XII. 1—5. REVELATION. 1037   
   
   
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 moon under her feet, and feet, and upon her head a crown of   
 upon her head a crown of twelve stars: and she being with   
 twelve stars: 2 and she child crieth, \*travailing in birth, ata.12v7   
 being with child cried, and pained to be delivered.   
 travailing in birth, and another sign was seen in heaven;   
 pained to be delivered. and behold ®a great red dragon, ben.s.s   
 3 And there appeared ‘having seven heads and ten horns, ech. xvii.o,   
 another wonder in heaven;   
 and behold a great red   
 dragon, having seven heads 4and upon his heads seven dia- aa. 1.1.   
 and ten horns, and seven dems. # And this tail draweth ee.   
 crowns upon his heads. (down) the third part ‘of the stars ren. xvi1s.   
 4 And his tail drew the of heaven, and did cast them to g pan. viti.10.   
 third part of the stars of the earth: and the dragon standeth   
 heaven, and did cast them before the woman which is ready nver.2.   
 to the earth: and the to be delivered, that when she hath   
 dragon stood before the borne, ‘he may devour her child. : gx0a.1.16.   
 woman whick was ready 5And she brought forth a man   
 to be delivered, for to child, who shall rule all the na- «¥e1   
 devour her child as soon   
 as it was born. » And   
 she brought forth @ man   
 child, who was to rule ail   
   
 See more there), a woman clothed with the in the form of that antichristian power   
 sun, and the moon beneath her feet (sce which is afterwards represented by the   
 Cant. vi. 10, which seems to be borne in beast. At the same time, seven crowned.   
 mind), and on her head a crown of twelve heads may possess an appropriateness of   
 stars (the whole symbolism points to the their own, belonging as they do to the   
 Church, the bride of God: and of course, dragon alone [the beast has the crowns on   
 from the circumstances afterwards related, his horns, ch. xiii. 1]. They may repre-   
 the Old Test. church, at least at this be- sent, as he is Prince of this world, univer-   
 ginning of the vision. That the blessed sality of earthly dominion. The ten horns   
 Virgin cannot be intended, is plain from belong to the fourth beast of Daniel, vii.   
 the subsequent details, and was recognized 7,20). And his tail draggeth down the   
 by the early expositors. ‘The crown of third part of the stars of the heaven, and   
 twelve stars represents the Patriarchs. cast them to the earth (so the little horn   
 Victorinus interprets the woman as the in Dan. viii. 10, “cast down some of the   
 ancient church, and the twelve stars as host and of the stars to the ground, and   
 above), and [she is] (or, being) with child stamped npon them.” The allusion here   
 [and] crieth out in pangs and tormented may be to the devil having persuaded and   
 to bring forth. And another sign was drawn down to perdition the rebel angels.   
 seen in heaven: and behold, a great red ‘The magnitude and fury of the dragon are   
 dragon (interpreted below, ver. 9, to be graphically given by the fact of its tail,   
 the devil, the ancient serpent: see also vv. its lashing backwards and forwards in fury,   
 18, 15. He is red perhaps for the com- sweeping down the stars of heaven). And   
 bined reasons, of the wasting properties of the dragon standeth (not “stood.” Pliny   
 fire, and the redness of blood: see Jol describes the dragon as not prone and   
 44), having seven heads and ten gliding like a serpent, but walking lofty   
 horns, and upon his head seven diadems and erect) before the woman which is   
 (the Dragon being the devil, these sym- about to bear, that when she hath borne   
 Bolic features nmst be interpreted of the he may devour her child (this was what   
 assuming by him of some of those details the devil instigated Herod the G: to   
 in the form of the beast in ch. xiii. ff, to do, who was the dependant of the Roman   
 whom afterwards he gives his power and Empire. But doubtless the reference is   
 his throne: in other words, as indicating wider than this: even to the whole course   
 that he lays wait for the woman’s offspring of hostility against the Lord during His