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to their places in the temple, and to their thrones of  
dominion. But the evil angels, and Satan at their head,  
resist alike Jesus and His subject-kings, and set up  
another High Priest and another King.  
This throws a full light upon the subject of Satan’s  
fall. ‘Let it only be supposed that, when God made  
man, He informed the angels who rejoiced over the new  
creation that that being, made lower than themselves,  
would one day rule them and all things ; and the matter  
is explained. That would provoke Satan’s pride, by  
which we know that he fell. 1 Tim. iii. 6. “Shall an  
inferior rule us ? Shall a junior be put over our heads ?”  
He whispers his dislike, and others assent. He will  
go then, and secretly derange the purpose of God, by  
setting the newly-formed creature against its Creator,  
and laying him under the penalty of God’s wrath. He  
masks himself under the form of one of the animals of  
earth, as though he could thereby escape God’s eye.  
God seemingly tales no notice of the fallen angel  
within, who had become thus the liar and murderer :  
but He sentences the serpent, and that sentence on the  
serpent clings with links of adamant to the deceiving  
angel.  
But the purpose of God, far from being disconcerted  
by this division introduced between His creature and  
Himself, then begins to unfold; and Satan hears that  
the exaltation of man shall be the day of his terrible  
and eternal downfall. Henceforth he and his party  
stand committed against God, and against the Christ of  
Ged, into whose hand the empire of all things is to be  
given. His enmity at length produces the matured  
plan of the next chapter.  
  
5. “ And she brought forth a male son who is about to rule all  
the nations with rod of iron.”  
  
Of what kind is this birth ?