

thy seed and her seed ; she shall crush thy head, and thou shalt lie in wait for her heel . . .

And the Lord God sent Adam out of the paradise of pleasure, to till the earth from which he was taken.

And he cast out Adam : and place before the paradise of pleasure Cherubims, and a flaming sword, turning every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

III. The Sibyl of Tibur.

According to the first christian traditions, a few years before the Nativity of our Lord Jesus, the tiburtina Sibyl foretold to the roman emperor Augustus the wonderful birth of the divine Redeemer of the World.

The painter has chosen the very moment, when the emperor goes down the staircase of his palace, followed by many consuls, dressed with the white *toga* and preceded according to the custom of the time by two roman *lictors*.

The sibyl detains the emperor to show him the miraculous Virgin and Mother with her glorious Child, just emerging amongst the clouds.

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IV. The Annunciation.

“ And in the sixth month, the Angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee called Nazareth.

“ To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David : and the name of the virgin was Mary.

“ And the Angel, being come in, said to her : Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee : Blessed art thou among women.

“ And when she had heard, she was troubled at his saying, and thought with herself what manner of salutation this should be.