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to death ; but the sword is powerless against him now.  
It seems probable also, that this cry is raised  
after his slaughter of the two miracle-girt prophets.  
Who can war with him, who has overcome the Two  
Witnesses ? All others they slew by fire, when injury  
was designed them! But he warred against them,  
overcame, and slew them !  
An army is given him, beside his own personal  
might. Dan. viii. 12. Is not this the host of the  
horsemen ?  
He is a warrior, and the irresistibility of the con-  
queror has ever been an object of human admiration.  
By that Napoleon riveted all eyes, and enchained  
multitudes in his day. Here is a greater than Napo-  
leon. Under his shadow unbelievers repose. He gives  
men confidence even to appear in arms against Christ  
at last.  
The universal homage and worship which the Anti-  
christ receives, at length elevate his pride beyond all  
previous bounds of wickedness.  
  
5. ‘‘ And there was given to him a mouth speaking great things,  
and blasphemies ; and there was given to him authority to act for  
forty and two months.”  
  
A mouth “is given him.” Great is the influence of  
the tongue to sway men, and he has it in perfection.  
He is greatest of orators. By it the Wicked One  
blindly accomplishes Jehovah’s purposes.  
He uses his mouth to speak (1) “great things.”  
He boasts what happiness he will bring, as a patron of  
man, and benefactor of the human race. He boasts,  
also, what he will do as the foe of God and of His Christ.  
He speaks also (2) “ blasphemies.” This is the fullest  
development of man’s iniquity, and is the great character-  
istic of the Wild Beast. Dan. vii. 8, 11, 20; xi. 36;  
Ps. lii.; 2 Thess. ii, He both exalts himself to super-