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 f1corvi.2,3. they sat upon them, and ‘judgment thrones, and they sat upon   
 was given unto them: and I saw them, and judgment was   
 given unto them: and I   
 ecuvis. 6the souls of them that were be- saw the souls of them that   
 headed for the witness of Jesus, and were beheaded for the wit   
 nenaitiaz, for the word of God, and ™ which ness of Jesus, and for the   
 renxitis, did not worship the beast, ‘neither word of God, and which   
 had not worshipped the   
 his image, neither received his mark beast, neither his image,   
 upon their forehead and on their neither had received his   
 xnom.vitiar. hand ; and they lived and \*reigned mark upon their fore-   
 2 Tira 13. with Christ a thousand years. heads, or in their hands;   
 ch. ¥. dead lived 5But and they lived and reigned   
 again rest of the thousand years were with Christ a thousand   
 finished. This is the first resurrec- years. 5 But the rest of   
 6 Blessed and holy is he that the dead lived not again   
 until the thousand years   
 tion. were finished. This is the   
 [first Blessed   
 ‘Matt. xix. 28), and they sat upon them idea, Nay, it is expressly negatived by   
 (who? the Apostles, as in Matt. xix. 28: our Lord’s saying in John v. 24: “ Verily,   
 the Saints, as in 1 Cor. vi. 2, 3; notice verily, I say unto you, That he who   
 well, that there is nothing to hinder this heareth my word, and believeth on Him   
 in the souls of the saints not being seen that sent me, hath eternal life, and   
 till the next clause: for there is no mark cometh not into judgment, but hath   
 of temporal sequence connecting the two passed from death unto life”). The rest   
 verses: pay, such an idea is precluded by of the dead lived not (again, as above)   
 the specification at the end of ver. 4, that until the thousand years be completed,   
 those very souls‘of the saints are they who This is the first resurrection (remarks on   
 reigned with Christ, and were His assessors the interpretation of this passage will be   
 in reigning and judging, during this time), found in the Introduction, § y. par. 33.   
 and judgment (the act and decision of It will have been long ago anticipated   
 judgment) was given to them (so in by the readers of this Commentary, that   
 Dan. vii. 22, “ Until the ancient of days I cannot consent to distort ite words   
 came, and judgment was given to the from their plain sense and chronological   
 saints of the Most High.” That is, they place in the prophecy, on account of any   
 were constituted judges). And I saw the considerations of difficulty, or any risk of   
 souls of them who had been beheaded abuses which the doctrine of the millennium   
 (literally, smitten with the axe) on ac- may bring with it. Those who lived next   
 count of the testimony of Jesus and on to the Apostles, and the whole Church for   
 account of the word of God (see ch. i. 9), 300 years, understood them in the plain   
 and (of those) the which did not worship literal sense: and it is a strange sight in   
 (during life) the beast nor yet his image, these days to see expositors who are among   
 id not receive the mark (mentioned the first in reverence of antiquity, com-   
 . xiii. 16) on their forchead and upon placently casting aside the most cogent   
 their hand: and they lived (i.e. “lived stance of unaniinity which primitive ant   
 again ;” and, as the act is presently de- quity presents. As regards the text itself,   
 scribed as the first with their no legitimate treatment of it will extort   
 bodies, perfect and complete) and reigned what is known as the spiritual interpreta   
 with Christ (took part in His Kingdom: tion now in fashion. in a passage where   
 see ch.i, 6; 2 Tim. ii. 12: also 1 Cor. iv. 8 two resurrections we mentioned, where   
 and note) a thousand years (it would cer- certain souls lived at the first, and the   
 tainly appear that this reigning includes rest of the dead lived only at the end of   
 the office of Many iuterpreters a specified period after that first—if in   
 suppose that these saints are the judzed : such a passage the first resurrection may   
 but there is nothing in the context, nor be understood to mean spiritual rising with   
 in other parts of Scripture, to favour this Chriss, while the second means literal