the hand of his king. xii. 17. That king is allowed to  
succeed against the remnant who have not found a  
refuge, either in earth or in heaven.  
 He “overcomes” them.  
 The Two Witnesses resist awhile, are vanquished  
and slain. But they defend *themselves alone*. He who  
overcame the Witnesses and their supernatural powers,  
finds small difficulty with these. He overcomes them  
*physically*. Their persons are subservient to his will  
and power. But they overcome him *morally*, as we  
are taught by and by. xv. 2. He uses compulsory  
force, imprisonment, torture, death. xvi. 6. Also Dan.  
vii. 21, 25; viii. 24; xi. 28, 30, 32, 33; xii. 7. But  
they resist him, and keep the faith. He is the great  
bruiser of the heel of the Woman’s seed, just ere that  
seed is victorious.  
 “And there was given him authority over every  
tribe.” Before, *Satan* was represented as bestowing on  
the False Christ his authority, ver. 2, 4. But here  
*Jehovah* bestows it on His foe. 5, 7. Both communications of this power are noticed. God gives him the  
power of the sword, and thus his followers have some  
ground for their celebration of his praise as the warrior.  
By God’s decree, none, in his brief day of sovereignty,  
shall successfully resist him.  
 His extent of domain is like that of Jesus. To the  
Son of Man it is given, “that all *peoples, nations,* and  
*languages* should serve him” (vii. 14).  
 Although all these are given into his hand, it perhaps does not follow that they all worship. That is  
said universally of the next class, but not of this. A  
warning, however, is issued to every people to worship  
the true God alone. And an angelic courier foretells  
the dreadful wrath which will engulf every worshipper  
of the Wild Beast. xiv. 6-11.  
  
 8. “And all the dwellers on the earth shall worship him, whose