1006 REVELATION, VIII.   
   
   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED. AUTHORIZED VERSION,   
 trumpets. 8 And another angel came trumpets. 3 And another   
 and stood over the altar, having a angel came and stood at   
 the altar, having a golden   
   
 of that of the trumpets, the offering of the tion which follows from the foregoing con-   
 prayers of the saints is the prominent fea- siderations, two canons must not be vio-   
 ture (see notes below), so in the close of luted, a) ‘As in the case of seals, so it   
 the series of the trumpets we have a pro- is manifest here, from ch. xi. 18, “the time   
 ininent disclosure of the ark of the cove- of the deat to be Judged is come,” that the   
 ant of God, declarg and sealing His series of visions reaches forward to the   
 ithfulness to His Church. Similarly again time of the end, and is only terminated by   
 at the beginning of the series of the vials, the great events indicated in ‘those words.   
 we have the temple of the tabernacle of And b) as yet, no particular city, espe-   
 witness opened. Why we have not a si- cial people is designated as the subject of   
 milar appearance at the close of that series, the apocalyptic vision, All is general,   
 is to be accounted for as above. 9) That, ‘The earth, the trees, the grass, the sea, the   
 seeing that this course of visions opens and waters, the lights of heaven, mankind,—   
 closes as last noticed, it (to nothing at these are at present the objects in onr   
 present of the following series of the vials field of view. ‘There is as yet no throne of   
 is to he regarded as embracing a course of the beast, as in the outpouring of the vials,   
 judgments (for such evidently is every one ch, xvi, 10. The prophecy goes on be-   
 of its six inflicted in answer to those coming more specific as it advances: and   
 prayers, and forming a portion of that it is not for us to anticipate its nor   
 avenging invoked by the souls of the mar- to localize and individualize where it is as   
 tyrs in vi. 10. 10) If this be so, then, yet general and undefined. The farther   
 as this series of visions is to be Uetails What be treated as we go on). to be   
 regarded as extending to the end of the hour dered as in the interpretation chrono-   
 whole period of fime (compare ch. x.7, “in pet-angels. And I saw (viz. during was   
 the days of the voice of the seventh angel, indieated hy the seals, but merely as in the   
 when he was about to blow his trumpet, vision chronologically consequent on that   
 and the mystery of God was finished,” §.), course of visions. The evolution of the   
 we may fairly say that it takes up the courses of visions out of oue another docs:   
 great world-wide vision of the seals at the not legitimately lead to the conclusion that   
 point where it was said to the vengeance the events represented by them ure con-   
 invoking martyrs that “they should re: secutive in order of time. There are other   
 yet for a time :” and that the judgments of and more important sequences than that   
 this series of visions during the time of time: they may be independent of it, or   
 of waiting. ‘This view is confirmed by they may concur with it) the seven angels   
 finding that the dwellers on the earth, which stand before God (compare Tobit   
 upon whom the vengeance is invoked in xii. 15, “I am Raphael, one of the seven   
 ch. vi. 10, are the objects of vengeance holy angels, which present the prayers of   
 during this series of judgments, compare the saints, and which go in and out before   
 13. 11) In reference to this last re- [more properly, enter in before] the glory   
 we may observe that no one portion of the Holy One.” The agreement is not   
 especially of the earth’s inhabitants are entire, inasmuch as here axother angel,   
 pointed ‘out as objects of this series of and not one of the seven, presently offers   
 judgments, but all the ungodly, as usurpers the prayers of the saints. ‘These are not   
 of the kingdom of Christ. This is plain, the archangels, nor are they the seven   
 by the expressions in the ascription of spirits of ch. iv. nor again are they   
 praise with which it closes, I mean, the merely seven angels selected on account   
 kingdom of this world, &e. Earthly do- of the seven trumpets: this is entirely   
 mination is cast down, and the Lord’s precluded by the article, the seven angels   
 Kingdom is brought in, And it is also which stand, &e, It is clear that the pas-   
 plain, from the expression used in that, sage in Tobit and the words here refer to   
 same aseription of praise, “and to destroy the same matter, and that the fact wis   
 those that are destroying the earth,” of part of that revelation with regard to the   
 what character have been these ungodly—   
 the corrnpters of the earth—the tainters   
 and wasters of the means and accessories   
 of life. Whatever be the interpreta-