and on their habitations, their work is fully  
done. As Rome has burnt full many a saint, so shall she  
be burned! As by kings she became great, by kings  
shall she be cut down. As by kings she slew Christ’s  
people, by them shall she be destroyed. “With the  
same measure that ye measure, it shall be measured  
to you.”  
  
 17. “For God put (literally ‘gave’) into their hearts to do His  
mind, and to make one mind, and to give their kingdom to the  
Wild Beast, till the Words of God shall be fulfilled.”  
  
 The horns of the Wild Beast are not, like those of  
the Lamb, possessed of *eyes*. They blindly fulfil the  
purpose of God. Bent on their own sinful aims, full  
of hatred to the true God and His Son, they yet, of  
their own will, zealously carry out His purposes.  
 They “*give*” their kingdom to the Wild Beast.  
They are independent of him, but voluntarily make over  
all their authority to him. Though they are kings,  
their whole regal power is devoted to bring others  
into subjection to him. It is impossible to be even a  
nominal Christian, and at the same time a follower of  
the False Christ. Therefore, the very name of Christianity, and its stronghold, shall be swept away.  
 They give their “kingdom,” not their “kingdom*s*.”  
They transfer to Antichrist no territory, but their  
royal power. They consider that Antichrist’s kingdom  
is only fully come, after the Harlot is destroyed. Hence  
the zeal of all the eleven. Her destruction is a means  
to the Wild Beast’s reign.  
 This unity of will and of power in the ten kings subsists only “till the words of God are fulfilled.” There  
may be, there *is*, unity in error and sin. This is a strange  
thing, ’tis presented to our eyes as a moral marvel. Error  
and sin are selfish, disuniting, explosive, disruptive in