and our people as Christians, and we will accredit you  
as Christ’s Church.”  
 The *Church* is regarded as coextensive with the *nation:*and the ruler of the one is lord of the other. The much-admired  
“UNION OF CHURCH AND STATE” is therefore  
described here. The union of Church and State is the  
union of the *Church* and the *world;* and the power  
conceded to the governors of the world in regulating  
the affairs of Christ’s people is the fornication here  
supposed. No Church of Christ can throw down its  
hedges, admitting the ungodly to its fellowship and  
rites; and allowing kings to be accounted, in virtue of  
their office, its rulers, in return for royal patronage,  
wealth, and honours; without committing the sin here  
supposed.  
 Rome was the first guilty of this fault; and, from her  
practice and example, this offence has flowed into other  
nations. Rome has introduced its corrupt Christianity  
into nations, through the power of princes: so it was  
that Romanism entered England, under the monk  
Augustine. Nominal and national religion is the result.  
 This state of things ends with Satan’s casting out of  
heaven into earth. Then his plans change, and become  
open and hurried, because of the brevity of time.  
Coincidently, the ten kings of the False Christ arise,  
and destroy the Babylon of the west.  
 Her place is then transferred to the east. A remnant  
escapes from mystic Babylon to literal Babylon.  
Then the literal Babylon is cast down by the tremendous  
final earthquake. She has in that day put off all mask  
of belonging to Christ, and falls as the world’s great city,  
mourned by all the worldly. This is a brief sketch of  
what will be more fully developed.  
 She is called only a harlot, not an adulteress; because,  
though professedly affianced to Christ, Christ has never  
received her.