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elevate themselves to Godhead. But both heads and  
horns are alike actuated with enmity against the true  
God. Jesus lost all of earth by truly professing Him-  
self God. The false Messiah gains everything from  
man and Satan by falsely asserting himself to be God.  
The seven heads of Satan as the dragon (chap. xii.)  
are the same as the seven heads of the Wild Beast here.  
It is well known that many of the emperors took  
the titles and homage of Deity. (1) To Julius Cesar  
was raised a temple (Dio. 47, 18, p. 337). (2) Au-  
gustus permitted temples to Rome and his father at  
Ephesus and Nice ; and in other parts of Asia, temples  
where worship was rendered were erected to himself.  
(Dio. 450, 600; Virg. Ecl. i. 6-8; Hor. Ep. II. 1, 16;  
Ovid Fast., i. 13). (3) Caligula (Dio. 643; Joseph.  
Ant. 18, 8, 89; 191, 1), and (4) Nero (Dio. p. 724)  
followed in the same sin. (5) Domitian, the emperor  
reigning in John’s day, required men to address him as  
“Our Lord and God.”  
At Angora there are the remains of a temple erected  
to Augustus. On it is inscribed  
  
“To THE Gop AUGUSTUS,  
AND  
TO THE GODDESS RoME.”’  
At the same place were found also these awful words,  
most interesting as illustrative of the chapter before  
us,  
“To THE |  
Emperor Cmsar Marcus AURELIUS ANTONINUS,  
Unconquered, August, Pious, Successful.  
fEuIus Lycrinus,  
one most devoted to his godhead,  
  
erects this.”  
Fellowes, p. 248.