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 17? For God put in their hearts to   
 2 These. fire. 17 For God hath put   
 ba It, fulfil his will, + {and to agree,] and in their hearts to fulfil his   
 arneM8" to give their kingdom unto the will, and to agree, and   
 achx% beast, Muntil the words of God shall ‘give their kingdom unto   
 be fulfilled. 38And the woman the beast, until the words   
 reh.avi.ie. which thou sawest Tis the great city, of God shall be fulfilled.   
 sel.xit S which reigneth over the kings of 'S And the woman which   
 thou sawest is that great   
 city, which reigneth over   
 the earth. the kings of the earth.   
 + and ie XVIII. 1+\*After these things I XVUIL. }And after these   
 omitted at saw another angel coming down out things I saw another angel   
 ach. xvii. come down from heaven,   
   
 confiseate her possessions: or perhaps, as Commentators are fond of appealing to as   
 the same expression, Ps. xxvii, 2; Micah decisive for them. Rather may we say that   
 ili. ff, where it is used to indicate the this verse, taken in connexion with what has   
 extreme veugeance of keen hostility), and gone before, stultifies view entirely.   
 shall consume her with (in) fire (Diister- If the woman, as these Commentators iii-   
 dieck remarks that in the former clause sist, represents merely the stone-walls and   
 the figure of a woman is kept: in this houses of the city, what need is there for   
 latter the thing signified, city. But this mystery on her brow,—what appropriate-   
 need not absolutely be: the woman may ness in the use of all the Scripture ima-   
 be here also intended: and all the more gery, long familiar to God’s people, of spi-   
 probably, becanse the very words shall ritual fornication? Aud if this were so,   
 consume her with fire are quoted from the where is the contest with the Lamb,—   
 legal formula of the condemnation of those where the fulfilment of any the least por-   
 who had committed abominable fornica- tion of the prophecy? If we unilerstand   
 tions: see Levit. xx. 14, xxi. 9. The it thus, nothing is left us but to say, as   
 burning of the city would be a signal ful- deed some of this school are not afraid to   
 filment : but we cannot positively say that say, that only the Seer’s wish dictated his   
 that, and nothing else is intended). For words, and that history has not verificd   
 God put it (anticipatory past tense) into them, So that this view has one merit:   
 their hearts to do His mind, and to make it brings us at once face to face with the   
 one mind, and to give their kingdom (i. dilemma of accepting or rejecting the book :   
 as above, the authority of their respective and thereby, for us, who accept it as the   
 kingdoms) unto the beast, until the words word of God, becomes impossible. For us,   
 of God shall be fulfilled (the prophetic who believe the prophecy is to be fulfilled,   
 words or discourses, respecting the de- what was Rone then, is Rome now. Her   
 struction of Babylon), And the woman fornications and abominations, as well as   
 whom thou sawest, is the great city, her power and pride, are matter of his-   
 hath kingdom over the kings of the earth tory and of present fact: and we look for   
 (every thing here is plain, ‘The “city on her destruction to come, as we believe it is   
 seven hills which rules the world,” can be rapidly coming, by the means and in the   
 Dut one, and that one Roack. ‘The present: manner here foretold).   
 tense, which hath, points to the time when Cx. XVII. 1—XIX. 10.] Tar pz-   
 the words were uttered, and to the domi- srruction or Bayzon. And herein,   
 nion then subsisting. It has already been XVIII. 1—8.] Announcement of the de-   
 seen, that the prophecy regards Rome struction. The Scer does not see the act   
 pagan and papal, but, from the figure of of destruction : it is prophesied to him in   
 ‘an harlot and the very nature of the pre- ch. xvii., now announced, as indeed it   
 dictions themselves, more the latter than had been by anticipation before, ch. xiv.   
 the former. I may observe in passing, as having taken place. After these things   
 that the view maintained recently by Diis- I saw another angel (another besides the   
 terdieck, after many others, that the whole one who shewed him the vision in the   
 of these prophecies regard pagan Rome st chapter : or, perhaps, it is natural to   
 only, receives no countenance from the ie in some measure with the   
 words of this verse, which this school of participle following,—another besides the