1068 REVELATION, XVI.   
   
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 4 oh, xii. full of! names of blasphemy, \* having beast, full of names of   
 k ver. seven heads and ! ten horns. 4 And blasphemy, having seven   
 me.xvtiii® the woman ™was arrayed in purple heads and ten horns, # And   
 nDan.xi.s8. and searlet colour, "and gilded with the woman was arrayed in   
 gold and precious stones and pearls, purple and scarlet colour,   
 \*having a golden cup in her hand and decked with gold and   
 oder Ih? P full of abominations and filthiness precious stones and pearls,   
 teh, of her fornication: 5and [having] having a golden cup in her   
 poh.alv 8. hand full of abominations   
 and filthiness of her forni-   
 cation: Sand upon her   
 in the spirit (see note on ch. i. 10): and T over its whole surface, As ridden and   
 saw awoman sitting upon a scarlet wild- guided by the harlot, it is tenfold more   
 beast (this beast is introduced as if a new blasphemous in its titles and assumptions   
 appearance: but its identity with that than before. ‘The heathen world has but   
 mentioned before, xiii. 1 ff. is plain as its Divi, i. o.“ in the Caesars, as in   
 the description goes onward. For not to other deified men of note: but Christen-   
 mention the features which the two have dom has its “most Christian ” and most:   
 in common, this beast, assoon as described, faithful” Kings as Lonis XIV. and   
 is ever after as the beast; and Philip I1.; its “Defenders of the faith”   
 in ch. xix. 19, 20, the identity is expressly such as Charles If. and James IL; its   
 established. For there we read. ver. 19, society of unprincipled intriguers called   
 that the beast and the kings of the earth after the sacred name of our Lord, and   
 make war against the Lamb, which beast working Satan’s work “ad majorem Dei   
 can be no other than this on which the gloriam s” its “holy office” of the Inquisi-   
 woman rides, cf. vy. 12—14:—and in tion, with its dens of darkest cruclty ;   
 the next verse, xix. 20, we read that the finally its “patrimony of St. Peter,” and   
 Beast was taken, and the false prophet its “holy Roman Empires” all of thom   
 who did miracles before him, which beast and many more, new names of blasphemy,   
 can be no other than that of ch. xiii, Sce with which the woman has invested the   
 ver. 14 there. The identity of the two is beast. Go where we will and look where   
 therefore matter not of opinion, but of de- we will in Papal Christendom, names of   
 monstration. ‘The differences in appear- blasphemy meet us. ‘The taverns, the   
 ance doubtless are significant. That with shops, the titles of men and of places, the   
 which we are now concerned, the scarlet very insurance badges on the houses are   
 colour, is to be understood as belonging full of them), having seven heads and ten   
 not to a covering on the beast, but to the horns (as in its former appearance, ch.   
 beast itself. It is akin to the colour of the xiii. 1; inherited from the dragon, ch. xii.   
 dragon, but as that is the redness of fire 3. These are presently interpreted: we   
 [see however ch. vi. 4}, s0 is of blood, now return to the description of the woman   
 with which both the beast and its rider are herself). And the woman was clothed in   
 dyed. It was the colour, see Hob. ix. 19, purple (St. John’s own word, even to its   
 of the wool to be used in sprinkling the peculisr form, for the mock-imperial robe   
 Dlood of sacrifice, may be an alln- placed on our Lord : and therefore bearing   
 sion to the Roman imperial purple: for the probably here the same signification; but   
 robe which was put on our Lord in mockery not in mockery, for the empire is real) and   
 is described by this same word. But this scarlet (see above. This very cclour is   
 is more probably conveyed by its own proper not without its significance: witness the   
 word in the next verse. By the woman Cardinals, at the same time the guiding   
 sitting on the wild-beast, is signified that couneil of the Church and princes of the   
 superintending and guiding power which State), and gilded with gold and with   
 the rider possesses over his beast: than (the wort gilded is carried on to other   
 which nothing could be chosen more apt to details to which it does not properly be-   
 represent the superiority claimed and ex- long) precious stones and with pearls (this   
 ercised by the See of Rome over the se- deseription needs uo illustration for any   
 cular kingdoms of Christendom), full of who have witnessed, or even read of, the   
 names of blasphemy (the names of blas- pomp of Papal Rome: which, found as it   
 phemy, which were found before on the is every where, is concentrated in the city   
 heads of the beast only, have now spread itself), a cup of gold in her hand