15—19. REVELATION. 1065   
   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION. |   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED,   
 angel poured out his véal seventh poured out his vial + upon + seater   
 into the air; and there the air; and there came a great ent BINS.   
 the temple of heaven, out of voice out of the temple ft, from the totneaven is   
 ‘omitted the   
 the throne, saying, It is throne, saying, \* It is done. 18 And lexantrine   
 done. 18 And there were \* there were ¢ lightnings, and voices, ore the   
 voices, aud ; and there and and thunders; ¥ and there was a pinclly   
 a great earthquake, such great earthquake, \* such as was not wih onty axin   
 as was not since men were since + there was a man upon the svi.s«   
 upon the earth, so mighty   
 an earthquake, and so earth, such an earthquake, so great. eit,   
 great. ' Aud the great 19 And \* the great city was divided fas thunter   
 city was divided into three into three parts, and the cities of A   
 parts, and the cities of the the nations fell: and Babylon the yh   
 nations fell: and great > was   
 Babylon came in remem- great 3 Dan. xh.   
 remembered before \* S¢4- 44   
 a oh. 8. & 18, beh. xviii.   
   
 another overthrow and slaughter, viz. that done. But the declaration is of course   
 of Josiah by Pharaoh-Necho [2 Kings xxiii. made in anticipation, and imports that the   
 29; 2 Chron. as above], which though not outpouring of the vial had done that   
 analogous to this predicted battle in its which should accomplish all and bring in   
 issue, yet served to keep up the character the end. One who had fired a train would   
 of the place as one of overthrow and ca- say, “It is done,” though the explosion   
 lamity: compare also Zech. xii. and the had not yet taken place). And there were   
 striking description, 2 Chron. xxxv. 25, of lightnings and voices and thunders (the   
 the ordinance of lamentation for Josiah. usual accompaniments at the close of each   
 At Megiddo also another Jewish King, series of visions, see ch. viii. 5, xi. 19.   
 Ahaziah, died of the wounds received from But as before remarked, these phmnomena   
 Jehv, 2 Kings ix. 27, The prefix Har, occur here in rather a different connexion   
 signifying “mountain,” has its local pro- from that in the other two places. Here,   
 priety: see Stanley’s description of the they are more the result of the outpouring   
 plain of Esdraelon, in the opening of his of the last vial, and they do not conclude,   
 Sinai and Palestine, ch. ix. And to the Dut only begin its effects, which do not,   
 fisherman of the lake of Galilee, who would cease until the destruction of Babylon and   
 now Megiddo, as he saw its background the great overthrow of the antichristian   
 of highland lit up by the morning or even- hosts): and there was a great earthquake   
 ing sun across the plain from his native (this may perhaps be not without connexion   
 hills, name would doubtless be a fa- with the pouring out of the vial into the   
 miliar one. Still there may have been a air: in the descriptions of earthquakes we   
 Aceper reason which led to, or at all read of the darkened and lurid appearance   
 justified the prefix. As the name now of the air preceding the shock), such as   
 stands, it has a meaning ominous of the was not from the time when there was   
 great overthrow which is to take place on aman (not, “since man was”) upon the   
 the spot). earth, such an earthquake, so great. And   
 17—21,] And the seventh poured out the great city (Rome: compare ch. xi. 8   
 his vial upon the air (the consequences are and note, xiv, 8, xvii. 18, xviii. 10, 16,   
 presently seen), and there came forth a 18, &e., 21) became into (i.e. was divided   
 voice out of the temple from the throne or split, viz. by the earthquake, into) three   
 (the voice, as in ver. 1, of God himself. parts (sce ch. xi. 13, where a similar judg-   
 ‘This is rendered even more certain here by ment takes place at the end of the episode   
 the addition of from the throne), saying, of the two witnesses. The three parts are   
 It is done (the limitation of the meaning to supposed by Diisterd. to refer to the three   
 “that is done which was commanded,” viz. arch-enemies just now mentioned. But   
 the outpouring of the seven vials, is fact this is very uncertain : sce on the tripartite   
 no limitation ; for the plagues are the Jast division at ch. viii. 7), and the cities of   
 plagnes: if therefore they are done, all is the nations fell (uot only the greatest city,