

Mary his mother : and falling down, they adored him : and opening their treasures, they offered to him gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh.

“And having received an answer in sleep, that they should not return to Herod, they went back another way into their own country.

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VII. The “Woman and her child” of the Apocalypse.

“And there appeared a great wonder in heaven : a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars :

“And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and was in pain to be delivered.

“And there appeared another wonder in heaven ; and, behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads, and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems.

“And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and cast them in the earth : and the dragon stood before the woman, who was ready to be delivered ; that, when she should be delivered, he might devour her son.

“And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with an iron rod : and her son was taken up to God, and to his throne :

“And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared by God, that there they should feed her a thousand two hundred and sixty days.

“And there was a great battle in heaven : Michael and his Angels fought with the dragon ; and the dragon fought, and his angels :

“And they prevailed not ; neither was their place found any more in heaven.