732 THE ACTS. ~ XI.   
 eJomnxxi.ts. bread. “And ®when he had apprehended him, he put   
 him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of   
 soldiers to keep him; intending after 8 Haster to bring   
 him forth to the people. 5 Peter therefore was kept in   
 prison: but ¢ prayer was made without ceasing } of the   
 church unto God for him. 6 And when Herod i would   
 have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping   
 d2Cor.i.11. between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and [¥ the]   
 Eph. vi. keepers before the door kept the prison. 7 And, behold,   
 1 Thess.v.17- 7Z¢ angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined   
 in the ™yrison: and he smote Peter on the side, and   
 raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains   
 fell off from his hands. 8 And the angel said unto him,   
 Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And s0 he did.   
 dd ch. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and   
 follow me. 9 And he went out, and followed him; and   
 © wist not that it was true which was done by the angel;   
 but thought ‘he saw a vision. 1!” When they were past   
 the first and the second ° ward, they came unto the iron   
 gate that leadeth unto the city ; \* which opened to them of   
   
   
   
   
 e Ps. xxvii.   
 fch. X. 172   
 31.5.   
   
 ech, xvi.   
 8 render, as in every other place where the word (pascha) occurs, the Passover.   
 XD render, by. i render, was about to bring.   
 K omit. 1 pender, an.   
 ™ render, chamber.   
 2 render, he did so. The words, “so he did,” in modern English, do not carry   
   
 this sense. ° ov, guard.   
   
 bread.” The argument from the four which preceded the day of trial.—The   
 quaternions of soldiers proves nothing: pence of attaching a prisoner to one   
 the same sixteen (see below) may have had eeper or more by a chain is alluded to by   
 him in permanent charge, that number several ancient authors. In the account   
 being appointed as adequate to the duties of the imprisonment of Herod Agrippa   
 required. 4. to four quaternions of himself by Tiberius, Jos. Antt. xviii. 7,   
 soldiers] In military arrangements, Herod we read of the soldier who was chained   
 seems to have retained the Roman habits, with him. See note on ch. xxiv. 23; see   
 according to which the night was divided also ch. xxviii. 16, 20. 7.) It is in   
 into four watches, and each committed to St. Luke’s manner to relate simultaneously   
 four soldiers, to two of whom the prisoner the angelic appearance and the shining of   
 was chained, the other two keeping watch a light around: cf. Luke ii, 9; xxiv. 4;   
 before the doors of the prison, forming the ch, x. 80. ‘The light accompanied, or per-   
 first and second guards of ver.10. It is haps shone from, the angel. 9.) went   
 plain that this number being mentioned is out, viz. from the chamber or cell.   
 no sign that the custody was only for ore 10.] The first and second watch or guard   
 night. after the Passover] (sec above) cannot mean the two soldiers to whom he   
 after the days of the feast, i.e. after the was chained, on account of the mention of   
 2st of Nisan. Herod, who (ver. 1, note) his going out above: but are probably the   
 observed rigorously the Jewish eustoms, other two, one at the door of the chamber,   
 would not execute a prisoner during the the other at the outer door of the building.   
 feast. 5.] On the duration implicd Then ‘the iron gate leading into the city”   
 by this verse, see 6. the same was that outside the prison buildings, form-   
 night] emphatic: that very night, viz. ing the exit from the premises. ‘The situa-