1040 REVELATION. XII.   
   
   
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 him because of the blood of the the Lamb, and by the word   
 Lamb, and because of the word of of their testimony; and   
 yLukexiv.26. their testimony; Yand they loved they loved not their lives   
 not their lives unto the death. unto the death. \? There-   
 fore rejoice, ye heavens,   
 xPsscit. 12 Therefore #rejoice, ye heavens, ‘and ye that dwell in them.   
 acnviis” and ye that dwell in them. \* Woe Woe to the inkabiters of   
 tostiow to + the earth and the sea! for the the earth and of the sea!   
 | for the devil is come down   
 devil is come down unto you, having unto you, having great   
 great wrath, >because he knoweth wrath, because he knoweth   
 beh.x.4. that he hath but a short time. that he hath but a short   
 13 And when the dragon saw that time. "And when the   
 dragon saw that he was   
 he was cast unto the earth, he per- cast unto the earth, he   
 secuted °the woman which brought persecuted the woman   
 ever.5. 144 And to which brought forth the   
 aprod.six.4 the woman man child. [the] two man child. “And to the   
 Deut. 23x. wings of the great eagle, \*that she woman were given two   
 wings of a great eagle,   
 ever. 6, that she might fly into the   
   
 quered him on account of the blood of the the period of his active hostility the   
 Lamb (i.e. by virtue of that blood having church and the race whom Christ has re-   
 been shed ; not as in A. V., “By the blood,” deemed will be at an end: he will be bound   
 ‘ch isan rendering. The and cast into the pit. Until then, he is   
 is far more significant; their vie~ carrying it on, in ways which the prophecy   
 tory over Satan was grounded in, was a gocs on to detail). And when the dragon   
 consequence of, His having shed his pre- saw that he was cast down to the earth,   
 cious blood: without that, the adversary’s he persecuted the woman which brought   
 charges against them would have been tn- forth the male child (the narrative at ver.   
 answerable. It is remarkable, that the 6 is again taken up and given more in   
 rabbinical books give a tradition that Satan detail. There, the reason of the woman’s   
 aceuses men all the days of the year, ex- flight is matter of inference: here, it is   
 cept on the Day of Atonement) and on plainly expressed, and the manner of the   
 account of the word of their testimony flight also is related). And there were   
 (the strict sense of the preposition must given (in the usual apocalyptic sense, i. e.   
 again be kept. It is because they have granted by God for His purposes) to the   
 given a faitlifal even unto death, woman [the] two wings of the great eagle   
 that they are victorious: this is their (the figure is taken from Old Test. expres-   
 part, their appropriation of and standing sions used by God in reference to the flight   
 in the virtue of that blood of the Lamb. of Israel from Egypt. The most remark-   
 Without both these, victory would not able- of these is in Exod. xix. 4, “I bare   
 have been theirs: both together form its you on eagle’s wings, and brought you unto   
 ground): and they loved not their life imyself” ” So also Deuteronomy in the reff:   
 unto death (i.e. they carried their not-love But the articles are not to be taken as   
 of their life even unto death). For this identifying the eagle with the figure used   
 canse (viz. because the dragon is cast in those places, which would be most unna-   
 down : as is shewn by the contrast below) tural: much less must they be suppased to   
 rejoice, ye heavens and they that dwell in identify this eagle with that in ch. viii.   
 them. Woe to the earth and the sea, with which it has no connexion. ‘The arti-   
 because the devil is come down to you (the cles are simply generic. With these   
 carth and sea) having great wrath (the Old Test. references before us, we can   
 enmity, which was manifested as his natu- hardly be justified pressing the figure of   
 ral state towurds Christ, ver. 4, being now the eagle’s wings to an interpretation in   
 kindled into wrath), because he knoweth the fulfilment of tue prophecy, orin making   
 that he hath but a short season (i.e. be- it mean that the flight took place under the   
 cause the Lord cometh quickly, and then protection of the Roman eagles, as some