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itself. It may be either a (1) mark, the meaning of  
which has been considered. It may be also a (2)  
name, or a (3) number.  
These are all really equivalent, real surrenders of  
the point at issue. Each says—“ Antichrist is God,  
and he is my God.”  
All that is said of the False Christ is easily explain-  
able from its counterpart in the system of the true  
Christ. The true Christ is a person: and His name is  
Jesus. The False Christ is a person, and his name is  
Nero Cesar. The number contains the name of “a  
man,” not of a series of men. So, in the next chapter,  
the 144,000 bear the names of the Father, and of the  
Son, on their foreheads. xiv. I.  
“The number of his name ”’ is the third alternative.  
Anciently, each letter had a corresponding number.  
The A was equivalent to one, the B to two, and so on.  
Take, then, any name, and set against each letter of it  
its corresponding number. Then reckon up the whole  
amount, and you have the number of thename. Thesum  
total of the figures is, as it were, an epitome of the name.  
Jesus has a mark or marks, in the wounds of His  
crucifixion ; or in the cross as the implement of His  
death. He has a name given by the angel—“ Jesus,  
for He shall save His people from their sins.” He  
has a number to His name, and very peculiar it is; for  
while His rival’s is 666, His is 888.  
  
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Jesus = 888