there: ten European powers, which in the  
last time, in concert with and subjection  
to the antichristian power, shall make war  
against Christ. In the precise number and  
form here indicated they have not yet  
arisen. It would not be difficult to point  
out the elements and already consolidating  
shapes of most of them: but in precise  
number we have them not as yet. What  
changes in Europe may bring them into  
the required tale and form, it is not for us  
to say). {13} **These have** (the present is used  
in describing them, though they have not  
yet arisen) **one mind** (one and the same  
view and intent and consent), **and give  
their might and power to the beast**(becoming his allies and moving at his  
beck). {14} **These shall war with the Lamb**(in concert with the beast, ch, xix. 19), **and  
the Lamb shall conquer them, because He  
is Lord of lords and King of kings, and  
they who are with Him** (shall conquer  
them also: the verb is implied above)  
**called and chosen** (all the called are not  
chosen, Matt. [xx.16], xxii. 14: but all that,  
are chosen are first called, 2 Pet. i. 10) **and  
faithful** (this way of taking this clause is  
far better than with Bengel and the A.V.,  
to make the last words into predicate,  
“and they that are with him are called and  
chosen and faithful” For 1) it can  
clearly be no co-ordinate reason with the  
other assigned for the Lamb’s victory,  
that *His followers are*, &c., and 2) the  
arrangement of the sentence in the original [see my Greek Test.] seems against  
this view).

**15—18**,] *Explanation of various particulars regarding the harlot, and of the  
harlot herself.* {15} **And he saith to me, The  
waters which thou sawest, where** (i.e. on  
which) **the harlot sitteth, are peoples and  
multitudes and nations and languages** (so  
in Isa. viii. 7, the king of Assyria and his  
invading people are compared to the waters  
of the river, strong and many. There is  
also doubtless an impious parody intended  
in the position of the harlot to that of Him  
who sitteth above the water-flood, and remaineth King for ever, Ps. xxix. 10). {16} **And  
the ten horns which thou sawest, and the  
beast** (viz. in that compact and alliance  
just now mentioned), **these shall hate the  
harlot** (we now enter upon prophetic particulars other than those revealed in the  
vision, where the harlot was sitting on the  
beast. Previous to these things coming  
to pass, she must be cast down from her  
proud position), **and shall make her deserted and naked** (contrast to ver. 4. Her  
former lovers shall no longer frequent her  
nor answer to her call: her rich adornments shall be stripped off. She shall lose,  
at the hands of those whom she formerly  
seduced with her cup of fornication, both.  
her spiritual power over them, and her  
temporal power to adorn herself), **and  
shall eat her flesh** (batten upon her spoils;