from heaven. (2) Nor is the Church to rise and ascend  
at a time so clearly specified as is here foretold. For  
if so, we can name a period before which the rapture of  
the Church cannot take place. The rapture of the  
Child, and the flight of the Mother are simultaneous.  
Then, till the flight of the Jewish disciples, the rapture  
of the Church is not to take place. Nor is it to take effect  
till the dragon has seven heads, and the diadems are  
set upon the heads. But the Church is not to know the  
day of resurrection.  
 4. Nor is it the company of those prefigured by the  
Harvest. xiv. 14-16. For (1) the Harvest occurs  
after Satan’s ejection from heaven. This, before  
it.  
 (2) The Harvest is reaped by Christ descended from  
the throne to the cloud of the air. The Child is caught  
up to Him, ere He has left heaven.  
 5. The Child is the same body as the GREAT MULTITUDE of chapter vii. And this new view of them is  
given to discover to us how they reached heaven. It  
is not the ascent of holy spirits at death, but of men  
risen from the dead.  
 The following points will, I think, satisfy the reader  
as to the identity of the two bodies.  
 (1) At the sixth seal the kings of earth are exhibited  
to us. Here we have Satan as lord of earth’s empires,  
possessor of heads and horns. We have next 144,000  
out of all the tribes of Israel. This answers to the  
Woman here. Her twelve stars answer to the twelve  
tribes there. Then comes the Great Multitude on high,  
gathered out of all lands, just as the Man-child follows  
on the Woman here. After the Great Multitude come  
the prayers of the remnant. viii. After the Child is  
caught up, Satan persecutes the remnant of the Woman’s  
seed. The fallen star (ix. 1) answers to Satan’s casting  
out from heaven here.