REVELATIO. VI.   
   
   
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 \*+And ‘the smoke of the incense throne. 4 And the’ smoke   
 ascended up to the prayers of the of the incense, which eame   
 saints out of the angel’s hand before with the prayers of the   
 5 And the angel took the saints, ascended up before   
 censer, and filled it from the fire of; God out of the angel’s   
 the altar, and east it towards the hand. § dnd the angel   
 ®there were thunder- took the censer, and filled   
 ings t, and voices, and lightnings, it with fire of the altar,   
 sath ; and and cast it into the earth:   
 and there were voices,   
 ni. “and an earthquake. 6And the} and thunderings, and light   
 Giectndrne seven angels which had the seven nings, and an earthquake.   
 es Grande prepared themselves to 6 And the seven angels   
 trumpets 7 And the first ¢ sounded, | which had the seven trum-   
 ital sound, |pets prepared themselves   
 Fatican aa the changes made to thunderings lightniugs 7 he first anget   
 1 Kings xix. Actsiv.3t. + So all oldest ri ® ied h2 Sam, xxlh.   
   
 altar from that over which the angel selves priests [eh. i. 6, v. 10, vii. 15).   
 was standing; or it may be the same 5.] And the angel took the censer   
 further specified. The latter alternative (after having used it as above, i. e. shaken   
 seems the more probable. We must. not from it the incense on the altar) and filled   
 imagine that we have in these visions a it (while the smoke was ascending) from   
 counterpart of the Jewish tabernacle, or the fire of the altar (i.e. from the ashes   
 attempt to force the details accordance which were on the altar), and east it   
 with its arrangements. No such corre- (i.e. the fire with which ‘the censer was   
 spondence has heen satisfactorily made filled: the hot ashes) towards the earth   
 ont: indeed to assume such here wonld be (to signify that the answer to the prayers   
 perhaps inconsistent with ch. xi. 19, where was about to descend in the fire of God’s   
 first the temple of in heaven is opened. vengeance : see below, and compare Ezek,   
 ‘A general analogy, in the use and character x. 2): and there took place thunders   
 of the heavenly furnitnre, is all that we and lightnings and voices and an earth-   
 can look for), And the smoke of the quake (“by means of the prayers of the   
 incense ascended to (sich again scems to saints,” says Cornelius-a-lapide, “ pray-   
 be the only legitimate rendering of the ing for vengeance on the ungodly and   
 ative in the original. The common one, their perseeutors, the fire of vengeance,   
 “with,” eannot be justified. ‘The prayers, viz. thunders, lightnings, and the follow-   
 being already offered, received the smoke ing plagues of the seven angels and   
 of the incense. The whole imagery in- trumpets, was sent down ou the ungodly.”   
 troduees the fact that those prayers are ‘All these immediate consequences of the   
 about to be answered in the following casting down of the hot ashes on the   
 judgments) the prayers of the saints out earth are the symbolic precursors of the   
 ‘of the hand of the angel, before God ‘ine about to be inflicted).   
 (notice, that uo countenance is given by One’ pomt must here be noticed: the   
 this vision to the idea of angelie inter- intimate connexion between the act of this   
 cession. ‘The angel is simply a minister. incense-offering ange) and the seven trum-   
 The incense [importing here, we may pets which follow. It belongs to them all;   
 perhaps say, acceptability owing to the it takes place when now the seven angels   
 ripeness of the season in’ the divine pur- have had their trumpets given them, and   
 poses, so that the prayers, lying un- this series of visions is introduced. So   
 answered before, become, by the fulness that every interpretation must take this   
 of the time, acceptable as regards an im- into aeconnt: remembering that the judg-   
 mediate reply] is given to him: merely ments which follow are answers to the   
 wafts the incense up, so that it mingles prayers of the saints, and are inflicted on   
 with the prayers. Diisterdieck well re- the enemies of the chureh.   
 marks, that the angel, in performing 6.] And the seven angels which had the   
 saeerdotal offices, is bnt\_a fellow-servant seven trumpets prepared themselves that   
 of the saints [ch. xix. 10], who are them- they might blow (raised their trampets to