

And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sitteth.

And there are seven kings ; five are fallen and one is, and the other is not yet come, and when he cometh he must continue a short space.

The seven heads are seven mountains, which means seven countries, wholly under the control of the Romish Church, such as Spain, Portugal, Austria, Italy, France, Germany and England. These countries were once wholly under the influence of Romanism. Five of these heads are fallen : Portugal is but a shadow of her former self, the rest are no longer under the control of the beast, except France, which must be the one that is. Five are fallen, namely : England, Germany, Italy, Spain and Austria. One is, namely, France ; the other is not yet come, and when he cometh he must continue a short space. This coming one is the Pope himself, for he is of the seven, and will also be the eighth.

Twelfth verse.—“And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet, but receive power as Kings, one hour with the beast.”

These horns or Kings are the Pope's Cardinals, which receive power with the Pope for one hour, *i. e.*, during the Council, and these have, so far, given their power and strength to the beast or to the Pope.

Fourteenth verse.—“These shall make 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.”

Sixteenth verse.—“And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh and burn her with fire.”

The Council about to be held in Rome will hasten this event ; the Pope will place himself above the Council, and this will lead to a rupture between them, and the Council will strip the Church and make her desolate and naked.