

and after these things, I saw four angels standing on the four corners  
of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the winds  
should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

This Chapter is a preface & introduction to the opening  
of the seventh Seal affording comfort to the  
people of God by discovering that they are sealed  
& so preserved from that spiritual death which  
was now to come upon the professors of Christ-  
ianity in consequence of Antichrist accommodat-  
ing that religion to the nations of this world.  
This part is represented as coming by four angels  
standing on the four corners of the earth & hold-  
ing the four winds &c. By the wind here we  
are to understand the influences of the Spirit  
agreeable to Ez. 37: 9. 14 John 3: 6 Acts 2: 1 - As every  
thing becometh to die if the influences of the wind  
were withheld, the air would be corrupted, the  
earth would cease to yield her increase, the trees  
to flourish & bear fruit so when the influences  
of the Spirit are withheld - spiritual death takes  
place, there is no more any fruit to the praise  
& glory of God - they cease to flourish & be given  
in the house of God. And as there could be no  
intercourse with foreign nations by the Sea with-  
out the wind so without the spirit there could  
be no communion of Saints for this comes by  
the fellowship of the Spirit Phil 2: 1.

lik. 7:2  
The profession of Christianity was now so commu-  
ted by the Gentiles being brought into the outer  
Court of the Lords house to defile it & that the  
spiritual merchandize of its teachers that the  
was not the smallest (Bestige of the lonely ori-  
ginal order of the house nor yet of the self  
denial of the disciples of Jesus & this withdrawing  
of the influences of the Spirit was a Just Judg-  
ment of God upon them because they received  
not the love of the Truth 2 Thes 2:10.

But this was not to be done untill the servants  
of God were sealed in their foreheads & so se-  
cured against this Judgment.

2. And I saw another Angel ascending from the east, having the  
Seal of the living God; and he cried with a loud voice to the  
four Angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth & the sea.  
This Angel would seem to be the Angel of the  
Covenant from the high dignity which he ap-  
pears invested with, having the Seal of the  
living God, This Seal is the Holy Ghost with  
which God the Father sealed him. Joh. 6:27 he  
had this seal from the womb, but especially  
from the morning of his Resurrection when he was  
determined the Son of God with power accord-  
ing to the spirit of Holiness - and when he was  
set down on the right hand of God he received this  
seal in a more eminent manner still & had  
power to seal with this all the redeemed the

living God. This Character is ascribed to God frequently in the scriptures, in this place he is called the living God with respect to his seal as it causes life wherever it is affixed the ministration of Brightness called the ministration of the Spirit, which giveth life 2 Cor 3:6 the spirit of life in Christ Jesus quickning & making all that partake of it alive to God by Jesus Christ and this title is expressly applied to God with respect to the Spirit 2 Cor 3:3. The living God rather serves to give guilty mortals an awfull view of the eternal power & Godhead of Jehovah as it is said It is a fearfull thing to fall into the hands of the living God, but when we think of this being applied to him with regard to his bestowing the Spirit it leads us to think of him communicating of that same life to sinners, making them partakers of the divine nature, causing them to live in his sight & so demonstrating fully to them his Characters as the living God.

This Angell ascended from the east with a reference to the glory of God ascending into his temple from the east Ez 43:1, 2, 4 to bring destruction upon his enemies signified by 4 angels holding the 4 winds & Salvation unto his people pointed forth by their being Sealed. And it is remarkable that it was from the east & by the east gate that the Prince alone entered into the Temple Ez 44:2, 3.

Q3. Saying Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have Sealed the Servants of our God in their foreheads. This verse has a plain reference to Ezech: Ch. 9: for the

Book of Revelation opens up & explains to us the 63 Prophecies.

When this hurt was coming upon the outward profession of Christianity the Servants of God were Sealed with the Holy Spirit & so secured against the hurt that was coming by the withholding of the wind or Spirit.

The Church had now been for some time past fled into the wilderness the comely order of the house of God had been broken down & the profession of the faith agreeable to the Apostles doctrine was scarcely if at all visible yet even in this great Corruption the Lord had his Servants as in the time of Elijah and they are known to this Angel - Jesus who knows his Sheep In: 10: 14 & gathers the out-casts of Israel who have been scattered from him in the dark & cloudy day. These are Sealed with the Spirit unto the day of redemption Eph 1: 13, 14.

God hath from the beginning Chosen them to Salvation through Sanctification of the Spirit 2 Thes 2: 13 or 2 Cor 1: 22 Eph 4: 30.

As the Servants of Antichrist receive a mark in their foreheads Ch. 13: 16, 17 so the Servants of God are Sealed in their foreheads - In the 14 Ch. 21 we have the inscription on this Seal - the Lamb's Father's name

The Just God & the Saviour - the knowledge of this name is Sealed upon them; impressed or taught them by the spirit without which we cannot know the things of God - It is by their being thus sealed that they are known to God & it is by the fruits of the Spirit Gal 5: 22, 23 that the Servants of God are known to one another. This sealing the Servants of God in their foreheads though it cannot mean the open profession of Christ's name agreeable to the faith & practice of the first Churches because the primitive Church Order was now no where to be seen; yet it may import these two things unto us 1 That by the angels sealing them in their foreheads that God is not ashamed to be called their God Joel 1: 16 & 2<sup>d</sup> By his Servants wearing this, that they are not ashamed to confess his name before men.

4 And I heard the number of them which were Sealed, and there were sealed an hundred & forty & four thousand, of all the tribes of the Children of Israel. &c to 9 verse

It has been thought that they who are sealed from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> verse are Jews & that in the 9<sup>th</sup> verse we have an account of the Gentiles as a great multitude which no man could number; but if we consider the subject closely we will find that the 144 thousand are not Jews (though they are not excluded) but a part of his elect of all nations living under the dominion of antichrist - and that the great multitude which John say "after this" is the

whole Church of the living God, at rest with  
 their Lord having gotten the victory. For 1<sup>st</sup> Tim  
 the N. T. Church there is no distinction between Jew  
 & Gentile for in Christ there is neither Jew nor  
 Greek Gal 3: 28 for he hath made both one Eph 2:  
 14 Col 3: 11.

2. The 12 Apostles of the Lamb are to the N. T. Church  
 what the 12 Sons of Jacob were to the Old - from the  
 12 Patriarchs the Church of Old sprang according  
 to the flesh & their names were engraved on the  
 High Priests breast plate; in like manner the N. T.  
 Church springs from the doctrine of the twelve  
 Apostles, they are all begotten by the incorruptible  
 seed of the word preached by them & the names of  
 the twelve Apostles are in the 12 foundations of the  
 new Jerusalem Ch 21: 14 - all the tribes of God, the  
 whole elect of every nation go up to Mount Zion  
 to worship Ps 122: 4 - Our Lord said to his Apostles  
 ye shall sit on 12 Thrones Judging the twelve Tribes  
 of Israel Math 19: 28 which cannot be confined to  
 Israel after the flesh - & James directs his Epistle to  
 the twelve Tribes that were scattered abroad which  
 must take in all the elect strangers of the dispersion  
 both Jew & Gentile - directed to Gods whole Inheri-  
 tance fitly represented under the notion of 12 Tribes  
 as these comprehended & were a type of Gods In-  
 heritance of Old.

3. The 144000 Sealed, whose number John heard

who were preserved from this destruction coming upon  
 the Antichrist does not take in the whole number of  
 the Redeemed tho' a certain number is put for an  
 uncertain for after the blowing of the Trumpets which  
 successively brought this evil & before the second preach-  
 ing of the Gospel - John sees these 144,000 with the Lamb  
 upon Mount Zion & so manifesting the efficacy of this  
 Seal securing them unto the day of redemption - When  
 these are described they are called the first fruits unto  
 God & to the Lamb - now we know that the first  
 fruits is not the whole but only a sample of the  
 harvest. Just as Epimetheus was the first fruits of  
 Achaia unto Paul - & Christ, was the first fruits of  
 them who slept. And as the Apostles & first Christ-  
 ians had the first fruits of the Spirit on the day  
 of Pentecost but the benefit of the Spirit was not  
 confined to them for here John heard 144,000 Sealed  
 of all the tribes of the Children of Israel i.e. of all the  
 elect of God, the true Israel that were upon the earth  
 in the time of the blowing of the Trumpets or during  
 the reign of Antichrist & in their Salvation, they  
 were a kind of first fruits, a sample of the way  
 that God would save the rest of his Elect from the  
 consumption of the man of Sin to the end of time.

12. After this I beheld, & lo, a great multitude, which no man could  
 number, of all nations & kindreds, and people & tongues, stood before  
 the throne & before the Lamb, clothed with white robes & Palms in their  
 hands.

After John had heard the number of them that were sealed of all the tribes of the children of Israel he is in this & the following verses presented with a view of the whole Church of the redeemed as they will appear at last glorified in heaven.

The Appearance of Christs Kingdom in this world will always be as he said like a bruised reed & smooching flax, making but small appearance both for numbers & strength & now by the coming of Antichrist when the bruised reed was ready to be broken & the smooching flax to be quinched. What is revealed in this Chapter behoved to afford great Joy to John & all who stood with him that however much the outward profession of Christianity might be hurt yet in that dark & cloudy day the Lord would have a people known to himself, none of which would perish & that when the whole family of God would be gathered together at last - they would be a multitude which no man could number.

Then Balaams Prophecy will be Accomplished Who can count be Num 23:10 for they shall be as the sand of the sea which cannot be numbered for multitude.

