

discernment, or perfect ability to distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, is signified by "his eyes" being "as a flame of fire;" for as fire distinguishes between the precious metals, and other substances comparatively worthless, as "wood, hay, stubble," &c., destroying the latter while it only purifies the former, so do his eyes discern between the good and the evil;"¹ and his perfect ability to crush the power of the nations, more effectually even than grapes were anciently crushed and trodden by the feet of men, is signified by "his feet being like unto fine brass;"² and the "voice" of Jesus being likened unto "the sound of many waters," signifies that he is irresistible by reason of the "multitude" who are with him.³

In the 20th verse we read that "the seven stars" which Jesus is represented as having "in his right hand," signify "the angels of the seven churches;" and that by the angels of the churches is meant the ~~leading men~~ of the churches, is evident

¹ For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation, gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; every man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, *because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.*—1 Cor. iii. 11-13.

² And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and *he treadeth the wine-press of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*—Rev. xix. 15.

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. . . . And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.—Isa. lxiii. 3, 6.

³ His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, *and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.*—Dan. x. 6.

Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, *and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?*—Matt. xxvi. 53.

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