1060 REVELATION. XV. 8.   
   
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 tures gave unto the seven angels one of the four beasts gave   
 unto the seven angels seven   
 seven golden vials full of the wrath | iozaen vials full of the   
 ' of God, ‘who liveth for ever and |trath of God, who liveth   
 8 And ‘the temple was filled |/o” ever and ever. 8 And   
 ever. the temple was filled with   
 0. with smoke t from the glory of God, smoke from the glory of   
 . and from his might ; and none was God, and from his power s   
 able to enter into the temple, till and no man was able to   
 the seven plagues of the seven enter into the temple, till   
 angels should be finished. the seven plagues of the   
 XVI. ! And I heard a great voice seven angels were fulfilled.   
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 round their breasts with golden girdles duces these plagues, they are plainly called   
 (being in this like our Lord Himself as the seven plagues which are the last.   
 seen in vision, ch. i, 13). And one from There can then be no doubt here, not only   
 among the four living-beings (appropri- that the series reaches on to the time of   
 ately to the symbolic meaning of these the end, but that the whole of it is to be   
 living-creatures as the representatives of placed close to the same time. And this   
 ereafion, see notes on ch. iv. 7, 11, inas- is borne out by the particulars evolved in   
 much as the coming plagues are to be the course of the visions themselves. For   
 inflicted on the objects of creation) gave we find that they do not in point of time   
 to the seven angels seven golden vials go back, but at once take up the events of   
 (the phialé was a shallow bowl or cup, the former visions, and occur during the -   
 usually without a stand or foot, in which times of the sounding of the seventh tram-   
 they drew out of the crater or goblet), pet, when the mystery of God should be   
 full of the wrath of God who liveth for finished. 2) As in the scals and in the   
 ever and ever (this addition serves, as in trumpets, so here again, there is a marked   
 ch. i, 8, to give to the fact distinction between the first four and the   
 related). And the temple was filled with following three. As there, so here, the   
 smoke from (arising from) the glory of objects of the first four are the earth, the   
 God and from His might (i.e. from His sea, the springs of waters, and the sun.   
 presence, in which His glory and His After this the objects become more par-   
 might were displayed. ‘The "description ticularized : the throne of the beast, the   
 calls to mind similar ones in the Old Test. river Euphrates, with the reservation of   
 e.g. Ps. xviii. 8 f.; Isa, Ixv. 5. See also that peculiar and vagne character for the   
 below), and no one was able to enter seventh, which seems to belong to it in all   
 into the temple (compare 1 Kings viii. 10, the three series, 8) As before, so now,   
 11; Exod. x1. 34, 35) until the seven there is a compendions and anticipatory   
 plagues of the seven angels should be character abont several of the vials, lead-   
 finished (the passages above referred to ing us to believe that those of which this   
 give the reason: hecanse of the unap- is not so plain, partake of this character   
 proachableness of God, when immediately also. For example, under the third vial   
 present and working, by any created being. we find an acknowledgment of the divine   
 See Exod. xix. 21. When these judgments justice in making those drink blood who   
 should be completed, then, the wrathful pre- shed the blood of suints and prophets.   
 sence and agency of God being withdrawn, This, there can be little doubt, points on   
 He might again be approached. Many other to the judgment on Babylon, in whom, ch.   
 meanings more or less far-fetched have xviii. was found the blood of saints and   
 been given, but where Seripturo analogy prophets, and of all that had been slain on   
 is so plain, the simplest is best). theearth, Again, under the sizth we have   
 Cu. XVI. 1—21.] Tue SEVEN VIAts. the same great gathering to battle which   
 See the general remarks on ch, viii. 1 for is described in ch. xix.17—21. And   
 all questions common to the three great finally, the seventh, we have a com-   
 series of visions. The following special pendions anticipatory notice of the ju   
 particulars are here to be noticed: 1) In ment of Babylon, hereafter, ch. xvii.,   
 the description, ch. xvi., which first intro- to be described in detail,—and of the great