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 4 deceiveth Mand deceiveth them that   
 acpsi.o.e sight of men, land dwell on the earth by the   
 », them that dwell on the earth, ®be- means of those miracles   
 cause of the miracles which it was which he had power to do   
 given him to work in the sight of in the sight of the beast ;   
 the beast ; ordering them that dwell saying to them that dwell   
 on the earth to make an image to on the earth, that they   
 the beast, which hath the wound by should make an image to   
 12 Kingsxx.7. the sword, fand did live. the beast, which had the   
 was given him to give breath And unto wound by a sword, and   
 the image of the beast, that the did live. And he had   
 image of the beast should even power to give life unto the   
 image of the beast, that   
 the image of the beast   
 should both speak, and   
 soho z& speak, Sand should cause that as cause that as many as   
 xs" many as worship not the image of would not worship the   
 the beast should be killed. 16 And image of the beast should   
 he causeth all men, both small and be killed. 1\* And he causeth   
 great, rich and poor, free and bond, all, both small and great,   
 rich and poor, free and   
   
 called on the gods at my dictation, and   
 support of the sacerdotal power, pagan and offered incense and wine to thine image   
 papal, has ever beon the claim to work (which for this purpose I had ordered to be   
 miracles) it even maketh fire to come brought with those of the gods), and   
 down from the heaven to the earth in the besides cursed Christ, which it is said that   
 sight of men (it is probable that, this no true Christian can be compelled to do,   
 special miracle is mentioned to reall the I thought fit to dismiss them.” Above   
 spirit and power of Elias, and shew how the he had said, “those who persevered {in   
 false prophet shall counterfeit the true), their Christianity] I ordered to be led to   
 and deceiveth those who dwell on the execution.” And if it be said as an ob-   
 earth on account of (the words express not jection to this, that it is not an image of   
 the instrument, but the ground of the the Emperor but of the beast itself which   
 deceit: the impostare succeeds, because is spoken of, the answer is very simple,   
 of...) the miracles which it was that as the Evangelist himself, in ch. xvii.   
 given to him to work in the presence of 11, does not hesitate to identify one of the   
 the beast, ordering those who dwell on seven kings with the beast itself, so we   
 the earth’ to make an image to the beast may fairly assume that the image of the   
 who hath the stroke of the sword, and beast for the time being would be the   
 lived (this part of the prophecy seems to image of the reigning Emperor.   
 describe the acts of the pagan ‘sacerdotal Te is not so easy to assign a meaning to   
 power then presently to follow. See more the giving life and speech to the image of   
 below). And it was given to him to give the beast. Victorinus gives a curious ex-   
 breath (or, spirit; hy inference, life) to planation: “he shall also cause that a   
 the image of the beast, that the image of golden image to Antichrist shall be erected   
 the beast should even speak, and should in the temple at Jerusalem, and a fallen   
 cause that as many as do not worship the angel shall enter and thence utter voices   
 image of the beast should be slain. and give oracles.” The allusion probably   
 ‘The Seer is now describing facts which is to some lying wonders permitted to the   
 history substantiates to us in their literal Pagan priests to try the faith of God’s   
 fulfilment. ‘The image of Cwsar was every people. We cannot help, as we read, think-   
 where that which men were made to wor- ing of the moving images, and winking and   
 it was before this that the Christian speaking pictures, so often employed for   
 martyrs were brought to the test, and put purposes of imposture by their far less   
 to death if they refused the act of adora- excusable Papal suecessors. And he (j. e.   
 tion. ‘The words of Pliny’s letter to Trajan the second beast, more naturally than the   
 are express on the point: “When they