Spirit is the author of true unity, such as subsisted in  
the Church when He came down in power at Pentecost,  
so is Satan the author, when permitted, of that false but  
mighty enthusiasm on behalf of what is evil, which from  
time to time has swayed multitudes. Such was the  
unanimity of the first followers of Mahomet.  
 From this unanimity springs much of the terribleness  
of those times. The Antichrist’s decrees are not  
obeyed with exactness in his immediate neighbourhood,  
becoming less and less enforced as they travel into  
regions distant from his presence. No: these ten  
lieutenants carry out his will at the farthest corners of  
his empire.  
 They are the military leaders of Antichrist’s kingdom;  
as the False Prophet is the minister of public worship,  
the ecclesiastical head.  
 Their unity of feeling toward the Wild Beast, and  
their hatred of the Harlot and of Christ, spring out of  
one and the same state of mind. They hate the Lamb  
supremely, because He is the great enemy of the False  
Christ. They hate the Harlot, because she is a witness  
on earth in some dim measure to the True Christ.  
 This giving their power to the Wild Beast is the  
result of a full confidence in him and affection toward  
him. They next destroy the Harlot, and then fight  
against Christ.  
  
 14. “These shall war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall  
overcome them, for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings; and  
they that are with Him are called, and chosen, and faithful.”  
  
 The open war with Christ is the last act of the ten  
kings. They war first with the Harlot, and prevail  
against her. This flushes them with vain thoughts of  
their power, and they are encouraged to attack Christ  
Himself. They attack the Harlot through hatred to  
Christ, and expect Him to defend her. Hence their