the tribulation   
 stantives describe the same persons ; those of those days, shall the sun be darkened,”   
 who are at the same time their fellow- «-.and to “the sun shall be turned: into   
 servants and their brethren: the former darkness,” in Joel ii.31), and the whole   
 term reminding them of the necessity of moon (i.e, not the moon in her crescent   
 completeness as far as the service of their or her incomplete form, but entire; as we   
 one Master is concerned : the latter, as say, the full moon) became as blood (so   
 as they belong to one and the same great Matt. as before, “and the moon shall not   
 family) shall have accomplished (viz. give her light:” and Joel ii. 31, “and   
 “their course”), Who are about to be the moon into blood, before the great and   
 slain as also they were. terrible day of the Lord come”), and the   
 12—VII. 17.) Oventno or Tne sixtin stars of the heaven fell to the earth (so   
 Matt. us befure, “ and the stars shall fall