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to the last individual Wild Beast. Now that Anti-  
christ is to appear, the ten kings his coadjutors have  
arisen also.  
Jesus had seven horns, but they were “the seven  
Spirits’ of God.’ Here are ten horns, an imperfect  
number, and the one which the French Revolution set  
up against the original seven. It changed the seven days  
of the week into decades, or periods of ten days.  
These ten kings are, I believe, the ten toes of Daniel’s  
image, on which the great stone smites. This would  
suppose that the empire is parted into the two great  
divisions of East and West ; five kings of the East, and  
five of the West, answering to the toes of each foot.  
«And upon his heads names of blasphemy.’’!  
The emperors or supreme kings all are rivals of God.  
They steal His titles. This is a mark of all the seven.  
His attributes they do not possess ; but His names they  
can and do arrogate to themselves.  
Blasphemy is of two kinds.  
1. It is the equalling one’s self to God ; or self-elevat-  
ing blasphemy. Of this our Lord was accused. Matt. ix.  
3; xxvi. 65; John v. 18; x. 33.  
2. There is also God-depressing blasphemy, when  
men slander the true God, but do not esteem themselves  
His equals in nature. Thus the Pharisees blasphemed  
the Holy Spirit. Mark ii. 28, 29; Rev. xvi. 9, 11, 21.  
Antichrist offends in both kinds. ‘“ He exalts himself  
above every God.” He “‘ blasphemes his name.” The  
former Heads had titles and ‘“‘ names of blasphemy : ”’  
but he has a “ mouth” of it.. And his mouth is the  
utterance of his heart.  
The horns have not “names of blasphemy.” They  
content themselves with being kings, and subordinate  
to Him who is, in their view, both king and God. The  
superior kings, or ‘heads,’ contend with God, and  
  
1 This is the true reading.—Tregelles,