‘XII.   
 1044 REVELATION.   
   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED. AUTHORIZED VERSION,   
 eDanviis. feet were as the feet of a bear, and his feet were as the fect   
 of @ bear, and his mouth   
 his mouth as the mouth of a lion: as the mouth of a lion:   
 foh.xii.9, and ‘the dragon gave to it his and the dragon gave him   
 chxviie, power, Sand his throne, ® and great. his power, and his seat,   
 \*Sivermenea authority. 8And [tI saw] one of and great authority. \* And   
 its heads ‘as it were wounded to Isaw one of his heads as   
 nal death; and the stroke of its death it were wounded to death ;   
 1 Fersli, whole earth and his deadly wound was   
 was healed: and \* the 4 And healed : and all the world   
 koh. xvii. wondered after the beast.   
 wondered after the beast, 4 And they worshipped the   
 they worshipped the dragon, because dragon which gave power   
 he gave his power unto the beast: unto the beast: and they   
 and they worshipped the beast, say- worshipped the beast, say-   
 1enxviias. ing, 'Who is like unto the beast? ing, Who is like unto the   
 who is able to make war with him? Beast ? who is able to make   
 5 And there was given unto him ™a war with him? 6 And   
 mouth speaking great and blasphe- there twas given unto him   
 a mouth speaking great   
 things and blasphemies;   
   
   
 was like toa leopard, and its fect as of form at the time when the Apocalypse was   
 a bear (see reff.), and its mouth as the written. Tacitus merely relates, that there   
 mouth of a lion (thus uniting in itself the were many rumours about Nero’s death,   
 three previous kingdoms of Dan. vii. 4 ff., and that in consequence many feigned or   
 the first of which was like a lion, second believed that he was alive, and that on the   
 like a bear, the third like a leopard ; and strength of this, a Pseudo-Nero arose in the   
 in consequence representing, not the Roman East. The first who mentions the idea of   
 Empire merely, but the aggregate of the Nero returning from the dead, is Augus-   
 Eupires of this world as opposed to Christ tine, in explaining 2 Thess. ii. 3 ff. But   
 and His kingdom), And the dragon gave it is observable that Augustine does not   
 to it his might and his throne and great connect the idea with the Apocalypse.   
 power (i.e. this beast, this earthly perse- ‘This first by Sulpicins Severus, and   
 enting power, was the vicegerent and in- completed by Vietorinus, whose very words   
 strument of the devil, the prince of this betray the origin of the idea having been   
 world, and used by him for his purposes of from ‘this passage itself). And the whole   
 hostility against the remuaut of the seed earth wondered after (wondered at, as they   
 of the woman). And [I saw] one among followed, or gazed, after) the beast, and   
 his heads as it were wounded unto death worshipped the dragon, because he gave   
 (this seems to represent the Roman pagan tho (or, his) power to the beast, and wor-   
 Empire, which having long been a head of shipped the beast, saying, Who is like to   
 the beast, was erushed and to all appear- the beast? And who is able to war with   
 anee exterminated), and the stroke of its hhim (these words are a sort of parody, in   
 death was healed (in the establishment of their blasphemy, on ascriptions of praise   
 the Christian Roman Empire. The period to God: compare Exod, xv. 11; Ps, xxxv.   
 now treated of is the same, introduced here 10; Ixxi. 195 exii. 5 Isa. x1. 18, 25 xlvi.   
 by anticipation, but hereafter to be de- 55 Jer. xxix. 20[xlix, 19]; Micuh vii. 18 :   
 scribed in detail, as during which the they represent to us the relapse into all   
 woman sits on the beast and guides it. the substantial blasphemies of paganism   
 Very many Commentators have’ explained under the resnscitated Empire of Rome,   
 these seven heads as individual kings, and and the retention of pagan titles and forms.   
 supposed the one who was wounded to Tinay remark, that nothing in those words   
 death to be Nero, and these last. words to finds any representative in the history of   
 allude to the idea that Nero would return times of the Pagan Empire)? And there   
 from the dead and become antichrist. But was given unto him a mouth speaking   
 this idea was certainly not prevalent in this great and blasphemous things (so we read