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 xPsien.7. wrath is come; \*and who is able to is come; and who shall be   
 able to stand?   
 stand ? TIL. } And after these   
 4 Sa.ll old VII. 1 And aftert this I saw things I saw four angels   
 ass. four angels standing on the four standing on the four cor-   
 corners of the earth, \*holding the ners of the earth, hotding   
 four winds of the earth, that the Ihe four winds of the earth,   
 wind should not blow on the earth, that the wind should not   
 nor on the sea, nor against any tree. blow on the earth, nor on   
 2 And I saw another angel coming the sea, nor on any tree.   
 up from the rising’of the sun, having 2 And I saw another angel   
 the seal of the living God: and he ascending from the east,   
 eried with a loud yoice to the four having the seal of the living   
 God: and he cried with   
 a lond voice to the four   
   
   
 It is literally. day, that great day.” the final assemblage of the saints in   
 This name, if properly considered, should heaven, ‘The great day of the Lord’s   
 have kept expositors firm here to the great, judgment is not described ; it is all but   
 verity of this part of the Apocalyptic brought before us under the sixth seal,   
 visions, and prevented them from going and is actually going on in the first of   
 into all sorts of incongruous interpreta- these episodes [sce below]: but only that   
 tions, as they have done) of His wrath part of it which regards the saints appears   
 is come, and who is able to stand ?— to us, and that only by its result—their   
 We are thus brought to the very thr gathering in to heaven) I saw four angels   
 old itself of the great day of the Lord's (not, as many interpreters, bad angels   
 coming. It bas not yet happened: but nor does it necessarily follow that we are   
 the tribes of the earth are troubled at to adopt the analogy of ch. xvi. 5 and to   
 its immediate approach, and those ter- regard them as “angels of the winds:”   
 rible signs with which all Scripture but simply angels, to whom this office is   
 ushers it in, have taken place. We are committed. This is all that is deelared to   
 now then arrived at the time deseribed in us in the text, and it is idle to enquire   
 ‘Matt. xxiv. 80: the coming itself of the beyond it. All allegorizing and all indi-   
 Son of man being for a while kept in the vidualizing interpretations are out of the   
 background, as hereafter to be resumed. question) standing upon the four corners   
 He is seen as it were coming: bnt before of the earth (i. c. South, Fast, and   
 the vengeance is fully accomplished, the West, the cardinal points from which the   
 elect of God then living on the earth must winds blow) holding the four winds of   
 be gathered, as Matt. xxiv. 31, out of the the earth, that the wind may not blow   
 four winds of heaven, from among the in- on the earth nor on the sea nor against   
 habitants of the earth. To this ingather- any tree, And I saw another angel (as   
 ing the sealing in our text is the necessary Vefore, simply an angel: not as has   
 prelimiuary. ‘The correspondence between. fancied, our Lord, nor the Holy Spi   
 the series of prophecies holds even in the compare the words, of onr God, below)   
 minntest particulars, and where they do coming up from the rising of the sun   
 not correspond, their very differences are (coming up, because the rising the sun   
 fall of instruction. See these pointed out is low on the earth’s horizon, whereas the   
 as we proceed. Apostle was in heaven, looking down on   
 Cn. VIL, 1—8.] Tae seatixe or THE the earth: and from the rising of the sun,   
 Exner. [And] after this (these words as naturally agreeing with the glorious and   
 shew that the opening of the sixth seal is salutary nature of his employment. Com-   
 complete, and that what is now to follow, pare Ezek. xliii. 2; Mal. iii, 2. The alle-   
 —viz. the two visions each introduced gorical interpretations which have been   
 with similar words, after this [or, these given are entirely uneountenanced in the   
 things] I saw,—comes in by way of text), having the seal of the living God   
 episode. ‘They represent two great events, (living, as giving to the seal solemnity   
 the sealing of the clect on earth, and and vital import); and he cried with a