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 yet come; and when he cometh, he   
 must continue a short space. one is, and the other is not   
 the beast that was, and is not, 1 even yet come; and when he   
 he is the eighth, and is of the seven, cometh, he must continue   
 \*and goeth into perdition, a short space. “ And the   
 2 ‘the ten horns which thou sawest beast that was, and is not,   
 are ten kings, which have received even heis the eighth, and is   
 but receive Of the seven, and goeth into   
 power as kings one hour together perdition. ™2 And the ten   
 13 These have one horns which thou sawest   
 no kingdom as yet; are ten kings, which have   
 with the beast. received no kingdom as   
 yet ; but receive power as   
 kings one hour with the   
 beast. '3 These have one   
 especially in view. For in Dan, vii. 17 we can be little doubt in the mind of the   
 read, that these great beasts which are four student of prophecy, who is thus described :   
 are four kings, not kingdoms), the one is that it is the ultimate antichristian power,   
 (the Roman), the other (required to com- prefignred hy the little horn in Daniel, and   
 plete the seven) is not yet come (I agree expressly announced by St. Paul, 2 Thess.   
 with Auberlen, on Daniei, in regarding this i. 8 ff, as son of perdition,”—as “the   
 seventh as the Christian empire beginning lawless one, whom the Lord shall consume   
 with Constantine: during whose time the with the breath of His mouth, and destroy   
 beast in his proper essence, in his fulness with the appearance of Hiseoming”). And   
 of opposition to God and his saints, ceases the ten horns which thou sawest, are ten   
 to be), and when he shall come he must kings (not necessarily personal kings: see   
 remain a little time (certainly the impres- on ver. 10 above: but kingdoms, regarded   
 sion we derive from these words is not as as summed up in their kings) which (kings   
 Diisterdieck, al., that his empire is to be of that kind who) have not yet received a   
 of very short continuance, but the term kingdom, but receive power as kings (the   
 [a season”}, as in 1 Pet. i. 6, v. [a term, as kings, is somewhat enigmatical.   
 Uae "i gives the idea of some space not Auberlen suggests, whether the kingly   
 assigned, but vaguely thus stated as “some power itself may not have passed away   
 little ‘The idea is rather that from these realms in the days of antichris-   
 of duration than non-duration. Here, the tian misrule, and thus their power be only   
 stress is on must remain, and not on “a as kings. But this seems inconsistent   
 short space:” on the fact of some endur- with their being called kings. Rather I   
 ance, not on its being but short). And would say the as represents the reservation   
 the heast which was and is not (as in ver. of their kingly rights in their alliance   
 8, whose peculiar power and essence seem the beast) on@ hour (i.e. during the space   
 suspended while the empire is Christian by of one hour: just as the corresponding term   
 profession. But observe, this seventh is in ch. viii. means, during the space of half   
 for all that a veritable head, and like the an hour. Some, e.g. Vitringa and Elliott,   
 others carries names of blasphemy. ‘The have upheld the meaning of “at one and   
 beast is not actually put ont of existence, the same time with.” But I venture to say   
 but has only received a deadly wound which that but for a preconceived opinion, no   
 is again healed, see ch. xiii. 3, notes), one would ever have thought of any other   
 he himself also is the eighth, and is of meaning for these words than the ordinary   
 the seven, and goeth unto perdition (this one, “for the space of one hour.” And   
 eighth, the last and worst phase of the thus accordingly we will take them, as   
 beast, is not represented as any one of his signifying some definite space, unknown to   
 heads, but as being the beast himself in us, thus designated: analogons in position   
 actual embodiment. He is of the seven, to the term “a short space” above) toge-   
 —not “one of the seven,” but the sue- ther with (i.e. in conjunction with, allied   
 cessor and result of the seven, following with: their power will be associated with   
 and springing out of them. And he goeth his power) the heast (who are these? The   
 into perdition—does not fa//like theothers, answer scems to be furnished us in Dan.   
 but goes on and meets his own destruction vii. 23 f They are ten kingdoms which   
 at the hand of the Lord Himself. ‘There shall arise out of the fourth great kingdom