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it is permitted him to exert his power on earth and sea,  
to prove what he is, and what man is. When Jesus  
descended the song was, “ Peace on earth, goodwill to  
men!” (Luke i. 68). But now there is woe to carth,  
for the Destroyer has descended in wrath.  
His defeat has not dispirited him, much less led him  
to obey God. It has only exasperated him. He is en-  
raged because his last plan has failed, and his inferior  
foe, man, has been exalted above him. Some of the  
hated sons of men have ascended to his place; and  
songs of victory are being sung over his defeat. Hence  
his fury rises against all men, whether godless or  
godly: but especially against the holy. The godless  
he leads into battle against Christ : the saints he cuts  
off.  
Messiah, Satan knows, is soon to put down his do-  
minion; hence He will make the most of His time.  
He is acquainted with prophecy, and understands that  
but three years and a half are before him, ere Jesus  
will descend to take away his rule.  
  
13. “ And when the dragon saw that he was cast into the  
earth, he pursued the woman who brought forth the male.”  
  
He seems to pause a moment, as stunned by his fall.  
Then, seeing his former position to be incapable of re-  
covery, he rises and pursues.  
  
“The woman which brought forth the male.”  
  
This is a new designation. She is no longer seen as  
the Woman in heaven, after her Son is rapt thither.  
The Mother is described by her relation to her Son, as  
He is the superior. She is really on earth, not cast out  
of heaven as Satan is. But she has both a heavenly  
and an earthly aspect, as her enemy also has. Both  
  
the Woman and the Dragon are shown in heaven and on  
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