

holy purpose, as is evident from Rev. ii. 9. "I know the *blasphemy* of them that say they are Jews and are not, but are of the synagogue of Satan." Now, this false God, notwithstanding his wickedly opposing himself to God, calls himself "Christ's sole vicar on earth, and by Him is constituted a prince over all nations, and all kingdoms, to pluck up, waste, destroy, plant, and build;"—"the servant of the servants of God;" he is titled, "most holy Father," &c., and his church, that framed all his wicked dogmas and idolatries, "the one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic church; mother and mistress of all churches:" his idolatrous worship, "the most adorable sacrifice of the mass," &c. Thus doth he by making God the author of all these falsehoods, "*blaspheme* his name;" and also his true gospel worshippers, or tabernacle, by denominating them heretics, schismatics, and such like vile names, and then destroying them when practicable. And, lastly, he blasphemes them that are in heaven: angels, the blessed virgin, and other saints, by paganish invocations of, and ascribing to them powers and offices which belong not to them, all which are abominations to God and them. Thus hath he and his wicked woman by "blaspheming God, and his tabernacle, and them that are in heaven," fulfilled the prediction.

5th. ANTICHRIST.*—Whatsoever system is *opposed* to Christ is antichristian; if a creed, a system of religion opposed to the gospel be taught by any body of professing Christians, that body, when found teaching the same doctrine are as one man, and therefore form one antichrist, one false prophet. But the pope and his vast body of twofold clergy are sworn to teach a creed—a system of religion

* Gregory the Great saith: *Quisquis se universalem sacerdotem vocat in elatione sua antichristum præcurrit.* "Whoever in his pride calls himself universal priest, is antichrist's harbinger." Platina writes, (in *Paschal Florentinus Episcopus affirmare solitus est antichristum natum esse*,) "Florentinus, Bishop, was used to say, 'That antichrist was born.'" Roger Hoveden writes, "That Abbot Johachim, in conversing with Richard I. of England, and Philip II. of France, on *antichrist*, said, *Quod jam natus est in civitate Romana et in sedem apostolicam sublimabitur.*" "That already he was in Rome, and should be lifted up to the apostolical chair." Hoved. Annal. Post. in Rich. I. p. 681. And St. Bernard said: "That the popes were the ministers of Christ, (i. e. were called so,) but served antichrist; and that the *apocalyptic beast* occupied St. Peter's chair." Usser. de Christ. Eccl. Sur. et Stat. c. 7, § 5, 6.