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the Holy Ghost speaks of the army of Christ in the  
singular. It is one: all are alike risen from the dead,  
immortal in resurrection bodies.  
The issue is now told us. The two human leaders  
are first dealt with. They give confidence to the vast  
assembly. ‘‘ Who is like the Wild Beast ? Who is  
able to make war with him ?” is the cry of his adhe-  
rents. Here then, he is shown to be quite powerless.  
He is dragged away from the head of his troops. He  
cannot protect them, nor they him: he is seized alive,  
a prisoner of war. He is no system, but a person; as  
truly as Christ is. He is distinct from his army, as  
Christ is.  
“And with him the False Prophet.”  
This expounds to us in clear terms what is meant by  
the second Wild Beast of chapter xiii. It is no system,  
no abstraction, no body of men. He is a man, as truly  
as Mahomet was. It does not appear that he is natu-  
rally warlike, but he attends the host to the battle.  
When Jesus was taken prisoner, JupAs headed the  
force. It is now his turn to be arrested: he is seized,  
and a like punishment with that which overtakes the  
Wild Beast is inflicted on him. This man upholds  
by supernatural works the godhead of the Usurper.  
He is in perfect sympathy with him, and is content to  
devote all his energies to him: his miracles are in  
presence of the False Christ. He reigns in the supre-  
macy of the False Christ. He seeks not to make any  
separate party for himself : the Infernal Trinity uphold  
each other.  
The effect of the miracles, of which we have received  
notice in the xiiith chapter, is now stated. They de-  
ceived men. They were real miracles: but led them  
to believe a lie. They deceived them to damnation :  
they led them to be confident in their attitude of open  
defiance toward God and Christ.