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variably accompanied with the pre- *him upon white horses,*  
 diction that his saints shall come with *clothed in fine linen, white*  
 him. Thus we learn from Jude 14, *and clean.*

"that Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousand of his saints, to execute judgment upon all;" and in the prophet Zechariah, xiv. 5, when prophesying of Christ's appearance, when his feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, described in this chapter of the Apocalypse, "And the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee." They were clothed in fine linen, white and clean; which has been explained (ver. 8) by the interpreting angel to mean the righteousness of saints. That the saints shall assist in that great day of wrath is evident from Psalm cl. 5—9: "Let the saints be joyful in glory; let them sing aloud upon their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouths, and a two-edged sword in their hands; to execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; to bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; to execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the Lord."

We have before observed, that, *15 And out of his mouth*  
 though the event here predicted is a *goeth a sharp sword, that*  
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 tion to the Apostle is in strict conformi- *nations: and he shall rule*  
 ty to the general character of *them with a rod of iron:*  
 the book, which is that of a symbolical *and he treadeth the wine-*  
 prophecy. We read, Eph. vi. 17, *press of the fierceness and*  
 "The sword of the Spirit, which is *wrath of Almighty God.*  
 the word of God;" and again, Heb. iv. 12, "For the word of  
 God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged  
 sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit,  
 and of joints and marrow." That such power of the sword of  
 the Spirit, proceeding out of the mouth of Christ, is not limited  
 to a spiritual meaning, we refer to St. John, xviii. 6, where it is  
 recorded, that as soon as Christ announced himself to Judas, and  
 the band who went out to take him, "they went backward and  
 fell to the ground." "And he shall rule them with a rod of  
 iron;" as it is declared in Psalm ii. 7, "Thou art my Son, this