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is concealed behind a Christian mask. We hear of  
“ Christian nations :’’ millions believe themselves to be  
Christ’s, because they were sprinkled in infancy ; while  
their hearts are at enmity with God, and they are  
lovers of the world. The so-called Christian nations  
appear before God not as His children, but (as He de-  
seribed them to Daniel) as ravenous, bloodthirsty wild  
beasts.  
Rome is Babylon.  
As Babylon smote the Holy Land, and its inhabitants,  
and burnt the Holy House, carrying away the sacred  
vessels to its idol temples; so did Rome. Two of its  
generals entered the Holy of Holies: (1) Pompey, and  
(2) Titus. Caligula attempted it, but the time for  
the third and last invasion of it had not yet come. It  
was attempted also by some of the Grecian kings. From  
these two sources, the two last wicked ones proceed.  
The Harlot is ‘“‘ New Babylon,” as the bride is “‘ New  
Jerusalem.” But the New Babylon returns to its old  
place. As during the time of the Mystery the Lord  
has removed His temple and city, so has Satan removed  
his.  
The Harlot is ‘“‘ BaByLon,”’ which signifies ‘“‘ Conru-  
sion’ (Gen. xi. 7-9). She has confounded whatever  
she ought to have kept separate and distinct. She has  
confounded the Church and the world, the Law and the  
Gospel, the word of man and the Word of God, heaven  
and earth, mercy and justice, the dispensation of our  
rejection and the millennial joy, the elders of the  
Church with the priests of old, and the promises to the  
Jew with the blessings of the Church.  
Rome had a secret name, known only to her pontiffs  
and great men, and studiously kept concealed. Her  
name Roma, if transferred into Hebrew, signifies, “ the  
lifted up.” Now, on “every one that is lifted up,” the  
Day of Wrath is to fall. Isa. ii. 12.  
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