This multitude is made up of all nations kindreds, people & tongues & this may import to us 1<sup>st</sup> That no man is excluded on account of his nation or kindred for this Company will take in men of all nations 2<sup>d</sup> That this Company will not comprehend the whole nations nor any one whole nation but it



will be a multitude of all nations, God visiting the nations  
 to take out of them a people to his name. -----  
 This Book of the Revelation by the Lamb opening the  
 Sealed book it serves wonderfully to open up the prophecies  
 of the O.T. in a particular manner, what is said about  
 the nations. Ps 72:11 Is 2:2 Jer 3:14-20 Ez 38:8,12,23. -----

2 This Multitude stands before the throne & before the Lamb  
 & see there is a vast difference between them & those described  
 in Rev 6:15-17 This shows that they are all Righteous for the  
 wicked shall not stand in the Judgement Prov 12:7 -

they are accounted worthy to stand before the Son of man.  
 3 They are clothed with white robes & Palms in their hands  
 Garments in the Scripture a figure of Right: - this multi-  
 tude have all been engaged in a warfare - a race -  
 a fight & now they appear possessed of the Palm the  
 ensign of Victory & here they appear celebrating the triumph  
 of the Son of God of which there was a figure in the  
 children crying Hosanna in the temple Matt 21:8-17.  
 Rev 10 and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God who  
 sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. -----

Every Church of the Saints on earth is a figure of this  
 redeemed Company when they join them in this Song -  
 making one Sound - typified by the Songs in the temple  
 of Old 2 Chron 5:11-14. -----

Israel in their Songs of Old said 'Save us, O God of our  
 Salvation & gather us from among the heathen 1 Chron 16:  
 35 & now when their prayer is answered they ascribe  
 the whole glory of it unto our God who sitteth upon the

throne unto the Lamb - This is Salvation by the  
 merits of Jesus Luke 1: 77. Salvation from death & all the  
 effects of the curse a far greater thing than the Jews  
 were looking for - of this all the redeemed of the Lord  
 hear Heb: 1: 14 & how this Company are in possession of  
 that blessing & they ascribe it all unto God & to the  
 Lamb. When they ascribe Salvation to our God &  
 unto the Lamb we are not to think that they put  
 the Lamb in the second place or any ways inferior  
 to the most high God for this would be downright  
 Idolatry to pray worship to any being less than God  
 who gives not his glory to another nor his praise to  
 graven Images - but when Christians worship God  
 they worship him as he shines in the face of Jesus,  
 the Lamb, who now sitteth upon the throne & when  
 thus worship him, the Father's representative they are  
 worshipping God in Spirit & in Truth. Ine 4: 4 - When  
 the apostle is concluding his Eph to the Philippi-  
 ans he says Col 3: 20 now unto God & our Father be  
 all glory &c. this is a similar expression & yet no man  
 ever called in question but the Father was God -  
 but our translators would have done better if they  
 had rendered both these passages as they have done here  
 2: 15: 24 and so this would have been Salvation unto our  
 God who sitteth upon the throne, even unto the Lamb  
 & so they distinguish that person in the Godhead by whom  
 this Salvation was wrought, the Lamb who now appears  
 alive in the midst of the throne & thus the whole

Ch. 7: 11, 12

Redeemed Company frag. divine worship to Jesus  
and all the Angels stood round about the throne, and about the Elders  
and about the four living Creatures & fell before the throne on their faces, and  
worshipped God.

There is something remarkable in this, in that it is said all  
the Angels stood round - since the fall of man this innumera-  
ble Company of Angels were never all gathered together before  
the Apostle says are they not all ministering Spirits sent  
forth to minister & Heb 1: 14 - they had been sent to ga-  
ther his elect from the four winds from one end of the earth  
to the other, Math 24: 31 and as there is now no more any  
Saints on earth to minister unto they are all gathered  
unto the whole Company of the Redeemed in Heaven  
& stand round about the throne &c. & this is a further  
proof that this must be the redeemed. However much  
the happiness of the Angels is increased by their associa-  
tion with the Redeemed yet we see they are not so near  
the Throne & him that sitteth on it as the Church for  
they stand round about the throne & nor can the  
glory of Jehovah be set forth by the angels as it is by the  
Church & here we see the angels learning from the Song  
of the redeemed the manifold wisdom of God - but  
they are not only learners here but they join in the  
worship.

at 12 Saying, Amen; Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving,  
and honor & power & might be unto our God for ever & ever. Amen.

Here we see the Angels obeying the Command of the  
Church Ps 103: 20. Bless the Lord ye his Angels that exell

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"in Strength"

When the Lamb appeared alive again  
 of the Throne Ch. 5: 11, 12 the Angels acknowledged that he  
 was worthy to receive all that glory & honor which the  
 Father had bestowed upon him & now having the ex-  
 perience of many hundred years, from the time  
 that he first received these blessings, as the story of him  
 to the consummation of all things which John  
 has here a view of they ascribe all these blessings to  
 him & would have them to continue forever  
 "Blessing" All the blessings wherewith his people are  
 blessed proceed & flow from him & the Angels con-  
 tinually acknowledging this.

"Glory" all the glory that is displayed in the  
 of the Redeemed is due unto him & they can have no share  
 in this glory.

"wisdom" The wisdom that appears in contriving  
 the plan of Redemption is ascribed unto God & the  
 manifolds of this wisdom the Angels learn by the  
 "thanksgiving" When the elect are saved, they have  
 not themselves to thank for it - the thanks will be  
 given for this to God forever & ever.

"honor" All the honor of this Salvation is ascribed  
 God - his people can have no honor here - It is not  
 owing to any Righteousness of theirs that they are  
 brought to the Kingdom - & when they are honored  
 with a share of the reward it is of Sovereign mercy  
 the honor of Saving them is ascribed unto God only.

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power & might - the power, the might, the exceeding  
 might of his power is displayed in raising his people from the  
 death in their graves & in keeping them by his Almighty  
 power through faith unto Salvation - they have no  
 credit wholly unto God by the power & might is as  
 now can we join with the angels - they have no  
 we be thinking that we have any power or might in our  
 selves to stand against the evil day - if this is the cause  
 our praise will be divided - halving the glory & honor  
 of it with God & ourselves - but if we see ourselves utterly  
 by weak & worthless it will afford us comfort that his  
 grace is sufficient & his strength made perfect in  
 weakness & we will be happy in joining with the  
 Redeemed & the angels in ascribing all the glory unto  
 our God for ever & ever. Amen.

13 and one of the Elders answered saying unto me, what are these which  
 are arrayed in white robes & whence came they?  
 14 and I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. and he said to me, These  
 are they that came out of great tribulation, & have washed their robes  
 & made them white in the blood of the Lamb.  
 John who now seems to have been wholly taken  
 up with the glory & blessedness of the redeemed Church  
 & their worship in which the angels join has his  
 attention drawn by a question from one of the Elders  
 to the origin of this innumerable multitude & how they  
 came to be thus arrayed in white robes which intitles  
 them to this blessedness - but John refers the question

back again to the Elders who says - "These are they who  
 came out of great tribulation". John knew that this must  
 tribulation we must enter into the Kingdom & he himself  
 at this very time was a Companion w<sup>th</sup> the tribulation  
 be. Job 1:9 but it was not easy to conceive the difference  
 these two, or how they could be the same - "The Elders  
 him" These are they - you have seen a sample of what  
 this company once was in your Companions of whom  
 tribulation in the Churches of the Saints but now they  
 are come out of great tribulation & have washed their  
 robes &c.

This tribulation or affliction all the people of God  
 appointed unto this world - it ariseth because of their  
 adherence to the word of God (Matt. 13:21) & continues  
 them while in the world. Job 16:33 - It is of great  
 benefit to the Saints as it worketh patience & patience  
 of experience &c. Rom. 5:3 & the first Christians gloried in  
 it for this tribulation could not separate any of them  
 from Christ. Rom. 8:35 & in all their tribulation they  
 were comforted by their consolation abounding by  
 Christ. 2 Cor 1:4-6 & by their enduring in the tri-  
 bulation God was declared righteous in punishing  
 the persecutors of his people & they were accounted worthy  
 of the Kingdom of God 2 Thes 1:4, 5.

When we hear of Sinners standing before God, what  
 it leads us to think of Righteousness of which garments  
 are made a figure of in the Scriptures as Adam who  
 he lost his Right appeared naked to the Children of

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I think when they had sinned in making the bill it was said  
 Aaron had made them naked to their shame - God gave a figure  
 of the imputation of Right in clothing our first parents,  
 pointing forth their being Justified by the Rights of another  
 man can stand before the Righteous God naked at the end of  
 wanting a Righteousness his garment will cover there but  
 the Pure linen clean & white which is the Right of Saints - as  
 the Righteousness of the Same of God which covers from the  
 wrath to come.

The Justification of a Dinner is also pointed forth in the  
 Scripture by washing; the laver in which they are washed  
 from their filthiness is the fountain of Christs blood <sup>John 1:7</sup>  
 So when it is said they have washed their robes & made  
 them white it can mean no more than their Conform  
 ity to that Righteousness formerly imputed unto them.  
 & seems to have a reference to the Children of Israel  
 washing their clothes after they were sanctified by  
 Moses Ex 19:10, 14 - These can be no merit on the side of man  
 imputed here for all the redeemed are washed from their  
 sins in his blood Rev 1:5. To Justify in Scripture is taken  
 in two senses - 1. Making a guilty sinner, righteous  
 in the sight of God or 2. The declaring of a person to  
 be righteous who is already Justified - Abraham is an  
 Instance of both these Rom 4:3 James 2:21-24 The one is called  
 in Scripture Justification by faith & the other Justification  
 by works - the one is in consequence of the other & it is  
 no more than shewing their faith by their works - this  
 shows that the great multitude here spoken of had

all been in some measure confirmed to Jesus Christ  
 & his Right by which they are Justified to Jesus Christ  
 - death by their patience in tribulation out of which  
 they are now brought & though their enduring this tri-  
 -bulation does not bring them to the Kingdom yet  
 it manifests that as they are predestinated to be con-  
 -firmed to him in humiliation so also in glory.

Comps 2 Cor 7:1 1 Pet 1:22 1 Tim 3:3

This Company are all purified by faith in the  
 blood of the Lamb. they were all unclean as other  
 men but they are washed &c 1 Cor 6:9-11 - There is  
 no other way of washing that gives that whole  
 glory unto the Lamb.

15. therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day &  
 night in his Temple; & he that sitteth on the Throne shall dwell among  
 them.

They are not before the Throne because of their washing  
 of their garments or their doing any thing to bring  
 of themselves thither but because they are redeemed  
 by the Lamb & so washed in his blood. The Emphatic  
 -ments of this great multitude is here described with  
 a reference to the Old Testament worship & service & the  
 worshippers in the earthly Temple - It was death for  
 the Sons of Aaron to minister without linen garments  
 Ex 28:40-43 but then, it was not these garments nor the  
 keeping them without spot that give them the right to  
 minister but it was from their being descended from  
 that they gave attendance at the altar. In allusion to this



Ch. 7:16, 17

the redeemed here are said to be clothed with white robes  
 but the reason why they are before the throne is because they washed  
 their robes, they are thus clothed & the effect of this called sanctifies  
 all the whom it is given - so that their robes thus purifying them  
 show as the effect of the grace which is called their. In allusion  
 to the O.T. Service also they were said to serve him day & night  
 in his temple as it was commanded. 1 Chron 9:32 - but this  
 is only a figurative expression to point forth the great de-  
 cessing praise to him that loved us be for in the N.T. Jesus  
 says, John saw no temple nor is there any division of day & night  
 there. Ch 21:22-25.

God dwells in the Temple of Old between the Hebrew  
 Jews but this was in a cloud agreeable to the Old Testament  
 state of things - The Lamb who is in the midst of the  
 throne shall dwell bodily among his people - "We shall  
 be like him for we shall see him as he is - God delights  
 to dwell here & display all the riches of his glory among the  
 Redeemed Ps 132:14-18 Is 33 Ps 87.

18:6 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall  
 the sun light on them, nor any heat.  
 18:7 For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and  
 shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe  
 away all tears from their eyes.

The 16th Verse is taken from Is 49:10 & is expressive of the  
 happiness of his people at this time - This comes from the  
 Lamb who is in the midst of the throne feeding them  
 & leading them to fountains of living waters -

Thou the Lamb is praised forth as a Shepherd  
ing his flock Is 40:11 Ez 34:11 Ps 23.

Chap. 8<sup>th</sup>

And when he had opened the Seventh Seal, there was silence  
in heaven about the space of half an hour.

