

days.* This period synchronizes with the reign of the Antichristian power which *corrupts the gospel*, headed by a succession of individuals. Again, they are to be killed, and their bodies exposed without sepulture in the street of the great city for three days and a half;† this second period synchronizes with the reign of the personal Antichrist, who *denies the gospel*, who is to be a single individual; and more particularly entitled to the name of Antichrist by his infidelity and atheistic principles. *He is the Antichrist that denieth the Father and the Son.*‡ It may be asked—*When God doeth this, who shall be able to stand?* will any Christian church escape? We learn from the case of that of Philadelphia,§ that if any such church holds fast her profession, has kept the word of Christ, and not denied his name, though beset by a host of enemies, she shall be kept from the hour of temptation.

NOTE 18, p. 117.—*And be restored to the favour of their God and their own land.* Some Divines have thought that there will be no restoration of the Jews to their own land; but as it is evident, from what St. Paul says, that they will, at a period fixed in the Divine councils, be converted to the faith of Christ,|| so it appears equally clear, from what is foretold in the concluding chapters of Ezekiel and by other prophets, ¶ that they shall again inhabit Judea and Jerusalem. Some interpreters are also of opinion, that the pouring out of the vial of the sixth angel upon the river Euphrates, and the drying up of its waters,** signify the dissolution of the empire of the Turks; that by the Kings of the East therein mentioned, are meant the Jews; and

* Rev. xi. 3.

† Rev. xi. 7—11.

‡ 1 John ii. 22.

§ Rev. iii. 7—10.

|| Rom. xi. 25, 26.

¶ Ezek. xxxvii. &c. Isa. lx. Jer. xxx. &c.

** Rev. xvi. 12, comp. ix. 14.