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 and behold \*a white horse: 4 qnd| 4 white horse: and he that   
 + he that sat on him having a bow; sat\_on him had a bow;   
 - and a crown was given unto him: and a crown was given   
 unto him: and he went   
 and he went forth conquering, and |/"# conquering, and to   
 in order that he might conquer. conquer. \* And when he   
   
 3 And when he opened the second   
   
 to the Seer, to approach nearer and look part of the vision is followed, ver. 12, by   
 at the coming vision, even those who the cry of the “ How long?” Here the   
 have rejected this addition have yet re- horses and their riders are the various   
 garded it as a true gloss, the “Come” aspects of the divine dispensations which   
 as addressed to the Seer. But whither should come upon the earth preparatory to   
 was he to come? Separated as he was hy the great day of the Lord’s coming. As   
 the glassy sea from the throne, was he to regards this first, whole imagery speaks   
 cross it? Compare the place where the of victory. The horses of the Roman com-   
 Seer is to come and take the little book manders in their triumphs were white.   
 [eh. x. 8], and see how different is the ‘The bow serves to identify the imagery here   
 Whole form of expression. In interpreting with that in Habakkuk iii. where God   
 so unusual a term of address, surely we goes forth for the salvation of His people :   
 should rather begin by enquiring whether see also Isa, xli. Zech. ix. 13: and even   
 we have not the key to it in the book itself. more strikingly with that in Ps. xv. 4, 5,   
 And in this enquiry, are we justified in «Tn thy majesty ride prosperonsly, because   
 leaving ont. of consideration such a verse of truth and meekness and righteousness   
 as ch. xxii.17, “ The Spirit and the Bride and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible   
 say Come [the same word, and in the same things. Thine arrows are sharp in the   
 number and Person) and let him that hear- heart of the king’s enemies 5 whereby the   
 eth say Come,” and the following “ Amen, people fall under thee.” It is hardly pos-   
 Come, Lord Jesus,” xxii. 22? This seems sible that one whose mind was full of such   
 to shew, in my mind, beyond a doubt, what, imagery, should have had any other mean-   
 in the mind of the Seer, this remarkable ing in bis thoughts than that to which   
 and insulated exclamation imported. It these prophecies point. The crown finds   
 aery addressed, uot to himself, but to its parallel in the m of Zech. vi., where,   
 e Lord Jesus: and as each of these four ver. 11, it is said, “Take silver and gold,   
 first seals is accompanied by a similar cry and make crowns, and set them upon tho   
 from one of the four living-beings, L see head of Joshua the son of Josedech, the   
 represented in this fourfold Come the high priest.” The going forth conquering   
 groaning and trayailing together of crea- and in order to conquer can only, it seems   
 tion for the manifestation of the sons of to me, point to one interpretation. The   
 expressed in each case in a prayer for conquering might be said of any victorions   
 ing: and in the things re- earthly power whose victories should en-   
 vealed when the seals are opened, His dure for the time then present, and after   
 fourfold. preparation for His coming on wards pass away : but the in order that he   
 earth. Then at the opening of the fifth ‘may conquer can only be said of a power   
 seal the longing of the martyred saints for whose victories should last for ever. Final   
 the same great consummation is expressed, and permanent victory then is here im-   
 and at that of the sixth it actually ported. Victory, we may safely say, on the   
 And I saw, and behold a white horse, and part of that Kingdom against which the   
 he that sat on him having a bow; and a gates of hell shall not prevail: whose for-   
 crown was given unto him, and he went tunes and whose trials are the great sub-   
 forth conquering, and in order that he ject of this revelation. Such is the first   
 may conquer (in the first the fignre ‘vision, the opening of the first seal in the   
 ‘of the horses and their onee mystery of the divine purposes: victory   
 brings to mind the ion in Sor God’s church and people: the gi   
 Zechariah, i. 7 where the ey-note, so to spexk, of all the apocalyptic   
 men on the horses are they whom the harmonies. And notice, that in this inter-   
 Vord hath sent walk ta and fro pretation, there is no lack of correspond-   
 the whole earth. here, that ence with the three visions which follow.