This Chapter resumes the history that was broken off  
at the conclusion of the Sixth Chapter. It begins  
with the opening of the Seventh Seal & it is to be ob-  
served that during the opening of this Seal, the seven  
Trumpets are blown & the seven vials poured out.  
Just as the Seventh Trumpet continues to blow dur-  
ing the pouring out of the seven vials for the sound-  
ing of the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet finishes the mystery of God.  
And this shows us that all the events that take place  
come in consequence of the Lamb opening the sealed  
Book & that these events were all one way or another  
foretold in the O.T particularly in the prophecies of  
Daniel & that we cannot understand these prophe-  
cies until they are laid open by the Lamb or until  
the accomplishment of them takes place so these in-  
struct the Church not by making them prophets  
but by showing the truth of the scriptures in compar-  
ing them with the events that happened agreeable to  
what they testified beforehand.

At the opening of this Seal there was silence in heaven  
by heaven here we are to understand the Church  
silence for the space of half an hour may point to  
outward rest from persecution which the Church

...the ascension of ... when the ...  
...Christians ... began to do violence ...  
...the blood of the Saints was not yet ...  
...but this Silence ...  
...the space of half an ...  
...the sounding of the Trumpets ...  
...and to them were

And I saw the seven angels who stood before God; and to them were given seven Trumpets. -----  
And another angel came & stood at the altar, having a golden vessel; and there was given unto him much Incense that he should add it to the prayers of all Saints upon the golden altar which was before the Throne ... and the smoke of the Incense with the prayers of the Saints, ascended up before God, out of the angels hand. -----

When the seven angels had received the seven Trumpets & before they began to sound John saw another angel ... This other angel is the Angel of the Covenant ... Christ Jesus represented to us here as the great High Priest over the house of God making the prayers of all Saints acceptable through the Incense of his one offering in allusion to the Priests under the law who offered Incense before God whilst the congregation were engaged in prayer Luke 10. -----

It is said there was given unto him much Incense for this express purpose that he might add it to the prayers of all Saints Just as it is said when he ascended on high he received gifts for men even for the rebellious that God the Lord might dwell among them. -----

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Jesus Christ is the antitype of the High Priest under the law, of the Incense & also of the altar & by himself & shadows of the body which is Christ the Old Testament people were instructed & John is here laying open the true meaning of these figures all pointing to the infinite merit of the Son of God as not only having worth to appear before God himself but also to obtain a favourable hearing for his guilty people whose mouths deserves forever to be shut. And here we may observe these things.

1<sup>st</sup> The employment of all the Saints it is in prayer to God.

2<sup>d</sup> They do not obtain a hearing on their own account for God heareth not sinners.

3<sup>d</sup> The infinite merit of his sacrifice is of eternal avail in the sight of God for all his people & his intercession & prayers for them will always be effectual with God like the smoke of the Incense which ascended with the prayers of the Saints out of the angels hand.

And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar and cast it into the earth; and there were voices & thunders & lightnings & an earthquake.

All the prayers of the Old Testament Saints were for the coming of a Christ in the flesh. That thou wert as my Brother & see the case of Zacharias where his prayer seemed to be. That the Salvation of Israel were come out of Zion. Lamentations 4: 13 These prayers were answered by terrible things in Righteousness.

the Kingdom will be assured by terrible things in Rights upon  
 all the enemies of his Kingdom but there that they will not  
 be revealed and the Subjects gradually bring the man of sin  
 down of antichrist with all power. In this there seems to be  
 a reference to the awful appearance of God upon Mount  
 Sinai Ex 16:19. I saw a warning a giant that Lucifer  
 of the divine words which was now to be brought in by  
 antichrist.

The appearance of the angel there served to assure his  
 people that what ever hurt was to come upon the profa-  
 sion of Christianity by the sounding of the seven  
 trumpets, yet that they were secured against it, by their  
 having an Advocate with the Father & that all these even-  
 ts were tending to fulfill the prayers of all Saints & that  
 that they were deprived of Church Order & in a state of  
 Captivity as the Jews in Babelon yet they had access to  
 the Father by one Spirit & Communion with God thro  
 Jesus Christ.

And the seven Angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to  
 sound. By the first angel sounded & there followed hail & fire mingled  
 with blood, and they were cast upon the earth; and the third part of trees  
 was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

This first Trumpet describes the state of Christianity of  
 the silence in heaven when the professors of Christian  
 ity were awakened out of that astonishment in which

they were to find themselves raised to worldly power  
& glory & that religion which was before persecuted & despised  
found every where become the established religion of the  
Empire.

As the blessing of God upon his people thro' the gospel  
is compared to the Influence of the dew & warm show-  
ers making the earth to bring forth abundantly so

When Hail is spoken of it must denote the wrath of  
God as the effect of hail is to destroy the fruits of the earth

Co. 9: 22. - Where it seems to point to the strength of  
Judaism which God sent upon the professors of Christi-

anity that they should believe a lie - the lie that they  
believed was that they could serve God & Mammon or that

they might be Christians without observing what our  
Lord says If any man will be my disciple he must

deny himself.

Here signifies Contention as it is explained by our Lord  
I am come to stand fire &c - This Contention was who

should be greatest in the Church as this made him great  
in the state and as this fire was mingled with blood so

this Contention issued in the first persecution of Chris-  
tians against Christians. Under the Influence of this

this Contention went on untill the fruitfulness &  
verdure of the first Christians was no more to be seen

of whom it was said they shall be fat & ever green &  
by flourishing for all green grass was burnt up &

it made <sup>the</sup> professors of Christianity like blasted  
trees quite dried up & withered of whom it was said

215:5

... shall spring up as grass like will cover by the waters  
 ... this is intimated to us by third floods of trees being  
 ... because there was still some fruits of the  
 ... God had his cruel people in every stage of their  
 ... captivity and as the servants of God were  
 ... against this destruction so it is said only that  
 ... part of trees were burnt up.  
 ... And the second Angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain  
 ... burning with fire was cast into the sea, and the third part of the sea be-  
 ... came blood.

... the sounding of this Angel brings that hurt to the sea  
 ... which could not be done till the servants of God were seal-  
 ... ed Ch 7:1. A Mountain signifies in Scripture a  
 ... Kingdom as Babylon is called a destroying mountain  
 ... Jer 51:25 see Dan 2:35: 14 - Waters in this book

... signify people, & multitudes, nations & tongues Ch 17:15  
 ... the gathering together of the waters is sea, so that  
 ... by the sea we are to understand the multitude of pe-  
 ... ples within the bounds of the Roman Empire professing  
 ... Christianity. This mountain is said to be burning  
 ... with fire which according to the former explanation  
 ... of four may represent a Kingdom full of contention  
 ... and such the Roman empire was when it was thrown  
 ... as it were into the bosom of the Church, when the civil pow-  
 ... er became subservient to the Ecclesiastical & when the sword  
 ... of the Magistrate was unsheathed to defend the King-  
 ... dom of Christ which is not of this world.

... The hurt brought upon the Sea by the great mountain

being cast into it is represented by the third part being  
drowned into blood as indeed it is in much blood  
shed whereby the clergy denied themselves to be followers  
of him who said I came not to destroy mans lives but  
to save.

And the third part of the Creation which were in the sea  
had life, died; & the third part of the ships were destroyed.  
Those who yet appeared to have any spiritual life in

the Antichristian Communion died by this Corruption  
& total departure from the Truth & hereafter swarm like  
dead fishes in the stream & there could be no spiritual  
life here no more than there was of natural life for the fishes  
of Egypt when the waters of the river were turned into  
blood.

Now was there now any Communion of Saints signified  
here by the ships; all that was destroyed, corrupted &  
& married by an intercommunity of worship, bringing  
the uncircumcised into the house of the Lord, mingling  
the seed of Israel with Strangers & so treading under foot  
the outer Court of the Lords house.

10 And the third Angel sounded, and there fell a great star  
from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers,  
& upon the fountains of waters.

A Star in this book signifies an Elder or Bishop (Ch. 1: 20)  
falling from heaven is quitting his proper station in the  
Church - falling from the faith, the love of the truth & the  
obedience of the Gospel - exchanging the hope of a spiritual  
Crown for an earthly & seeking after the honor of this world.



... as it was a lamp... conspicuous & distinguished from  
... Bishop as one star different from another star in  
... Charles points to the Bishop of Rome who was  
... distinguished from the other Bishops as the head  
... of the whole Antichristian body whose to

... deflection & apostasy is here pointed at. ---  
... when this star fell it was upon the third part of the river  
... upon the fountains of waters which must extend the  
... parts of the foregoing trumpet to remote provinces & nations  
... who did not derive their existence from the sea & the  
... Antichristian body but who now had communion  
... with it by the influence of this star falling upon them  
... drawing over them a profession of Christianity & subject  
... ing them to his Spirit & Authority. ---

... And the name of the Star is called wormwood: & the third part of the  
... waters became wormwood; & many men died of the waters, because  
... they were made bitter. ---

... a Root bearing gall & wormwood is a sign of Corruption & of  
... Apostacy Deut 29:18, 19 - and the apostle exhorts Christians  
... to beware lest this root of bitterness should spring up in them.

... Now this was a very proper name for the leader of the  
... Antichristian Apostacy & whenever he fell or got a footing  
... he infused his own spirit so that his disciples became worm-

... wood also - These distant nations & provinces were heathens  
... before Antichrist fell upon them but they were no better by

... hearkning to his doctrine, yea rather they became twofold  
... more of the children of hell than they were before. When Anti-  
... christ mixed with the Scriptures he made the obedience

of the Gospel was made as he turned it into a doctrine of self Righteousness.

It may be remarked upon these two trumpets - that the chief evil which came upon the outward profession of Christianity by the blowing of the second - was the marring of the visible Communion of Saints by the connection of the Church and State - an impure Communion seen

3:11-13 - And the Clergy accepting the glory & honor of this world which the Lord refused. 3 The grand evil brought by the blowing of the 3<sup>d</sup> Trumpet was a total failing in the grace of God - Corruption & Apostasy infecting the roots of all the branches of Antichrist.

12. And the fourth Angel sounded, and the third part of the Sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the Stars so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

The blowing of this Trumpet brings the weakening of the higher powers of the Empire described unto us by the darkening of the heavenly Luminaries which were created at first to rule the day & the night. This came to pass by the intrigues of the Clergy & issued in the breaking of the Roman Empire into 10 Kingdoms whereby Antichrist came to his throne which took place by the blowing of the 5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet.

