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 wilderness, into her place, might fly finto the wilderness, into tcn.xvita.   
 where she is nourished for | r A "   
 ilineland times, aud half) her place, where she is nourished   
 a time, from the face of Sfor a time, and times, and half aeDwm-v.26.   
 the serpent. 6 4nd the time, from the face of the serpent.   
 serpent cast out of his 15 And the serpent »cast out of his n1sa.us.10   
 mouth water as a flood mouth after the woman water as a   
 after the woman, that he river, that he might cause her to   
 might cause her to be car- be carried away by the river. 15 And   
 ried away of the flood. the earth helped the woman, and   
 16 And the earth helped the earth opened her mouth, and   
 the woman, and the earth swallowed down the river which the   
 opened her mouth, and dragon cast out of his mouth. 17 And   
 swallowed up the flood   
 which the dragon cast out   
 of his mouth. 17 And the   
   
 hhave done), that she might fly into the which afterwards, when seated at Jeru-   
 wilderness (the flight of Israel out of salem, forsook’ her Lord and Husband, and   
 Egypt is still in mind) to her place committed adultery with the kings of the   
 (prepared of God, ver. 6: so also in Exod. earth, and became drunk with the blood   
 iii. 20), she is nourished (as God of the saints. It would seem then that we   
 nourished Israel with manna in the wil must not understand the woman of the in-   
 ness, see Deut. 3, 16) a time and visible spiritual church of Christ, nor her   
 times and half a time (i.e. 3} years; 42 flight into the wilderness of the withdrawal   
 months, ch. xi. 2; 1260 days, ver. 6 and of God’s true servants from the eyes of the   
 ch. xi. 3) from (importing “safe from,” world. They indeed have been just as   
 “far from,” “hidden from”) the face of much withdrawn from the eyes ‘of the   
 the dragon. And the serpent cast ont of world at all times, and will continne so   
 his mouth after the woman water as a till the great manifestation of the sons of   
 river, that he might make her to be borne God. I own that, considering the analo-   
 away by the river. And the earth helped gies and the language used, I am much   
 the woman, and the earth opened her more disposed to interpret the persecution   
 mouth and swallowed down the river of the woman by the dragon of the various   
 which the dragon cast out of his month persecutions by Jews which followed the   
 {in passing to the interpretation, we Ascension, and her flight into the wilder-   
 cannot help being struck with the eonti- ness of the gradual withdrawal of the   
 nued analogy between this propbecy and chareh and her agency from Jerusalem   
 the history of the Exodus. ‘There we have and Judma, finally consummated by the   
 the flight into the wilderness, there the flight to the mountains on the approach~   
 feeding in the wilderness, as already re- ing siege, commanded by our Lord Him-   
 marked: there again the forty-two sta- self, And then the river which the dragon   
 tions, corresponding to the forty-two sent out of his mouth after the woman   
 months of the three years and half of this might be variously understood,—of the   
 prophecy: there too the miraculous passage Roman armies which threatened to sweep   
 of the Red Sea, not indeed in strict corre- away Christianity in the wreck ofthe Jew-   
 spondence with this last feature, but at ish nation,—or of the persecutious which   
 least suggestive of it. These analogies followed the ehurch into her retreats, but   
 themselves suggest caution in the applica- eventually became absorbed by the civil   
 tion of the words of the prophecy; and in power turning Christian, —or of the Jewish   
 The church in the wilder- nation itself, banded together against   
 t, a8 some expositors Christianity wherever it appeared, but   
 ‘oman, the pure eventually itself becoming — powerless   
 ritable servants were against it by its dispersion and ruin,—or   
 ist of church, as much again, of the influx of heretical opinions   
 as that church itself was withdrawn from from the Pagan philosophies which tended   
 the enmity of Pharaoh. And, it is to be to swamp the true faith. I confess that   
 noted, it was that very church herself not one of these scems to me satisfactorily