elevate themselves to Godhead. But both heads and  
horns are alike actuated with enmity against the true  
God. Jesus lost all of earth by truly professing Himself God. The false Messiah gains everything from  
man and Satan by falsely asserting himself to be God.  
 The seven heads of *Satan* as the dragon (chap. xii.)  
are the same as the seven heads of the *Wild Beast* here.  
 It is well known that many of the emperors took  
the titles and homage of Deity. (1) To Julius Caesar  
was raised a temple (Dio. 47, 18, p. 337). (2) Augustus permitted temples to Rome and his father at  
Ephesus and Nice; and in other parts of Asia, temples  
where worship was rendered were erected to himself.  
(Dio. 450, 600; Virg. Ecl. i. 6-8; Hor. Ep. II. 1, 16;  
Ovid Fast., i. 13). (3) Caligula (Dio. 643; Joseph.  
Ant. 18, 8, 89; 191, 1), and (4) Nero (Dio. p. 724)  
followed in the same sin. (5) Domitian, the emperor  
reigning in John’s day, required men to address him as  
“Our Lord and God.”  
 At Angora there are the remains of a temple erected  
to Augustus. On it is inscribed

“TO THE GOD AUGUSTUS,  
AND  
TO THE GODDESS ROME.”

At the same place were found also these awful words,  
most interesting as illustrative of the chapter before  
us.

“TO THE  
EMPEROR CAESAR MARCUS AURELIUS ANTONINUS,  
Unconquered, August, Pious, Successful.

AELIUS LYCINUS,  
*one most devoted to his godhead*,  
erects this.”

Fellowes, p. 248.