This manner of description is very common in the A.T. Scriptures when the weakening of Magistracy the ordinance of the God of Heaven is described it is spoken of as making dark or obscuring the lights of Heaven see Ls 43:10 Ez 32:7,8

the blowing of every trumpet advanced the name of Jesus  
 in the Kingdom of this world & no more than a step further  
 from the Kingdom of Christ which is not of this world.  
 and I beheld & heard an angel flying thro' the middle of heaven, saying  
 with a loud voice, wo, wo, wo, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the  
 voices of the Trumpet of the three Angels which are yet to sound.  
 This verse is an introduction to the next Chapter & foretells  
 the success of the inhabitants of the earth which came to pass  
 by the blowing of the Trumpets. The 1<sup>st</sup> Woe brings  
 the Kingdom of Antichrist with all power by the blowing  
 of the 5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet. The 2<sup>d</sup> Woe falls out under the 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Trumpet for it ends with the killing of the witnesses & at  
 their resurrection we are told the second woe is past Rev  
 11:14. And the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet brings the third woe as it con-  
 tains all the events that take place by the pouring out of  
 the 7 Vials & ends in the utter destruction of all the ene-  
 mies of the Lord at his appearing.

Chap 9:1

And the fifth Angel sounded and I saw the star which fell from heaven  
 unto the earth, and to him was given the Key of the bottomless pit.  
 The star which is spoken of in this verse seems to be  
 the same that fell from heaven at the sounding of the 3<sup>d</sup>  
 Angel Ch. 8:13 & so this fifth Angel brings the first woe  
 which was the Kingdom of Antichrist coming with all  
 power signified by their being given unto this star the  
 Key of the bottomless pit - this Key was given him in  
 the same way as Daniel says that the times & laws

shall be given into his hand until a time, time & the dividing of time. Eh. 7: 25.

At 2 And he opened the bottom left pit, and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun & air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

Our Lord gave the Keys of the Kingdoms of Heaven unto Peter, that he might open the door of faith unto the Gentiles, but now as a Judgment upon these Gentiles for holding the Truth in unrighteous Antichrist gets the Key of the

bottom left pit that the smoke ascending from thence might darken every remnant of that light & so the outer Court of the Lords house be trodden under foot.

But the darkening of the Sun & air by the smoke that arose out of the pit seems to point chiefly to the extinction of the supreme power or the fall of the 7<sup>th</sup> head of the beast - that the 8<sup>th</sup> head or Antichrist might come to his Throne. Rev. 17: 10-17.

At 3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth; and unto them was given power as the scorpions of the earth have power.

By the Locusts here seems to be meant the Kingdom of the Clergy likened unto locusts for their numbers & for the devastation & mischief that they brought upon the outward profession of Christianity. Just as the locusts brought desolation upon the land of Israel and as they laid waste the land of Egypt for in the Clergy was to be seen all that craft & spite & enmity which appears about the Scorpion when it wounds man without sting. - & a similar power for a different purpose was given unto them.

Ex. 9:4, 5

And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth  
nor any green thing, neither any tree, but only those men who have not  
written their names in the book of life.

These are the people that whatever hurt the Kingdom of Antichrist was  
to do, they had only a form of godliness, yet it could not  
hurt any that belonged to Christ, pointed forth by the gifts of the

Holy Spirit - as to those they were sealed unto the day of redemption  
Chosen unto Salvation, thro' Sanctification of the Spirit & belief of the Truth -  
And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be  
tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion,  
when he striketh a man.

The hurt that comes here is against the real subjects of Antichrist  
Kingdom, for it was commanded them that they should not  
hurt the grass of the earth &c. but they were not to while the mayne  
to direct them of all profession of Christianity for this did not  
take place till the blowing of the 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet v. 15:18 but they

were to torment them 5 months which is said to be the longest  
time of the locusts continuance in any Country during the 5  
Summer months & may comfort to us that these locusts  
or the Antichristian Clergy were to continue thus to torment  
men untill the time appointed by God was come to an

end & that they should fill up the measure of their iniquity  
the nature of this torment is described to be such as a man  
suffers when he is stung by a scorpion - Now we know this must  
be, bringing a man in feare of his life, making him to be in  
doubt as it were between death & life so that besides the torment  
he feels in his body he is tormented in his mind - and this is

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among proper images to represent these grievous woful things  
 by, who along with the ascendancy & lordship that they had  
 ed over the minds & Consciences of their subjects, joined  
 of the Civil Magistrate Compelling men to a form of godliness  
 & Constraining them by the fear of these to wear the  
 name & so formenting the rub both in body & mind. —  
 was now no where to be seen, Christ ruling his willing people  
 but Antichrist sitting in the temple of God — & the whole  
 worlding after the beast. —

¶ 6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and  
 desire to die, and death shall flee from them. —

In this pain of body & mind, in which men are kept  
 der the dominion of the Locusts they would faine be rid of  
 Christianity all together but this is what the Clergy will  
 by no means suffer as at once there would be an end of  
 that Craft by which they get their wealth so that how  
 ever they may desire this they cannot obtain it  
 is true if they had known the power of Christianity this  
 would have set them free from the dominion of the Clergy  
 but then this would have exposed them to the wrath of  
 the Civil Magistrate as many Contenters for the Truth  
 experienced during the reign of Antichrist — but these  
 having only the form of Christianity their Consciences  
 were enslaved by the Clergy & the fear of man which bring  
 eth a snare marked all their actions. —

¶ 7 And the shapes of the Locusts &c to vll. —

In these verses we have a description of the thing done of the  
 Clergy pointed forth by a monster with several heterogeneous

Ch. 9: 11, 12, 13

Compounded of things terrifying & alluring they are at present  
the greatest meanings - the greatest hardships & the greatest  
penitence will also be the character of a church com-

the things of this world or giving it its subject  
Nab 3: 17 God 1: 4-8 & 2: 2-7.  
the name in the Hebrew tongue is Apollyon, but in the Greek tongue  
and they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit,  
his name in the Hebrew tongue is Apollyon.

the children of this world - the Spirit that now worketh in  
the children of disobedience or unbelief Eph 2: 2 - Here he is dis-  
tributed as a King having subjects & his name & character both to the  
Hebrew & to the Greek, is the Destroyer or as our Lord calls him the

murderer John 8: 44 Opposed to the name & character of Jesus  
the Saviour & deliverer from the wrath to come both to  
Hebrew & Greek.

the woe is past & behold, there come two woes more hereafter.  
One woe is past that is fully gone forth & received a permanent  
attainment by the Kingdom of Antichrist coming with all  
power & the other two woes attend the sounding of the 6th trumpet

the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the 4 horns of  
the golden altar, which is before God.  
It is upon the Golden Altar of Incense that the prayers of all  
Saints are offered so that this voice coming from the four  
horns of it must intimate a favourable answer to these

prayers. & so what follows the sounding of the 6<sup>th</sup> Angel  
 being a voice upon Antichrist in answer to their cry How long  
 O Lord be. -----

The time of the Locusts Continuance was said to be 5<sup>th</sup> mo:  
 This is not only with allusion to the continuance of the natural  
 Locusts as formerly noticed but if we reckon 5 mo: of 30 days  
 each it will give us 150 days & taking each day for a year  
 according to the manner of the prophets this will help us  
 to the explication of this voice brought by the 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet  
 The 5<sup>th</sup> Angel began to sound when the Roman Empire  
 was broken into 10 Kingdoms which did not take place till  
 about the year 476 now 150 years added to this brings us  
 to the year 626 which was some years after the rise of Ma-  
 homet & it is more than probable that it is him & his  
 followers that are here intended as a scourge against  
 Antichrist. -----

It is true that the reign of the Locusts was by no means  
 over at the end of these 150 years for the Beast was to con-  
 tinue 42 mo: or 1260 days but then during these 150 years  
 the Clergy were reigning with all power & fully settling  
 themselves on their thrones & the rest of their reign comes  
 to be described under another period even under the  
 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet & what follows. -----

v14 Saying to the sixth Angel which had the Trumpets, Loose the four angels  
 which are bound in the great river Euphrates. & to v20. -----

These four Angels that are here commanded to be loosed  
 seem to be either the four sects into which Mahometan-  
 ism was divided shortly after the Erection of it or the



Ch. 9:20

... that ... propagated ... the  
 ... supported it, viz Turkey, Persia, the Mogul of the  
 ... which one of these we suppose  
 ... that this we did not come  
 ... Roman Empire but from about  
 ... which was the boundary on the  
 ... upon Antichrist for his Idols  
 ... bound on  
 ... about the  
 ... were loosed by his  
 ... were fully prepared to ex-

... at any time.  
 ... description of deadly Error propagated  
 ... violence of the sword & this agrees well to the  
 ... number of those  
 ... in propagating his  
 ... Christian name in  
 ... it may well  
 ... This passage seems  
 ... 51:25-34.

And the rest of the men who were not killed by these plagues, yet  
 repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship  
 Devils, and Idols of Gold and Silver, and brass & stone & of wood, which  
 neither can see nor hear, nor walk.

This points out to us that the God gave to the rest of the man  
 who escaped the foregoing Scourge space to repent, yet they  
 repented not & so their Condemnation was by this means,

as it were insured, & Gods righteous Judgment in afterwards  
 taking revenge upon Antichrist fully vindicated.  
 The whole Kingdom of Antichrist is represented as worshipping  
 Devils & Idols of Gold & Silver &c.  
 No man can worship God but as he is revealed in his Son  
 Jesus Christ. It is he that declares the Father as was  
 the Father God & the Son as it is by the Knowledge of  
 Him alone that men draw near to God - indeed it is  
 by in his name that we can expect to be heard. The  
 scriptures warrant us to say that all worship however  
 sincerely & devoutly paid that does not proceed upon  
 the Knowledge of God as he is revealed in the Gospel  
 or that does not respect the divine Testimony. This is my  
 beloved Son in whom I am well pleased is unto devils  
 & not unto God. Just as the Gentiles when they did sacrific  
 fice to their Idols they sacrificed unto devils & not unto  
 God. 1 Cor 10: 19-22. None every idea that a man can form  
 of God but as the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ & every  
 notion he can form of the object of worship aside from the  
 Man Christ Jesus in whom dwells all the fullness of the  
 God head bodily is an Idol & the worship paid to this  
 Idol of his own formation is said in Scripture to be  
 paid to the Devil & the worshipper himself is ranged  
 the Kingdom of Antichrist is in B. 11. under the Angel of the  
 bottom pit - All that are ignorant of the true God are  
 ing under the power of the wicked one. Joh 5: 19.  
 The Roman Empire when it was heathen was engaged  
 along with all the nations in worshipping Idols & Images

...the profession of Christianity they had received  
 ...the worship formerly paid to their gods & herons departed  
 ...the most abominable in the sight of God. 1. Tem 4: 1. ---  
 ...murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of  
 ...we observed that this was came up an anti  
 ...prayers of all Saints who were by  
 ...How long O Lord Holy and true  
 ...Judge & avenge our blood &c for Antichrist  
 ...the greatest Guilty against the  
 ...the false Church she appeared drunk with  
 ...the blood of the Saints Ch 17: 6 - At the pouring out of the  
 ...God is praised for Judging the whore because  
 ...they had shed the blood of the Saints Ch 16: 4-8. And at  
 ...the dreadful overthrow of Babylon the blood of all that  
 ...were slain upon the earth was found in her Ch 18: 24. ---  
 ...their Sorceries" The first thing that this art of Sorcery or  
 ...Witchcraft presents us with is that of forging into futurity  
 ...pretending to tell things to come & the effect that Sor  
 ...very had upon all who practised it was to puff up agree  
 ...able to Satans doctrine (Ye shall be as Gods as we see in  
 ...the case of Simon. Acts 8: 9 giving out that he himself  
 ...was some great one" Now God Challenges the Knowledge  
 ...of futurity to himself alone as he that knows the end  
 ...from the beginning & sets his face directly against all  
 ...who would pretend to tell things to come Jer 27: 9

3 Isai 7: 10-15 The practice of this art proceeds from a desire  
 a man to know more than what God is pleased to reveal  
 & is always attended with presumption upon the pro-  
 vidence of God in the disposing of & bringing to pass  
 all events, As Saul when he wanted to know the  
 issue of what would befall him next day, in the battle  
 with the Philistines sought unto a woman that had  
 a familiar spirit for to a woman that pretended to be  
 things to come from the influence of a false spirit who  
 from habit was now become familiar to her. 1 Sam 28  
 There seems from this transaction to be a foundation  
 for what is commonly said of those that give them-  
 selves to these practices that they are assisted by the Devil  
 for there is no doubt but he will mightily encourage  
 what tends on the one hand to blow up the pride of man  
 & on the other hand to give a false & deceitfull view of the  
 divine providence as if it were at the Command &  
 the controul of wicked men. - and it is also evident that  
 from the Devils great Sagacity & long experience of human  
 nature he may conjecture & so inform his servants of  
 things that may probably come to pass, but of which he  
 this he cannot know.

