CHAPTER XIV

1. “And I saw and behold the Lamb standing on the Mount  
Zion, and with him an hundred and forty-four thousand, having  
his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads.”  
  
HE stands “on the Mount Zion.” What are we to  
understand by this?  
 1. Not the earthly Zion. For, as chapter xi. has  
shown us, the Holy City of earth is given up to Gentile  
foes. When Jesus is first seen by Israel and the Gentiles, He is in the air, not upon the earth. Matt. xxiv. 23-27.  
A battle must be fought, ere earthly Zion yields.  
 2. As the temple of the Old Covenant was situated  
close to Mount Zion below, so the temple of the New  
Covenant is seated close to the corresponding heavenly  
Mount. Jerusalem in the Apocalypse never is the old  
Jerusalem: nor is the Zion the earthly one. iii. 12;  
xxi. 2, 10.  
 3. The 144,000 are “redeemed *from* the earth,”  
therefore they are not then on it.  
 4. The first-fruits were to be brought into the Lord’s  
house. Exod. xxiii. 19; xxxiv. 26. But that is now  
on high: the temple below is only the outer court.  
 5. The Redeemer, when He afterwards reaps the  
earth, comes from heaven in a cloud, and the harvest  
of the earth is lifted from earth to Him.  
 6. The Great Multitude, it is allowed, are in heaven;  
when there they are “before the throne.” So are  
these.