truce into the camp of the rebels were assassinated by  
those whom they came to serve. Thus they resemble  
Christ, and are by His Father “counted worthy” to  
reign with Jesus. They lost their lives for Him. A  
thousand years requites the loss of ten or twenty for  
Jesus’ sake.  
 Behold the fulfilment here of that favourite word of  
Jesus, so often recorded by the Holy Ghost. “He  
that found his life (soul) shall lose it; and he that lost  
his life (soul) for My sake shall find it” (Matt. x. 39  
(Greek); xvi. 25, 26; Mark viii. 35-37; Luke ix. 24;  
xvii. 33; John xii. 25). Those who gave up life for  
Christ receive the peculiar bliss of the thousand years:  
those who saved life by refusing to witness for Christ,  
or by denying Him, lose life—they are not admitted  
to the glory of the thousand years.  
 There were others slain “for the word of God.”  
 This distinguishes the saints of the Old Testament.  
They are described in the same terms at the fifth seal.  
The kingdom of Christ encircles God’s martyrs, both  
under the Law and under the Gospel. Even so the  
Saviour’s beatitudes include both. “Blessed are *they  
who have been persecuted* (see Greek) for *righteousness’  
sake*. Blessed are *ye* when men *shall* revile you and  
persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you  
falsely for *My sake*” (Matt v. 10, 11).  
 The next words point out to us another group.  
 “And whosoever worshipped not the Wild Beast,  
nor his image, nor received the mark on their forehead  
or their hand, both lived and reigned with the Christ  
a thousand years.”  
 A new class is here presented to us: a new construction ushers it in. The False Christ is the enemy  
whom Jesus finds in possession of the field at His  
return. But there are a few, who, upheld by the Spirit  
of God, and fearing the awful threatenings of this