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 But we may take another view of Sorcery or witchery  
 in this way - No event can take place but by the fore-  
 ledge of God & man but he can know these things & therefore  
 when the Prophets told of things to come they began with  
 "Thus saith the Lord" & all pretences to the knowledge of these  
 things must be under this color that it is a revelation of

Ch. 9: 21

the mind & will of God so that it is a deceiving of man with a false  
 name of Gods mind & will & herein seems to be the great evil of this  
 world. Now this kind of Sorcery or Witchcraft is transferred in the  
 Scriptures, pretending to tell you what the mind of the Lord  
 is in the Scriptures but under this pretence giving you a false  
 account & so imposing a lie instead of the Truth. This may  
 be illustrated unto us by the case of the Galatians when the  
 Judaizing Teachers pressed Circumcision on them as necessary  
 to Salvation along with the faith of Christ they pretend  
 that this was the mind of the Lord; but when the  
 apostle speaks of this he says foolish Galatians who  
 hath bewitched you Gal 3:1 See also 2 Tim 3:8 - And this  
 kind of Sorcery was most evident during the whole reign  
 of Antichrist in imposing upon his followers the doctrines  
 & Commandments of man under the pretence of their  
 being Gods mind & will & so they were deceived all na-  
 tions withal here Sorceries in falsifying the word of God. Pre-  
 18:23 & of this she repented not. We may notice also that  
 this view agrees with the original meaning of the word trans-  
 lated Sorcery (παρωκλια) poisoning - as no kind of poison can  
 be more fatal unto the Souls of men than a corruption of the  
 word of God. "None of their fornications" this not only takes in  
 that unlawfull connection between the sexes forbidden by  
 the word of God introduced & carried on by Antichrists  
 law of forbidding to marry. But also & chiefly the whores  
 fornication with the things of the Earth; giving that love  
 & affection due to the Lord Jesus as his professed Spouse to the

Things of the Broken Empire "more of their thefts" all the  
 things of Babylon which by her merchants were enriched  
 are riched in this book of the Revelation as down right  
 thefts. Our Lord says all that ever came before me were  
 thieves Joh 10:8 they were so as they robbed God of his glory & put  
 themselves at the expense of the flock. These are also called  
 thieves who make a convenience of the house of God in order  
 to advance their worldly Interest for gain polluted & built  
 it under foot. Math 21:12, 13 Now this kind of theft was  
 most notorious during the whole reign of Antichrist  
 & of this she reported not.

The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpets comprehend the time allotted to the  
 Church of Egypt.

Rea 10:1

And I saw another mighty Angel come down from heaven, clothed  
 with a cloud, and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was  
 as it were the Sun, and his feet as pillars of fire.

This Chapter continues to describe the events that  
 took place under the blowing of the 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet. This  
 occupies a much longer space of time than any of the  
 foregoing ones even from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> Century when  
 the second publication of the Gospel took place intima-  
 ted unto us in the 11<sup>th</sup> V of this Chapter.

John here has a view of the angel of the Covenant, the Lord  
 Jesus distinguished from the angels that had the Trumpets  
 & from the 4 angels by being called another angel - when it  
 he was clothed with a cloud it may import unto us that the  
 wonder working power & glory of this Angel was obscured & hid

from the mouth of the beast as that which is done under a cloud  
 is opposed to that which is done openly to the conviction of all men  
 during his reign in the midst of his enemies he appeared  
 them clothed with clouds & thick darkness & when his enemies  
 were made his footstool then a fire went before him & burned  
 up his enemies round about Ps 97:1, 2, 3. But while he ap-  
 pears clothed with a cloud to all those who hate him - He also  
 was the symbol of the Covenants of peace being mindful of  
 his Covenant - he speaks peace to his people through his  
 blood by which the Cove<sup>ts</sup> was ratified. -----  
 When it is said his face shone as the sun & he presents to the  
 same appearance that John saw him under before in the  
 middle of the 7 Golden candlesticks Ch. 1:14, 15. -----  
 And he had in his hand a little book open; and he set his right foot  
 on the sea and his left foot on the earth. -----  
 This little book seems to be the writings of the Apostles & prop-  
 hets which were shut up & sealed during the reign of Antic-  
 christ when he made them prophesy in sackcloth & set up  
 the traditions of men above the Scriptures, & thus Antichrist  
 became like Israel of Old Is 29:10-13. -----  
 This book is properly represented as in the hand of this Angel  
 under the peculiar direction of heaven, so that however  
 much Antichrist profaned the house of God yet it was  
 never in his power to destroy the writings of the Apostles  
 & prophets but they continued to witness against him & to  
 finish their testimony because they were in the hand of  
 him who rules the raging of the sea & stills the tumults of the  
 people represented by setting his right foot on the sea his

Ch. 10:3, 4

left upon the earth - And when John saw it glory it seeme  
to faint that it should be again understood & laid open  
before all men which took place by the 2<sup>d</sup> publication  
the Scriptures in the languages of the nations.

¶ 3 And Cried with a loud voice as when a lion seareth; and when he  
had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

This Angel is no other than the lion of the tribe of Judah -  
he who can tear in pieces & thin is none that can deliver  
out of his hand - this is the voice of Jehovah upon the  
waters, the God of glory thundring, the voice of Jehovah  
which is powerfull & full of Majesty. Ps 29 This is the voice  
of that King whose voice is as the roaring of a lion but whose  
favour is as dew upon the grass. Pro 19:12 - This may be com-  
pared with Is 42:10-16 & 31:4.

It is said when he had cried 7 Thunders uttered their voices

It has been thought as the Sixth Trumpet continues so  
long to sound from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> Century that it  
is divided into 7 different periods by these 7 Thunders in  
the same way as the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet contains the 7 Vials of the  
wraths of God or perhaps these 7 Thunders may be an an-  
-swer to the loud cry of the Son of God denouncing Judg-  
-ments against Babylon & promising relief to his people.

¶ 4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices I was about to  
write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things  
which the seven thunders uttered & write them not.

It appears that the voices of these 7 Thunders were known  
to John for he was about to write but it is in vain for us  
to enquire what they were for the voice from heaven said



And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea & the earth, lifted up his hand to Heaven. 16 And swore by him that liveth forever & ever, who created the sea & the earth & the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer.

But in the days of the voice of the seventh Angel when he shall sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the Prophets.

Here we have solemn oath sworn by this angel determining the end of all things - and altho' this time was not to take place yet (in heaven or y) yet when the 7th Angel would finish his blast, which was to continue during the pouring out of the vials, then the mystery of God would be finished, & the reign of the saints begin - Thus as he had promised this glorious time to all the heirs of Salvation, when he spake by his servants the Prophets, we see him now confirming the same by his oath for their strong consolation & because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself - for this angel is no other than God the Creator of all things as we see by comparing this passage with Dan 12:6, 7 & 10:5 & This passage may also be compared with Is 13:22 where it is said "her time is near to come & her days shall not be prolonged" Babylon's time could not come until the times, times & an half, were fulfilled, which took place in one of the days (or periods of time) of the voice of the seventh Angel.

18 And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again & said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the Angel which standeth upon the sea & the earth. 19 And I went unto the Angel & said unto him, Give me this

little book. And he said unto me, Take it & eat; it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth as sweet as honey.

This has an evident allusion to Ez 2: 8-10 & 3: 1-3 - and this figurative expression of eating the little book or eating the Lords words is explained to us by our Lord John 6: 48-58. Now we know that at the eating that is here spoken of is by faith for the that believeth on the Son hath life - and therefore this must signify the receiving the word of God upon the divine testimony, believing in the merits. The word of God is the spiritual food of all his people. Just as meats for the belly better being for meats - it is by this they grow - as new born babes desiring the sincere milk of Gods words & the Apostle exhorts the Ephesian Elders Feed the Church of God. It is with this that Christ feeds his flock like a Shepherd - so that under the notion of eating, we have pointed out to us must properly such a receiving as is attended with growth & ends in the saving of the soul - Just as meats received into the belly tends to the growth & strengthening of the body.

But there are two effects pointed forth which are to follow the receiving of the word of God in this manner -  
1<sup>st</sup> It shall make thy belly bitter. The word of God is set in opposition to all the immoderate appetites of the belly such as drunkenness, gluttony & all the various excesses that men indulge themselves in & when they are taught to hear the Lord saying Take heed lest your hearts be overcharged with this will at the same time be attended with bitterness of belly because it is denying the gratification of these lusts which the belly desires. The word of God is not only set in opposition to the gratification

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of the lusts of the flesh but also the gratification of the desires of the mind -  
The first reason if any man will come of his own will to him long time  
of the continual desire of the mind of man is to find some reason of  
hope about himself in order to make him acceptable in the sight  
of God - when a man from the word of God is led to deny himself  
in this which is a much more exquisite gratification than in the  
others - it is attended with bitterness of belly as it is doing greater vio-  
lence to the very frame & constitution of man who was made to live  
by his own Brightness.

But this bitterness of belly must take in all the afflictions which  
the word of God exposes all its adherents to - particularly the  
reproach of the enemies of this word as we see in the case of  
Jeremiah Ch 15: 10, 15, 16 - All that will live godly in Christ Jesus  
shall suffer persecution: see the case of the Apostles & first Christ-  
ians every where in the New Test.

