

9. Lastly, we are told that the eighth head is the papacy restored. It has already been noticed that the papacy, in the *new scheme*, constituted the fifth head. But why should the simple restoration of this head, constitute another head? Would it not, to all intents and purposes, be the same thing? How much is intended by the expression, “The papacy restored,” we are not aware. But might it not be pertinent to inquire if the papacy ever is to be restored to be again a civil power. An event which one prophecy of the papacy has seen fit to notice, is spoken of as the taking away of his dominion. “But the judgement shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to *consume* and to *destroy* it unto the end.” Dan.7:26. Whether we take the last clause to mean the end of his dominion or the end of time, if the prophecy means anything, it means that after that dominion is taken away, whatever it is, the papacy never becomes repossessed of it again. We are certainly past the time of the sitting of the judgement, here brought to view, even if we apply it as late as 1844. We must be past the taking away of the dominion, even if we apply that to the taking away of the temporal dominion in 1870, which Victor Emmanuel himself declared should never be restored to the papacy again. So for twenty-six years, we have seen the pope shutting himself up in his palace in Rome, posing as a martyr, and sulking like a spoiled child. If by the “restoration” is meant the regaining of his temporal dominion (and how could it be said to be restored without this?), *the prophecy forbids it*. It will still exist and enjoy prestige, as a spiritual power, as it does to-day, and will to a still greater extent in the future; for it will virtually cooperate with the two-horned beast while it does its work (Rev.13:12), and with it, it will go alive into the lake of fire. Rev.19:20. —*The Seven Heads of Revelation 12, 13, 17*. U Smith pg. 7, para.1. 1896.

Note: Victor Emmanuel II (1820-1878) was king of Sardinia from 1849 to 1861 and then the first king of Italy until 1878.

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If the Adventist people have been, as we believe, a people called out by the providence of God into new light, and are walking in the light, new light ought not to reveal the past as darkness, and oblige us to tear up and throw away positions which have been held for years without question as well-established truth, but it ought only to make the evidence clearer, and our position stronger. A good illustration of this was when the light of the sanctuary dawned upon us in 1844, confirming the past, and lighting up the future. So the examination in the present case compels the verdict that what is true is not new, and what is new is not true
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