1082 REVELATION. XIX.   
   
   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED. AUTHORIZED VERSION.   
 I heard as it were the voice of a it were the voice of a great   
 great multitude, and as it were the multitude, and. as the voice   
 voice of many waters, and as it were of many waters, and as   
 the voice of mighty thunderings, the voice of mighty thun-   
 derings, saying, Alleluia:   
 recta. saying, Hallelujah : for 1the Lord for the Lord God omni-   
 “God omnipotent reigneth. Tet us\be glad reigneth, 7 Let us   
   
 rejoice and exult, and give honour] give honour to him: for   
 manta. to him for ™the marriage of the} the marriage of the Lamb   
 B Lamb is come, and his wife hath) is come, and his wife And   
 made herself ready. 8 And it was to her was granted that   
 ata given "to her that she should be she should be arrayed in   
 fine linen, clean and white:   
 Teele xvi, . . A   
 wentiias arrayed °for fine linen, linen is the righteousness linen is the   
 o Ps. UTE? 9 And 9 And he saith unto me,   
 righteousness of the saints.   
 words still the voice the celestial chorus,   
 servants (see Ps. cxxxiv. 1), and ye or are they merely narrative, written in   
 that fear Him, the small and the great the person of the Seer himself? It seems   
 (sec Ps. cxv. 18). And I heard as it tome that the latter alternative is ren-   
 were the voice of much multitude (sco dered necessary by the fact of the expla-   
 ver. 1), and as it were the voice of many nation, “for the fine linen,” &c., being   
 waters, and as it were the voice of strong subjoined. Moreover the words “to her   
 thunders, saying, Hallelujah, because the it was given” are the regular narrative   
 Lord God Almighty reigneth. Let us formula of the book) that (a construction   
 rejoice and exult, and we will give the of St. John’s: so in John xvii, 4, “which   
 glory to Him; because the marriage of Thou gavest me that I should do it ;”   
 the Lamb is come (these words introduce ch, vi. 4, “given to him that he should   
 to us transitionally a new series of visions take:” viii. 3.) she should be clothed   
 rospecting the final consummation of the in fine linen raiment, bright and pure   
 union between Christ and His Church, (Grotius remarks that this is the grave   
 which brings about the end, ch. xxi. 1 ff: adornment of a matron, not the osten-   
 the solemn opening of which now imme- tatious decking out of a harlot as be-   
 diately follows in vv. 11 ff. This series, fore described), for the fine linen gar-   
 properly speaking, includes in itself the ment is (imports, see Matt. xxvi, 26)   
 overthrow of the kings of the earth, the the righteousness of the saints (i.e.   
 binding of Satan, the thousand years’ their pure and holy state, attained, as in   
 reign, the loosing of Satan, the final over- the parallel description ch. vii, 14, is de-   
 throw of eneiny, and the general judg- clared by the elder, by their having washed   
 ment: but is not consummated except in their robes and made them white in the   
 the entire union of Christ and His with blood of the Lamb. ‘The plural, righteous-   
 which the book conclndes. So that the nesses, is probably distributive, implying   
 past tenses are a measnre anticipatory. not many to each one, as if they were   
 ‘This figure, of a marriage between merely good deeds, but one righteousness   
 the Lord aud His people, is too frequent to each of the saints, enveloping him as in   
 and familiar to need explanation. Com- a pure white robe of righteousness. Observe   
 pare in the Old Test. Isa. liv. 1—8 ; Ezek. that here and every where, the white robe is   
 xvi. 7 fl: Hos, ti, 19 f.: and in the New not Christ’s righteousness imputed or put   
 . ix. and note, xxii. ff, on, but the saints’ righteousness, by virtue   
 1M; John iii. 29; Eph. v.25. Ine of being washed in His blood. It is their   
 deed it penetrates almost every where the own ; inherent, imputed; but their own   
 thonghts and language used respecting by their part in and union to Him),   
 Christ and the Church), and His wife 9, 10.] The Bride in this blessed \_mar-   
 hath made herself ready (is complete in riage being in fact the sum of the guests   
 her adornment, as in next ver.). And at its eclebration, the discourse passes to   
 it was given to her (have wo in these