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 become the kingdoms of) over the world is become our Lord’s,   
 our Lord, and of his and of his Christ; ? and he shall 2!   
 Christ ; and he shall reign reign for ever and ever. At   
 for ever and ever. 16 And ‘the four and twenty elders, And 79.4 i, 18,   
 the four and twenty eliers, sat before God on their thrones, fell   
 which sat before God on upon their faces, and worshipped ink   
 their seats, fell upon their God, 7 saying, We give thee thanks,   
 faces, and worshipped God, O Lord God Almighty, \* which 45,   
 MW saying, We give thee art, and wast +; because thou hast + titre to   
 thanks, O Lord God taken thy great might, \* and hast   
 Almighty, which art, and 18\*And the nations were   
 toast, and art to come; angry, and thine anger came, “and gen.:   
 because thou hast taken the time of the dead, to be judged, "Ran-vi-8   
 to thee thy great power, reigned, omitted alt   
 -and hast reigned. 8 And the re   
 the nations were angry,   
 and thy wrath is come,   
 and the time of the dead,   
 that they should be judged,   
   
 trumpet, and the seventh vial, are all dif- of the little book and the witnesses, out of   
 ferently accompanied from any of the pre- which are evolved the visions of ecclesias-   
 ceding series in each case. b) At each se- tical faithfulness and apostasy which fol-   
 venth member of the series we hear what. low) saying (whose these voices were, is   
 is done, not on earth, but in heaven,—the not specified: but we may fairly assume   
 half-hour’s silence, the song of thanksgiv- them to have been those of the arinies of   
 ing, the voice from the temple and the heaven and the four living-beings, as dis-   
 throne, saying, “It is done.” ¢) At each tinguished from the twenty-four elders   
 seventh member likewise we have it related which follow), The Kingdom over the   
 in the form of a solemn conclusion, that world is become our Lord’s and of his   
 thunders, and lightnings, and voices (and Christ (no supply, such as“ the Kingdom,”   
 au earthquake, and a great hail) occurred : is required. ‘The genitive in both cases is   
 see ch, xvi. 18 ff. d) At cach seventh one merely of possession), and He (no em-   
 member we have plain indication in the phasis on He, as we are almost sure to lay   
 imagery or by direct expression, that. the on it, perhaps from the accent unavoidable   
 end is come, or close at hand: 1) by the in the Hallelujah Chorus of Handel) shall   
 imagery of the sixth seal, and the two epi- reign to the ages of the ages (this an-   
 sodes, preceding the seventh seal: 2) by nouncement necessarily belongs to the time   
 the declaration here, “the time of the dead close on the millennial reign: and this is   
 is come to be judged:” 8) by “It is done,” no more than we might expect from the   
 sounding from the temple and the throne declaration of the strong angel in ch. x. 7).   
 on the pouring out of the seventh vial. And the twenty-four elders (representing   
 €) All this forms strong ground for infer- the church in glory) which before God sat   
 ence, that the three series of visions are upon their thrones, fell npon their faces,   
 not continuous, but resumptive: not in- and worshipped God, saying, We give   
 deed going over the same ground with one thanks to Thee, 0 Lord God the Almighty   
 another, either of time or of occurrence, (this ascription of thanks is the return for   
 but each evolving something which was the answer to the prayers of the saints fur-   
 not in the former, and putting the course nished by the judgments of the trumpets),   
 of God’s Providence in a different light. who art and wast, because Thou hast   
 It is true, the seals involve the trum- taken Thy great might and hast reigned.   
 pets, the trumpets the vials: but it is not And the nations were angry (the Sep-   
 in mere temporal suceession: the involu- tuagint translators begin Ps. xeviii, [our   
 tion und inclusion ure far deeper 99th] with these words: “The Lord   
 world-wide vision of the seals containing reigned, let the people be angry”), and   
 the ery for vengeance, out of which is Thine anger came, and the time of the   
 evolved the series of the trumpets: and dead, to be judged (another indication that   
 this again containing the episodical visions the end is ab land when these words are