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Prophecy greatly relates to the future actings and  
positions of the Lord Jesus : this is its great theme.  
The difference between the subjective and the objec-  
tive views is, in this case, of little moment.  
The great discoveries then made by the angel, which  
led John to worship him, arose only from a greater  
degree of the spirit of prophecy, common to John and  
the other prophets. It was a difference of extent and  
degree, not of principle. Neither party possessed the  
fount of prophecy: that was in God. They were both  
but subordinate rills from that fountain. They were  
both servants of God to minister light to others; and  
the inspiring Spirit was the Holy Ghost.  
  
1l. “‘ And I saw the heaven opened, and behold a white horse,  
and he that sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in  
righteousness doth he judge and war. 12. Now his eyes were as  
a flame of fire, and on his head were many diadems: having a  
name written which none knew but himself. 13. And he was  
clothed in a garment dipped in blood; and his name is called,  
‘The Word of God.’ 14. And the armies which were in the  
heaven were following him on white horses, clothed in fine linen  
white and clean.”  
  
When first seen as the rider on the white horse, he  
has one crown: now he appears with many diadems.  
He is not warrior only, but King of kings. All  
earth’s thrones belong to Him. Satan as the dragon  
has seven diadems on his seven heads. xii. 3. The  
Wild Beast has ten diadems on his ten horns. xii. I.  
Jesus has more.  
He had, besides, an unrevealed name, known to Him-  
self alone. How absurd for any to try and discover  
what God means to conceal! Not all is to be made  
known to us. There was a reference to this in Jesus’  
promise to Philadelphia. “I will write on him my  
1 The papal tiara is a crown composed of three diadems.—  
  
Wordsworth. A diadem is a bandeau of gold worn round the head  
as a token of sovereignty.