REVELATION. 1077   
 5—12.   
   
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 who judgeth her. 9 And 9 And ‘there shall weep and mourn tser.t..   
 the kings of the earth, who   
 have committed fornica- over her "the kings of the earth, «zee xy   
 tion and lived deliciously who committed fornication and fs   
 with her, shall bewail her, lived luxuriously with her, \* when \*verJ8   
 and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning,   
 they shall see the smoke 10 standing afar off for the fear of   
 of her burning, °stand- her torment, saying, ¥ Alas, alas ytea.xs\.0.   
 ing afar off for the fear the great city, Babylon the strong   
 Of her torment, saying, city! #for in one hour is thy judg- +ver.27,10.   
 Alas, alas that great city ment come. 1 And \*the merchants \*Fs%,2vi.   
 Babylon, that mighty city ! of the earth weep and mourn over ‘\*\*   
 for in one hour is thy her; for none buyeth their mer-   
 Gudgment come. "And chandise any more: 12> merchandise »eh.zvit.«   
 the merchants of the earth of gold, and silver, and precious   
 shall weep and mourn over stones, and of pearls, and fine linen,   
 her; for no man buyeth and purple, and silk, and scarlet,   
 their" merchandise any and all citron wood, and every   
 more: ¥2the merchandise   
 of gold, and silver, and   
 precious stones, and of   
 pearls,and fine linen, and   
 purple, and silk, and scar-   
 let, and all thyine wood,   
   
 judged her (a warrant for the severity picted in the prophecy. But it must not   
 of the judgment which shall befall her). for a moment be denied, that the character   
 9—20,} The mourning over the earth. of this lamentation throws a shade of ob-   
 And there shall weep kings mourn over her seurity over the interpretation, otherwise   
 the kings of the earth, who committed so plain from the explanation given in ch,   
 fornication and luxuriated (sce above, xvii. 18. The difficulty is however not   
 ver. 7) with her, when they see the confined to the application of the prophecy   
 smoke of her burning (sce ch. i. 15), to Rome papal, but extends over the appli-   
 standing afer off on account of their cation of it to Rome at all, which last is   
 fear of her torment (this feature in the determined for us by the solution given   
 prophecy is an objection to the It can ch. xvi. 18. For Rome never has been,   
 understanding of its details. and from its very position never could be,   
 hardly be imagined that the kings should a great commercial city. I leave this diffi-   
 bodily stand and look as described, seeing culty unsolved, merely requesting the stu-   
 that no combination of events contem- dent to bear in mind its true limits and   
 plated in the prophecy has brought them not to charge it exclusively on that inter-   
 ment, as yet), saying, Woe, woe, the pretation which only shares it they were   
 great city, Babylon the merchants city, be- other possible one. ‘The main features of   
 earth weep one hour has (the construction the said they are taken from that to the   
 passes into the graphic present, but re- destruction of and lamentation over to the   
 sumes the future again below, ver. 15, in pride of the earth and its luxuries. But   
 speaking of the same thing) over her, certainly, as has been observed, the details   
 Because ne one any longer buys their of this mercantile lamentation far more   
 cargo (the description which follows is nearly suit London, than Rome at any   
 perhaps drawn, in its poetic and descrip- assignable period of her history), a cargo   
 tive features, from the relation of Rome of gold, and of silver, and of precious   
 to the world which then was, rather than Stone, and of pearls, and of fine linen   
 from its relation at the future time de- manufacture, and of purple, and of silken   
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