2<sup>d</sup> It shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey - or as the Bal-  
mist say "How sweet are thy words unto my taste: yea sweeter  
than honey to my mouth Ps 119: 103" This shows that however

their afflictions abound yet their consolation by Christ Jesus  
doth much more abound - They have a Joy which no man can  
take from them - & this consists in the answer of a good Conscience  
by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead - see the

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strength of the Christian Confidence & ground of rejoicing 2 Cor.  
11: 10 And I took the little book out of the angels hand, and ate it up; and it was in  
my mouth sweet as honey; and as soon as I had eaten it my belly was bitter -

In this wise John confirms to us by his own Experience the truth  
of what was said would be the effects of eating this little book or of  
receiving the word of God - It was sweet in my mouth as honey

out upon us & had eaten it my belly was bitter - It must  
 first sweeten & a man must first find relief to his guilty con-  
 science from the word of God before he can be filled to endure  
 the Afflictions which constantly attend it - He must first  
 find the pearl of great price before he can be induced to  
 sell all for the sake of that pearl - The husband man  
 sowing, must be first partaker of the fruits. but of  
 as this sweet cup is known in the conscience is immediately  
 the trial of faith begins - the flesh, lusting against the  
 Spirit be, but as long as they retain the savor of the  
 truth it makes them endure with all long suffering -  
 When the Lord calls any one to follow him in this world - he  
 does not deceive or flatter him, but sets before him in the first place  
 what he is to expect by following him & then as a counter part to  
 this he sets before him the Joy of the Truth or the Comfort of the Gos-  
 pel. Just as he does to John here. "It shall make thy belly bitter  
 but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey - or as he said to  
 the young man "Go, sell that thou hast & give to the poor and  
 thou shalt have treasure in heaven" Matth 19: 21 or when he says  
 "If any man serve me let him follow me & whom I am then  
 shall also my servant be. but when his people come to  
 the knowledge of the Truth they obtain such rest to their  
 souls from hearing what he hath done that they are encouraged  
 to bear patiently all the Afflictions of the Gospel. -  
 And he said unto me thou must prophesy again before many people, &  
 nations & tongues & Kings. -  
 The Apostles at first spoke the word of God before many  
 people & nations & tongues & Kings tho they were enabled

to do by the gift of tongues at the first publication of the  
 book here is a command laid upon the Lord for he seems to stand  
 in a figure for all the writers of this little book. Thus as the way  
 he means the word of God is a figure of the way all Christ's people  
 receive it. And the effect it has upon them is a figure or representa-  
 tion of the effect that it has upon all the redeemed. I say then  
 is a command or rather a promise which must be accom-  
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 kind in his own time & by means of the translations of the Scrip-  
 tures in the various languages of the nations - every man un-  
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They speak not according to this it is because their  
 light in them. *Isa 8:20* And the Apostle says as many  
 as walk according to this rule shall be counted among  
 upon the *Temple of God*. *Gal 6:16*. Now when the word  
 is compared to a reed, it is opposed to what the Lord said  
 of the Egyptians that they were a broom scathed unto the house  
 of Israel, whereon if a man lean it will go into his hand  
 & pierce it. *Is 35:6* there is leaning & sure dependence upon  
 this reed to all the house of Israel for it is like unto a Rod  
 and this is no other than the sceptre of Christ's Kingdom  
 it is rendered *Psalm 135:8* The reed of his strength which he send  
 out of Zion making his people willing in the day of his power  
 & indeed the Scripture is most properly said to be likened  
 a Rod as it is profitable for doctrine for reproof for restor  
 ing again for instruction in Right. *2 Tim 3:16*. But the  
 word of God is said to be like unto a rod when it is appl  
 ed as a measure for the temple of God and we cannot  
 think of any thing that it could be likened unto more  
 properly for a rod is such a measurement that it will  
 not give one inch you cannot with all your might  
 make it go a whit further than its length nor with all  
 your art can you hinder it from coming up to it - there  
 is no pliability in it, it standeth steady to its point  
 all times - Antichrist when he pretended to make use  
 of this rule & when he took away from the words of this book  
 he did not make the reed go the full length & this was the  
 bringing in of the Uncircumcised Gentiles into the Courts  
 of the Lords house as we shall see presently & he made additi

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the length of this rod when he added unto the words of the book  
 concerning the disciples with the doctrine & commandments of  
 men, but when the Lord began to blow upon him with the breath  
 of his mouth these additions were discovered like the iron  
 scales in the bush & were destroyed. <sup>the iron</sup>  
 gathered the rod stood as before the only measure for the Temple  
 of God & all that is therein.

John now gets a command from the angel to apply this  
 rule to the Temple of God, he attacks them that worship there  
 in. There is no other rule for the Church but this imaginary  
 rule a Church cannot be measured by this rule it becomes  
 profane & unholy & a Synagogue of Satan.

But the Court that is without the temple, leave out to measure it not, for  
 it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy City shall they tread under foot  
 and two months.

John is then forbid to take the measure of the outer Court,  
 the place where all the Children of Israel assembled for wor-  
 ship, which may very properly denote the outward pro-  
 fession of Christianity - during the whole reign of Antichrist  
 this could not be measured by the word of God & indeed it  
 would have been profaning that word to apply it where there  
 was no similarity between the measure & the things measured.

The outer Court was given unto the Gentiles & the Gentiles  
 uncircumcised in heart & in ears were brought into the  
 Lords house this came to pass when Antichrist admitted the  
 nations unpurged from their former Idolatry to the pre-  
 sence of the Lords house & thus the profanation of Gods  
 temple took place. When it is said It is given unto the



Gentiles: I mean intimate unto us that in this our country  
there would be such a bodily authority used as is practised  
among the lords of the Gentiles - You know that they who  
are accounted to rule over the Gentiles, exercise lordship over  
be Numb 10:12-15.

We see also that the time of Antichrists treading under foot  
the Holy City is limited by the same Authority by which the  
outer Court is given unto him - This space is said to be  
forty & two months - These 42 Months being lunar months  
of 30 days each make up precisely 1260 days which is the  
exact time of the two witnesses prophesying in sackcloth

And of the time of the woman's flight into the wilderness  
Rev 12:6 and these 42 Months or 1260 days is the same time  
which Daniel calls a time, times & half a time or the dis-  
cussing of time Dan 7:25 & the Rev: Ch 12:14 for this time  
times & half contains the space of three years & a half which  
reckoning 360 days to the year makes up exactly the space of  
1260 days as before - Now taking each day for a year according  
to the Old Testament Num 14:34 & Ez 4:4, 6 Dan 9:24-26 we

have the exact time of Antichrists reign of the Gentiles  
treading the Holy City under foot pointed out & limited.

U3 And I will give unto my two witnesses and they shall prophesy without  
clothes & shall wear sackcloth.

Some have thought that by these two witnesses we were to  
understand a succession of men, witnessing for the truth dur-  
ing the whole time of Antichrists reign but though God  
wants witnesses in this way during that period yet what  
is the nature of these two witnesses in the following verse.

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as well agree with this thing as I thought those have done just who  
 have supposed them to be the Old & new Testaments scriptures. ---  
 and here we may see the notice of the dignity of the angel who speaks  
 that they testified before hand of the sufferings of Christ. 1. Pet. 1:11 And  
 he says himself search the scriptures for in them ye shall find  
 the words of eternal life & these are they who testify of me. Joh. 5:39  
 And the same way the N. S. testify of Him of his righteousness of  
 his finished work & so that these two jointly concur in bear-  
 ing testimony unto Him & with the greatest propriety he  
 calls them my two witnesses. ---

When the Lord gave the holy city to be trodden under foot of  
 the Gentiles he at the same time gave his two witnesses to pro-  
 phesy against all the abominations done & said in the profane  
 of his Name & though their testimony was disregarded yet  
 it testified unto us by their being clothed in sackcloth or in  
 the garments of captivity yet they ceased not to declare Gods  
 mind & will to all that had ears to hear as many as were or-  
 dained to eternal life during the 1200 years of their prophesie  
 were led to believe unto them testifying of the Lord our Right  
 Ref. These are the two Olive trees, and the two Candlesticks standing before  
 the God of the Earth. ---

An Olive tree is a figure of the Church as the Lord says, Jehovah cal-  
 led thy name a green Olive tree, fair & of goodly fruit. Jer. 17:6  
 And a Candlestick is also the figure of a Church according to this  
 book - "The seven Candlesticks are the seven Churches Rev. 1:20  
 Moses who made all the things about that C. S. Church according  
 to the pattern shewed to him in the mount, which pattern

now afterwards written in the Scriptures of the O.T. and T.O.  
 who built his Church according to the plan laid down in the  
 new Testament. The rules, government, institutions  
 described in the Old & new Testaments are standing evidence  
 against all the corruptions of Antichrist. The O.T. Church  
 as it was connected with a nation of this world was exactly the  
 in T. Church as it is not connected with any one nation but  
 comprehends the whole & is decreed upon the face of the earth  
 gathered out of every nation, kindred, tribe, & tongue is not  
 earthly tho' it was prefigured by that earthly state of the  
 which is heaps & far exceeding it in every respect.  
 Antichrist who pretended to build his Church upon the  
 plan yet forgot the fundamental Law "My Kingdom is not of  
 this world" when he affected a temporal Kingdom to Jesus  
 Christ among the nations and so his Church being agreeable  
 to neither of these two tho' it had more likeness to that which  
 is abolished than that which is established by the death of Christ  
 the concurring testimony of the two witnesses testifying against  
 all these corruptions to smite the beast & all his worshippers  
 and nothing but the divine care about these witnesses could  
 have preserved them from being utterly destroyed by their  
 enemies. But

The Scriptures are expressly said to be the two Olive trees & the  
 two Candlesticks which stand before the God of the earth with a  
 direct reference to Zech. 4. A Church is compared with a  
 Olive tree because of the Spirit of Christ which remains in  
 every Church in the same way as the Oil in in the Olive  
 as it is by the Scriptures that the Spirit of Christ is com-

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...to the Church of God as the Old Law conveyed by the two golden  
 tables in the vision of 12. God's word works in the hearts of his people but but  
 the word; when he fastens the conviction of sin in the conscience  
 the witness was to the conscience. And 22:37. as when the Lord says  
 "I will make the word thus spoken effectual by raising the dead from  
 the dead in the presence of him that was seen in the first creation  
 the spirit of God which brooded on the face of the deep made the  
 word of God effectual as soon as spoken see Gen 1:11.

When Angel explains this vision, when he says at 6. This is the word  
 of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, Matt. by might surely powerfully  
 by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts, and so the Spirit, by  
 which the Lord prepares every stone in the temple, and  
 temple is the immediate effect of the word of God always at  
 tends it & cannot be separated from it. When the apostle is  
 speaking of Antichrist he says "Whom the Lord shall consume  
 with the Spirit of his mouth, i.e. by making effectual by  
 his Spirit, the word spoken concerning Antichrists destruc-  
 tion - when we think of it in this light we may see a pro-

phetic, in the two witnesses being called the two Olive trees  
 as being the authors as it were of the every medicine by which  
 the Spirit is conveyed to all the members of Christ's body.

