

the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume it, and destroy unto the end." Ver. 24, 26. This is none other than the Popedom, or Antichrist, who has raised himself to great power by seizing *three principalities* or kingdoms, denoted by the *three horns* plucked up by the roots, which Sir Isaac Newton reckons up to be the Exarchate of Ravenna, the Kingdom of the Lombards, and the Senate and Dukedom of Rome, the downfall of which is represented by the *triple crown* of the Pope to the present day.—*Signs of the times, by Bicheno, page 17.*

What is here represented as a *horn* of the fourth beast is the same tyranny which is shown to Saint John (Rev. 13—1, 10) as a beast. Nor let it seem strange that what is here prefigured by a horn of the fourth beast, should be represented in another vision, as a beast with seven heads and ten horns. For nothing is more usual than to describe the same person or thing under different images, upon different occasions; and besides, in this vision, the Spiritual tyranny of the Roman Empire is not meant to be described at large. Here notice is only given of it in the general representation of the Roman dominion; when the time of the appearance of this tyranny drew near, then a more enlarged description is given. And what is here represented under one image is there represented under two—a dragon and a beast, each having seven heads and ten horns. The slightest attention is sufficient to convince us that the horn here, and the first beast, in

Rev. 13, are the same tyranny; if we compare the two descriptions, their language, their enormities, their duration, and their end are the same.

Now what we intend is to show, in few words, that the Holy Ghost warned the Church that a monster should arise in the latter days, whose character corresponds in every particular with that of the Church of Rome. He is one who speaks great words against the Most High. The greatest words which a creature can speak against the Most High, are those which claim equality with Him. This has been done by the Roman sect for centuries. We do not speak merely of the high titles assumed by the Pope, such as *His Holiness*, which is his acknowledged title, as much as that of Her Majesty is the title of Our Sovereign, nor of "Our Lord God the Pope," as he is styled by his flattering courtiers, nor of "The Prince of the kings of the Earth," as he affects to be, and agreeably to which he has disposed of kings and kingdoms. It is enough that this sect sets up its authority as, at least, equal to that of God, if not superior to it, by Lording it over the consciences of men, presuming to dictate what they shall believe, and actually setting aside the authority of the Word of God, which she does every day by her traditions. The head of this sect pretends to be God's vicar on earth; that is to hold God's place, and, considering what his personal character has generally been, no greater words against God can be spoken. The original word which is translated *against* the Most High