

country is thus left open to the inroad of the northern emperor, and very soon the news will come that he is in possession of the Sultan's capital. We have no date by which to determine the exact time of its occurrence, but considering the number and character of the events to succeed it, and the short space allowed for their performance, it must of necessity be almost immediately.

II. *War between France and Austria—Overthrow of the latter, and consequent destruction of the Papacy.*

Leaving for a time the sixth vial to run its course on the Turkish Empire, we must follow the seventh in its operations on the horns. After the angel had poured it into the air, where it caused a world of dire commotions, the apostle was carried away into the wilderness to see the judgments these would cause to fall on the beast and his image—in other words, on Austria and Rome. For, let it be observed, that Austria as well as Turkey and Rome, is doomed to perdition, before the ten toes of the image are smitten with stone. As Turkey had yielded to the Papacy its secular and ecclesiastical power, so Austria has supported this twofold authority more than any of the other powers, and therefore shall suffer a more signal punishment. Indeed, we find this kingdom, which is in the prophecy styled the two-horned beast, identified with, and assimilated to, the Papacy in all its more damnable features. The history of its rise and progress is given in the last eight verses of the 13th chapter of Revelation, as well in the seventh of Daniel, where its fate is particularly described: "They (the saints) shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it unto the end." In that dark history of cruelties and crimes perpetrated by the horns against the saints, or friends of liberty, Austria occupies an unenviably prominent distinction. The blood of the two witnesses lies heavily on that country, and has long cried for vengeance from on high. Nor has it cried in vain. When these witnesses were raised, and ap-