CHAPTER XIII  
  
THE ANTICHRIST AND THE FALSE PROPHET

1. “And he stood upon the sand of the sea. And I saw a  
wild beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven  
heads, and on his horns ten diadems, and on his heads names of  
blasphemy.”  
  
IF we read, “He stood,” the connection of this chapter  
with the former is more closely given. Satan after  
his defeat, in his progress from Jerusalem southward,  
moves away to the west, till he is stopped by the great  
sea, or Mediterranean. He looks towards Rome, and  
the result of his machinations is this coming up of the  
two Wild Beasts.  
 The rise of both the Wild Beasts, that out of the sea  
and that out of the land, is thus accounted for, as the  
result of Satan’s call for them both. The God of this  
world now resembles the Creator, who called up birds  
out of the sea, and wild beasts out of the land. Gen.  
i. 20, 24.  
 Satan raises his potentate from the dead by God’s  
permission, in imitation of the Father’s raising of  
Jesus.  
 A Wild Beast came up. The Wild Beast here has  
two significations. It means first, an *Empire:* secondly,  
a *person*.  
 1. It is an *Empire*, as in the visions of Daniel. It  
is the fourth or Roman Empire, in its last state. Thus