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 cket.xt17, therein. 2And ¢the court which |s#P therein. 2 But the   
 court which és without the   
 is without the temple cast thou out, temple leave out, and mea-   
 aPsixsiz-1, and measure not it; ‘for it was sure it not ; for it is   
 Luke xxi, given unto the Gentiles: and the unto the Gentiles : and the   
   
 a Zoar from Sodom, a number who do and priests unto God, have a right to wor-   
 not worship the wild-beast and his image, ship and minister, ‘These are they who,   
 who are not defiled with women, &e. properly speaking, alone are measured :   
 And so of the rest.—6) It will then be estimated again and again in this book by   
 on this principle that I shall attempt: tale and number—partakers in the first   
 the exposition of this difficult. resurrection,—the Chureh of the first-born.   
 Regarding it as a summary of the more Then as to our question 2), it is whieh,   
 detailed one which follows, I shall en- so far as 1 know, has not engaged the   
 deayour to make the two cast light on one attention of expositors. When acommand   
 another: eearchiug for the meaning of the is elsewhere in this book given to the Seer,   
 symbols here used in their fuller explana- we may observe that his fulfilment of it   
 tion there, and gaining perliaps some is commonly indicated. He is commanded   
 further insight into meanings there from to write, and the writing before us proves   
 expressions occurring here. his obedience. He is ordered to take the   
 1, 2.] Command to measure the tem- little book, and he goes and takes it. But   
 ple, but not the outer court, which is of the fulfilment by him of this command,   
 given to the Gentiles. And there was Arise and measure, no hint appears to be   
 given to me (by whom, is not said, but it given. The voice gocs on continuously, until   
 is left indefinite, at ch. vi. 11, viii. it melts imperceptibly into the narrative   
 reed like to a staff (see saying, of the vision, and we are startled by “and   
 (this word, saying, is out of the con- I heard a loud coice,” in ver. 12, when   
 struction, and indefinite: as in ch. iv. 1), we had thought it to be still speaking.   
 Arise (this word does niot necessarily After that, we hear no more of the mea-   
 that the Apostle was kneeling before) and suring, till and more glorious build-   
 measure the temple of God and the altar ing is measured in ch. xxi. “This being so,   
 (apparently, the altar of incense: as that either 1) which is inconceivable, the mea-   
 alone stood in the temple, properly so ealled. surement does not take place at all, or,   
 But perhaps we must not be too minute in 2) which is hardly probable, it takes place   
 articularizing), and them that worship in and no result is communicated to us, or   
 it (sce the previous remarks on this pro 8) the result of it is found in the sub-   
 plecy. The measuring here is evidently for sequent prophecies: in the minute and   
 the purpose of taking account of, under- careful distinctions between the servants of   
 standing the bearing and dimensions of, God and those who receive the mark of the   
 that which is to see ch. xxi. wild-beast—in all thoss indieations whieh   
 where the heavenly Jerusalem is measured. point out tous the length and breadth and   
 by the angel. But here two questions depth and height, both of faith, and of un-   
 arise: 1) What is that which is measured ? faithfulness). And the court which is   
 and 2) when does the measuring take place? outside the temple (i. e. apparently, every   
 1) have no doubt that, as above hinted, thing except the temple itself: not merely   
 the temple of God and its altar are to the outer court or court of the Gentiles.   
 be here taken symbolically, as the other ‘That only the ¢emple itself, the strictest   
 principal features of the prophecy : and to sense, is to be measured, is significant for   
 one believing this, there can be but little the meaning above maintained) cast out   
 further doubt us to what meaning he shall (of thy measurement. But these strong   
 assign to the terms. ‘Thus understood, words, conveying so slight a meaning,   
 they enn only bear one mean’ iz. that doubtless bear in them a tinge also of the   
 of the Church of the cleet se its of God, stronger meaning, “reckon as profane,”   
 every where in this book symbolized by “account not as included in the sacred   
 in deed and truth. ‘he society of precinct”), and measure not it (it has a   
 ,, as whole, is the femple, ngreeabl slight emphasis: otherwise, it need not hi   
 Scripture symbolism elsewhere, e.g. 1 Cor. been expressed in the original), because it   
 16, 17, and is symbolized by the inner was given (viz. at the time when the state   
 or holy piace of the Jerusalem temple, of things subsisting in the vision came in:   
 and ainong which they as true Isruclites or, in God’s apportionment) to the Gentiles