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APOCALYPSE EXPOUNDED  
  
CHAPTER I  
  
1. “‘ The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to him, to  
show unto his servants what must come to pass shortly; and  
(which) he sent by his angel and represented to his servant John ;  
who testified (with regard to) the word of God and the testimony  
of Jesus Christ, whatever things he saw.”  
  
By a “revelation”? is meant the taking off a veil.  
In Scripture it intends the disclosure of secrets of  
God incapable of being divined by man. It is also  
called a “ prophecy :”’ ‘‘ Blessed is he that readeth and  
they that hear the words of this prophecy.”  
Jesus, when Israel blasphemed the Holy Spirit,  
clothed himself with a seven-fold veil of parable. Matt.  
xiii. But the Revelation is the taking off of that veal.  
But if it be the taking off a veil from the future, then  
it must be written in a way capable of being understood  
before the things predicted occur. And it is thus  
probable that it would in the main consist of represen-  
tations to be taken literally. For these are most easily  
understood. It is when Jesus would hide himself from  
the comprehension of unbelieving Israel, that He uses —  
parables of emblems. Mark iv. 11, 12.  
As one well says, “ These words—‘ which God gave  
unto him ’—show how peculiarly this book is to be~  
regarded as coming from God as God. It is not the in-  
struction of the Father to children in the bosom of the  
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