

ii. 18): "On his head were many crowns;" by which is conveyed the truth, that the crowns have passed from the earthly sovereigns in consequence of their apostacy, and now rest only with him who is King of kings. It signifies his coming to take possession of his kingdom, the purchased inheritance. The kingdoms of this world are now become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ. "He had a new name that no man knew but he himself;" which new name Christ promises to him that overcometh, in the Philadelphian church; "And I will write upon him my new name." (chap. iii. 12.)

13 *And he was clothed with a vesture dypt in blood and his name is called, The Word of God.* In Psalm cviii. 10, it is written, "Who will bring me into the strong city, who will lead me into Edom (or Europe)? wilt not thou, O God?"

This is spoken of Christ; and we find the prophet Isaiah celebrating his return from Edom, after inflicting vengeance on the land. "Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speaketh in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the wine-fat? I have trodden the wine-press alone, and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment: for the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come." This is Christ, as a man of war, covered with the blood of his enemies.-- "And his name is called the Word of God." If we were at any loss in ascertaining who the rider on the white horse represented, the title in these words would resolve any doubt that could exist; for the same Apostle informs us in his Gospel (John i. 1) "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God;" and afterwards, that "the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

14 *And the armies which were in heaven followed* Every prophecy of Christ's manifestation for judgment is almost ir-