But they are said also to be the two Candlesticks - The  
 Sanctuary of Old had no other light, but what it received  
 from the Candlesticks with its lamps so a Church of Jesus Christ  
 has no other light than what it receives from the two witnesses  
 by the seven Spirits of God - Zachariah saw only one

and that which because there was only the O.T. Scriptures  
 at that time & the O.T. Church erected upon the plan of the  
 Scriptures but now we have the N.T. Scriptures added to  
 not opposite, but confirming the Prophecies word & book  
 these taken together, make up the two witnesses which  
 give their Spirit light to every Church of the Saints  
 These two witnesses are said to stand before <sup>the</sup> God of the  
 earth to whomsoever he pleases - not confined to any  
 but gathering the outcasts of Israel from the east & from  
 the west as it is said he sends his word & melts them

105 And if any man will hurt them fire shall proceed out of their mouth  
 and devour their enemies: and if any man will hurt them he  
 must in this manner be killed.

Here is an awfull warning against doing any violence  
 or wresting the testimony of these two witnesses without  
 denunciation of certain Judgment upon all their Enemies  
 This has a reference to Elijahs commanding fire to come down  
 from heaven which consumed two Captains with their  
 fifties 2 Kings 1 Ch. The words of these two witnesses were not  
 left certain & much more dreadful for when their Enemies shall  
 be Judged according to what is written in the books the punishment  
 is casting unto the lake which burneth with fire  
 & brimstone forever & ever. And as in Pharaohs dream the  
 reason of its being doubted was because the thing is established  
 by God & God will shortly bring it to pass Gen 41:32 so here it  
 is doubted if any man will hurt them he must in this  
 manner be killed.

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...said to proceed out of their mouths for that they would gather  
 ... what they utter is the mind of the Lord &  
 ... has a reference to Jer 5:14 & 1:9.  
 ... power to shut heaven that it rain not in the days of their prophecy; and  
 ... to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all  
 ... as they will.

... the mouths of these two witnesses in a manner  
 ... degree, than he did the mouth of Jeremiah during  
 ... it was said "Behold, I have put my words  
 ... this day set thee over the nations, & over  
 ... to pull down, & to destroy, & to throw  
 ... to plant." Jer 1:4, 10. These two witnesses are said  
 ... the heavens, the waters & the earth. They  
 ... in the days of their prophecy even when  
 ... clothed them with sackcloth it did not diminish  
 ... their power but all these things came to pass agreeable  
 ... their prophecy before hand. - We have seen a reference to the  
 ... power of Elijah in shutting heaven when he at the word of  
 ... the Lord brought a famine on the land of Israel & to the power  
 ... of Moses also at the command of the Lord turning the waters  
 ... of Egypt into blood & smiting the Egyptians with plagues even  
 ... till the children of Israel were freed from bondage. -  
 ... This points out to us the situation of the people of God in the  
 ... days of the two witnesses prophesying - 1. That they would be per-  
 ... secuted and obliged to flee for their lives as Elijah was in the  
 ... time of Ahab. 2. That they would be in hard bondage to the  
 ... doctrines & commandments of men as much as even the children  
 ... of Israel were to the task Masters in Egypt. - But as the blood

witnesses had prophesied a future of the word of God which  
 came to pass under the 3<sup>rd</sup> Seal. Rev 6: 6. so they had also prophesied  
 relief deliverance to his people from the Anti-christian  
 rage & destruction to their enemies by the pouring out of  
 the vials for these are the seven last plagues & were said  
 seeing the truth of the prophecies of these two witnesses.  
 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony the beast that  
 ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and  
 shall overcome them, & kill them.  
 These two witnesses met with the much the same fate from Antichrist  
 christ that Jesus did from the Jews - John Baptist said of his  
 what he hath seen & heard that he testifieth & no man receiveth  
 his testimony John 3: 32. And when he had finished  
 his testimony he continued witnessing the appointed time  
 untill his hour was come the Jews made war upon him,  
 overcame & put him to death. Now in allusion to this, when  
 these two witnesses had finished & fully brought forth their testimony  
 both concerning divine & human righteousness & against all the  
 abominations done under the profession of Christianity, the beast  
 that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit made war, overcame &  
 killed them. The beast that ascendeth is the beast ascend-  
 ing" This beast is no other than the Kingdom of the Clergy which  
 came out of the bottomless pit at the sounding of the fifth ven-  
 gel. Rev 9: 1, 2, 3 & described Ch 17. It began to ascend when he  
 from the bottomless pit & continued ascending, advancing still  
 higher & higher in wickedness & in the support of the kings of the  
 Earth untill the vials of the wrath of God were poured out  
 upon him & he <sup>then</sup> began to descend & his end is he shall go into per-

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This comes in Antichristian judgement from that for the  
 the tongue for this transaction was filling up the measure  
 of their iniquity & as wrath came upon them to the utter  
 destruction of their killing the Lord Jesus.

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From the time that these two witnesses began to be clothed  
 in sackcloth every member of the Antichristian body had been  
 working against them but now the beast, as a body took coun-  
 sel against them; the war was no longer carried on by Indivi-  
 duals but the whole power of Antichrist as a Congregate  
 body was gathered against them. Now what happened to  
 the Church says Acts 4: 25-28 "Why did the heathen  
 & the people imagine vain things? The Kings of the earth  
 stood up & the rulers were gathered together against the Lord  
 against his Christ. For of a truth against thy holy Child Jesus  
 whom thou has anointed, both Herod & Pontius Pilate with  
 the Gentiles & the people of Israel were gathered together  
 to do whatsoever thy hand & thy counsel determined  
 should be done" Now under the figure of the Kings of the  
 earth & the rulers of Gods typical Church of Old we have point-  
 ed out unto us the Kings of the broken Empire with the rulers of  
 the Church of Antichrist gathered together with the Pope at their  
 head in solemn Councils to make war against the two witnesses  
 And it is remarkable that about the end of the 1260 days in  
 which they professed in sack cloth such a solemn Council was  
 held wherein the Authority of the Church was publicly set above  
 the Authority of the two witnesses & that they said so & so yet it  
 was the business of the Church to determine in what way  
 their words were to be taken (Council of Basil 1437) Nothing could



more effectually kill than will any other transaction of the  
 it was indeed divesting them of any spirit & life to act upon  
 Conscience of man & making the word of God of no effect by  
 condition - When the witnesses were thus overcome & killed by  
 Christ they became like the body of a dead man, preserving  
 dead, the outward form & appearance, which it never was in  
 Antichrist's power to efface but as much deprived of power to  
 speak & to carry on the spiritual life as the body of a man who  
 dead is to speak & carry on the functions of the natural life -  
 And their dead bodies shall lie in the streets of the great city, which  
 is called Sodom & Egypt where also our Lord was crucified -  
 The dead bodies of the two witnesses thus lying in the street point  
 out to us their abject & low situation as also the malice of their  
 Enemies - Now might it be said "Truth is fallen in the street  
 of equity cannot enter" Ps 59:14. Their dead bodies thus deprived  
 of all spirit & life were exposed in the street to be trampled upon  
 & to become the scorn & ridicule of all that beheld them -  
 The name of the place where this scene was carried on is not told us  
 but there are several marks of it given which may let us easily see  
 what is meant there - 1<sup>o</sup> It is called the great city - It is said to be  
 the spirit & meaning of Sodom - the wickedness of Sodom is describ-  
 ed to us Ez 16:49, 50. This was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom,  
 Pride, fulness of bread & abundance of Idleness was in her & in her  
 daughters, neither did she strengthen the hands of the poor & needy  
 And they were haughty & committed abominations before me - Now  
 all this wickedness was found in perfection where the witnesses were  
 killed.

2<sup>o</sup> It is said to be the spirit & meaning of Egypt - the wickedness

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... of profiting & heaping in bondage the people of God unto suffering  
 ... it is said to be the spirit & meaning of the place where our  
 ... is of Jerusalem. There were a very many be seen  
 ... Jerusalem, Sixes also those who killed the prophets  
 ... unto the ... You have taken away the King  
 ... the sword of God of more effect by your  
 ... places - Now all this wickedness was  
 ... were killed - As this  
 ... it can be no  
 ... the great City, which reigns over the  
 ... the Mother of  
 ... Not that this was  
 ... but because it  
 ... the head of their apostate Church  
 ... the whole extent of his  
 ... which  
 ... his Empire.

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... and they of the people & kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead  
 ... shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves  
 ... what is called the  
 ... triumphing over those wit-  
 ... by their general coun-  
 ... But that it  
 ... it was  
 ... in allusion to the dead  
 ... when it is laid in the grave goes into  
 ... so that the shape & form of the man can

more known - the two witnesses were persecuted  
all the time of the Persecution when the spirit of life from  
God entered into them, and they became living & powerful  
as at the first.

And here we have an instance of God bringing the good  
out of the greatest evil. It was malice & wickedness  
Antichrist that would not suffer their dead bodies to be put  
in graves but the God turned it to be the greatest blessing to  
his Church for by preserving his words from that generation  
exhibited them as before - a light to bring his people from the  
Antichristian Captivity by discovering the divine Righteousness  
which was hid in Babylon.

110 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make  
merry, and shall send gifts one to another, because these two prophets  
themselves that dwell upon the earth.

All the worshippers of the beast are here represented as rejoicing  
in making merry upon the destruction of these two witnesses  
all contending parties reconciled to Herod & Pilate were made  
friends at Christs death tho' before they were enemies  
23:12

The cause of this rejoicing was because they were free from  
that torment which the witnesses gave them in the days  
of their prophesy & before they were killed. It might be said  
to them as Pharaoh said to Eliazah "Art thou free that troubleth  
Israel they troubled & tormented Babylon by witnessing against  
all their abominations.

They tormented Antichrist 1<sup>st</sup> as they struck at the very corner  
of his Church that it was not built upon the foundation

...spoke & Rephe... those Christians that all human righteous  
...of our... the sight of God's... But the division  
...hope to the guilty... as this was so contrary to their  
...testimony of this... he heard to torment... you as  
...Babylon as... testimony applied to his  
...that it had upon them was 'they  
...quashed on him with their teeth

...condemned all the traffic &  
...Babylon by which the clergy & the things  
...wealth so that their testimony would  
...Antichrist than Paul's doctrine was  
...at Ephesus Acts 19:23-27 - we  
...of Antichrist when

...silenced this they brought about  
...together  
...to believe in the Infallibility of  
...of God's word by  
...is in his merits  
...which endure to for ever

...the Spirit of life from God entered  
...and they stood upon their feet, and great fear fell upon them who saw

...to represent the resurre  
...of Printing by means of which  
...tribe & tongue  
...which was given  
...in his own language

The Apostles declaring the wonderfull works of God - now it is  
remarkable that precisely about 3 1/2 years elapsed from the  
beginning of that Council wherein the witnesses were condemned  
in the invention of this Act.

Then we see God interposing for his witnesses against Antichrist  
who had condemned them bringing about an event in the  
course of his providence whereby the Apostles & Prophets were  
brought again to fight made to stand upon their feet.

