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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 veil.*  
 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 representations 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 instruction of the *Father* to children in the bosom of the