CHAPTER IV  
  
 1. “After these things I saw, and behold a door opened in  
heaven: and the first voice which I heard as of a trumpet talking with me, saying, ‘Come up hither, and I will show thee what must  
come to pass after these things.’”  
  
WE now enter upon the third and last division of the book. With it a new dispensation opens; the churches have passed for ever. It will be well to notice some of the prominent features of the new economy.  
 It is one of JUSTICE. *Grace* is the characteristic principle of the present dispensation. 2 Cor. v. 18, 19. But, in the succeeding chapters, God appears as the *Just*, calling all to account, and rendering to each according to his works. “Just and true are thy ways,  
thou King of the nations” (xv. 3). “All the nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy *judgments have been made manifest*” (xv. 4).  
 Can *we* certainly tell *now*, what acts are God’s judgments? Might we *rejoice* in them, if we did? *If not*, *a new dispensation begins here*.  
 And hence the *power* of God, which slumbers now, begins to be put forth in *war*.  
 The judgments of God are exhibited. “Fear God  
and give glory to him, *for the hour of his judgment is  
come*,” is then the new gospel (xiv. 7).  
 The great centre of the dispensation, and expression  
of the change, IS THE THRONE. The scene itself is  
shifted. It is no longer the sanctuary which is thrown