But this entering of the Spirit of life from God into them  
by they stood upon their feet not only spirits to their being  
brought out of that obscurity to which Antichrist had condemn-  
ed them but must also imply that they again got

power to act upon the consciences of men which Antichrist  
had taken away by setting the Authority of a Church  
general Council above their Authority - that they again

got power to inspire terror & fill all their adversaries with  
fear of the righteous Judgments of God denounced by their  
mouth - and this was answerable to the effect "for great fear  
fell upon them who saw them."

U12 And they heard a great voice from Heaven saying unto them, Come up  
hither. And they ascended up to Heaven in a Cloud & their enemies beheld them

The Resurrection & Ascension of these witnesses have an evident  
allusion to the Resurrection & Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ  
may import this unto us that they should be as taken under

the care & protection of Heaven that it should never be in the  
Enemies power again to prevail against them so as to kill  
them - that tho' they might kill those who were begotten  
by their word & adhered to their testimony yet they could

... who would now begin to witness for  
 ... against Antichrist by the Spirit of life  
 ... caused to enter into them - for this is the very time  
 ... to consume Antichrist with the Spirit of his  
 ... the words of these two witnesses Rev 14: 6-8.  
 ... ascended to heaven his disciples beheld him, it was  
 ... for whom he had laid down his life - but when the wit-  
 ... ascended their Enemies beheld them & the effect it had  
 ... was it made them gnaw their tongues for pain  
 ... with malice & anguish of mind whilst at that time  
 ... they were obliged to confess that the hand of the Lord was on  
 ... side.

... And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the  
 ... were slain of men seven thousand: and the remi-  
 ... to the God of heaven.  
 ... in this book signifies some important altera-  
 ... of things - and was there not a great altera-  
 ... when their light so long  
 ... Antichrist began again to shine  
 ... as to contend for the  
 ... in opposition to An-  
 ...

This falling of the tenth part of the city refers to the fall  
 ... by the taking of Constantinople by  
 ... for the Greek Empire at this period  
 ... as one of the 10 Kingdoms which  
 ... Antichrist - This was a prelude to the fall of Anti-  
 ... soon after the revival of the witnesses &

this together with his Consumptions & final ruin  
 as Judgment upon him for corrupting the word of God  
 all his other abominations but especially for his killing  
 two witnesses even as it came upon the Jewish nation  
 to the uttermost when they had filled up the measure  
 of their Iniquities in killing the Lord Jesus.

If we take these names of men or men of name that were  
 slain to be men of renown Gen 6: 4 it may point to the dig-  
 nities of the Church that lost their places by means of the  
 falling of the 10<sup>th</sup> part of the City at any rate it points  
 out a great Slaughter among the subjects of Antichrist by  
 this scourge, the Turks brought against him to bring down  
 & weaken his Kingdom.

But this event not only weakened the power of his dom-  
 inion by taking away a part of his territory & killing his  
 Subjects but it also answered another great purpose for the  
 Greeks who fled upon the taking of Constantinople brought  
 the Scriptures into the west with them & by the light of these  
 Scriptures being diffused into the minds of men by the  
 Providence of God - Babylon fell into such a Consumption  
 that no healing medicine can relieve the pain of her wounds  
 for she is incurable Jer 51: 8, 9.

Where it is said the remnants were affrighted & gave glory to the  
 God of heaven - it points out to us that those who were not slain  
 in this Calamity were compelled by this destruction from Heaven  
 upon them to say with the Magicians in Egypt - "This is the  
 finger of God" - for it is evident we are not to understand by their  
 turning unto the Lord or their giving glory to the God

...in the view of his mercy wanting to the chief of sinners for at the  
...out of the vial it is said they repented not of their deeds  
...a similar effect upon the Scribes & Pharisees upon the Lords curing  
...Lukes 5: 26 and they were all amazed & glorified God & won  
...with fear &c.

The second woe is past & behold the third woe cometh quickly.  
This second woe which is now past is fully gone forth was upon the  
Kingdom of Antichrist & coincided with the sounding of the 6th Trumpet  
...this trumpet extends to the resurrection of the witnesses when the  
...Trumpet sounds under which the vials are poured out.

And the seventh Angel sounded and there were great voices in heaven saying The  
Kingdoms of the world are become our Lords & his Christs & he shall reign forever & ever.

The seventh Trumpet contains the 3rd woe which is now gone  
out against Antichrist but which will not be past until  
his final destruction & as the 7th Trumpet continues to sound  
until the mystery of God shall be finished so we have here  
an account of what will take place when the 7th Angel hath  
finished his blast - for in this place we have no account of the  
Consumption of the man of sin by the vials as that is des-  
cribed largely in the 16th Chapter.

Some have thought that this was accomplished at the  
Reformation when whole Kingdome separated from the whole  
to profess the Protestant faith but it might as well have  
been accomplished when the world turned Christian by the  
Influence of the Roman Emperor.

According to the Scriptures there is no time when the Kingdome  
of this world become our Lords & his Christs before the resurrec-  
tion of the dead when he will take to him his great power & dig-

...the word of God  
...his killing the  
...the nation  
...the measure of  
...name that was  
...points to the digni-  
...by means of the  
...state it points  
...of Antichrist by  
...to being down  
...power of his dom-  
...& killing his  
...purpose for the  
...people brought  
...the light of these  
...men by the  
...Consumption  
...of her wounds  
...are glory to the  
...we not slain  
...tion from Heaven  
...- This is the  
...stands by the  
...loy to the God



The best instrument you can use (without saying more) is found in Dan 7: 13-27 & 15: 24, 25.

As this has not yet been accomplished so it is also manifest that it cannot be accomplished whilst the King doms of this world of the King doms that support the world's power & Authority among the nations - now their overthrow will not take place until the coming of the Lord when they will be utterly destroyed by the wrath of his coming see Dan 7: 11, 12. This cannot take place until the time when God will be all in all his people - the Lord is at present acknowledged as King in Heaven by the angels & all the souls of his glorified Saints - on Earth he rules in the midst of his Enemies & tho' he is acknowledged as King by his own people yet whilst the evil heart of unbelief remains he is far from being all in any of them nor is he yet in all his Subjects as long as any remains to be brought to the knowledge of the Truth so that his King dom will not be fully come until his whole Redeemed Company is glorified both in Soul & body raised up & fashioned like unto his most glorious body for flesh & blood cannot inherit the King dom & then will God be all in all his people when his enemies are made his foot stool.

¶ 16 And the four & twenty Elders which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces and worshipped God ¶ 17 saying We give thee thanks O Lord, God Almighty, who art wast & art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power & hast reigned Here we see the whole redeemed Church represented in the Council of the four & twenty Elders (as in Ch. 4) worshiping God for this glorious & true of all his works. The God whom they worship is no other than the God

...that God who shines in the face  
 of Jesus Christ... the glorified man in the midst of  
 whom they call the Lord God Almighty - the eternal  
 Father... because (say they) thou hast taken to thee thy great  
 name about nighed - Of old God suffered all nations to walk in their  
 own way the he left not himself without witness Acts 14:16, 17 - When  
 the Gospel was published among the nations God commanded all  
 men everywhere to repent because he had appointed a day in  
 which he will Judge the world Acts 17 - This day appointed  
 by God is now come & the command to repent at an end & God  
 is pleased by the Church for taking to himself his supernatural  
 power forborn to be exercised until his people were drawn  
 among the nations but when taken up by him the  
 nations shall be dashed in pieces like a potter's vessel Ps 2:9  
 and there will he appear reigning to the correction of his  
 enemies when a fire goeth before him & burneth up his  
 enemies round about Ps 97:3

And the nations were angry and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead that  
 they should be Judges, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy Servants  
 the Prophets, & to the Saints, and them that fear thy name both small & great, and  
 shouldst destroy them who corrupt the Earth.

All the nations among whom his Kingdom appeared as a  
 witness reed & a snatching place were angry at the low &  
 appearance of his Kingdom.

Our Lord when foretelling that his Gospel should be preach  
 ed among all Nations for a testimony against them for all  
 at the same time the hatred of all Nations to his Kingdom

Must shew for he says to his disciples & ye shall be hated of  
 nation for my names sake - now this was verified of our  
 & his apostles who for his names sake bore the hatred of  
 nation, untill that nation came to an end - Every so  
 manner all the nations will be angry & show their  
 against the Kingdom of Christ untill the end come  
 his wrath comes on the nations for the hatred of his Kingdom  
 This is the time when God will Judge & avenge his people  
 agreeable to their prayer Ch. 6:10 And when every  
 kindness done to his people, all their works of faith & labour of  
 love will be rewarded agreeable to his promise They cannot  
 recompense thee but thou shalt be recompensed at the  
 re-creation of the world - This is no earthly recompense for it  
 bestowed upon them at the resurrection - which is the time  
 here spoken of when God will give the reward <sup>(Rev. 11:18)</sup> to his  
 servants When it is said the reward, it leads us to think of  
 all his servants being recompensed with the same thing or de-  
 taining a share in the same reward & this is no other than  
 reward due to the Rights of Christ - which he has received for  
 himself & which he will give at this time to all his servants  
 as he says Behold I come quickly & my reward is with me  
 to give every man as his work shall be Rev 22:12  
 But when he bestows upon his servants the reward of his own  
 Rights he will destroy those who corrupted the earth - Antichrist &  
 all his adherents who by his doctrine corrupted the word of  
 & all who gave ear to him - opposed to the apostles who were  
 called the salt of the earth as their doctrine is only fit to deliver  
 the world from corruption

Ex. 11:19

When the Temple of God was opened in Heaven, and there was seen in his  
Temple the Ark of his Testament: and there were lightnings & voices & thundering  
and earthquakes & great hail.

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The sacrifice that will take place at this time between God & his people  
in connection with the Communion is most intimate  
The Temple was never opened under the O.T. so as the Ark of the  
Covenant could be seen. This was never seen by any but the  
High Priests alone, & that only once a year yet when the time  
came for him to give the reward unto his servants the Temple  
doors will be so opened that the Ark of his Testament will  
be seen. They shall see eye to eye when the Lord shall bring  
his people from 4:52:8.

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But the frequent allusions to the Temple & to the O.T. worship  
in his Book we may be instructed that all these were only  
shadows of good things to come all pointing to the body  
which is Christ all having their end & accomplishment in  
the body of Christ which is the Temple of the Holy Ghost & in the  
worship of the Church of the first Born. For we are not to  
think of any material building here like the Temple of Old  
which was only a figure. The place where the church now  
assembles for worship is heaven itself where the Truth of  
the Ark of the Testament is found Jesus Christ the true  
propitiation so that there is no use for any Temple

as the end for which it was erected is accomplished. & then  
when John saw the Holy city New Jerusalem, he says  
"I saw no Temple therein, for the Lord God Almighty  
& the Lamb are the Temple thereof. Rev 21:22."

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Now when his people are admitted to share in this

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Lk. 11:19

Blessedness, wrath and rebuke comes upon all his Enemies  
to their final destruction intimated by the lightnings  
& thunders etc. -----

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