he was anxious to found his own authority not merely  
on temporal power, but religious influences; to adorn  
his brows, not only with the diadem of the conqueror,  
but the tiara of the pontiff; and as the forms of the  
Church prevented the actual union of both offices in  
his own person, he conceived that the next best system  
would be to have the Pope so situated that he should  
be irrevocably subjected to his control” (Alison’s  
*Europe*, ix. 73). How like the last scheme of Satan!  
 What was the issue of that attempt?  
 Napoleon was excommunicated by the Pope. With  
all his power and threatenings, the Pope could not be  
made to co-operate with his plans.  
 Who is the False Prophet?  
 He is, I doubt not, one of Christ’s original apostles—the traitor JUDAS ISCARIOT.  
 1. In proof I would observe first, that *his characteristics as here offered to our notice, were typed in his former life.*  
 (1) Does he here exercise all the power of the first  
or kingly Wild Beast? In his betrayal of Jesus he  
appears as leader of the band that took Jesus. He acts  
out the plans of the false Jews. They hated Christ,  
and He sold himself to them. (2) Is the False Prophet partly like the lamb, and partly like the dragon?  
Judas meets Jesus with a *kiss*, and the salutation,  
“Hail, teacher”—while to His enemies he says, “Hold  
him fast.”  
 (2) The False Prophet presides over the worship of  
the devil’s empire. Judas was sent forth by Christ to  
spread the true faith: he was selected from the disciples in general to be an apostle. He falls: and Satan  
now uses him to spread the false faith. God builds  
His kingdom of righteousness on *one rejected by men, but  
overcoming Satan*. Satan builds his kingdom of iniquity  
on two *rejected by God, and overcome by himself*. Both