XII. 1—3. II. CORINTHIANS. 309   
   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION. AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED,   
   
 dient for me doubiless to though it is not expedient: but I   
 glory. I will come to will come to visions and revelations   
 visions and 2 revelations of; the Lord. ®I know a man \*in on. pir   
 the Lord. Christ, above fourteen years ago, ©   
 in Christ above fourteen (whether in the body, I know not; Gal ied,   
 years ago, (whether in the or whether out of the body, I know   
 body, I cannot tell; or not: God knoweth;) such an one   
 whether out of the body, I caught up even unto the third   
 cannot tell: God knoweth ;) 3 And I know such a man,   
 such an one caught up to   
 the third heaven. 3 And I iheaven.   
   
 it leads to fresh mention of infirmity, in mind and the flesh (Rom. vii. 25), clearly   
 which he wilt boast, as being a vehicle was not the subject of it, as it were   
 the perfection of Christ’s power. In another form of his personality, analogous   
 order to understand the connexion of the to that which we shall assume when un-   
 following, it is very requisite to bear in clothed of the body.—It may be remarked   
 mind the burden of the whole, which runs in passing, as has been done by Whitby,   
 through it—\* I will boast in mine infirmi- that the Apostle here by implication ae-   
 ties”? There is no break hetween this and Knowledges the possibility of conscious-   
 the last chapter. as just mentioned a ness and receptivity in disembodied state.   
 passage of his histor; might expose —Let it not be forgotten, that the con-   
 him to contempt and ridicule—this was text, this vision introduced not so much   
 one of the weaknesses. He now comes to for the purpose of making it a ground of   
 another : but other inseparably con- boasting, which he does only passingly and   
 nected with, and forming the sequel of, a under protest, but that he may by it in-   
 glorious revelation vouchsafed him by the troduce the mention of the thorn in the   
 Lord. This therefore he relates, at the flesh, which bore so conspicuous a part in   
 same time repudiating it as connected with his weakmesses, TO BOAST OF WHICH is his   
 himself, and fixing attention only on the present object. 2.) I know (not,   
 weakness which followed it. 1.] On the ‘knew, as A. V.: which is a mistake in   
 difficult of the reading in verse, grammar, and introduces serious con-   
 see my Greek Test. I must boast, though fusion, making it seem as if the fourteen   
 it is not to my advantage: but I will pro- years ago were the date of the knowledge,   
 ceed to visions and revelations of the not, as it is, of the a man in   
 Lord] as if he said, ‘and the instances I Christ (i. e., Christian” ‘a man whose   
 will select are of that kind in which, standing is in Christ so in Rom. xvi. 7),   
 of boasting ever were good, it might be fourteen years ago (the daée refers en-   
 allowed, vision is the or manner tirely to the event abont to be narrated,   
 of receiving revelation. There can hardly and probably refers back to the time when   
 be a vision without a revelation of some he was at Tarsus waiting for God to point   
 kind. of the Lord, i.e., vouchsafed out his work, between Acts ix. 30 and xi.   
 me by the Lord, not of, i.e. revealing, 25. See the chronological table in the   
 the Lord, as the subject of the vision; for introduction to the Acts), whether in the   
 such is not that which follows. body, I know not; or out of the body, I   
 2—4.] An example of such a vision and know not: God knoweth (if ix the body,   
 revelation. The adoption of the third the idea would be that he was taken up   
 person is remarkable: it being evident bodily: if owt of the body, to which the   
 from ver. 7 that ke himself is meant. It alternative manifestly inclines,—that his   
 is plain that a is intended between \* ber, was rapt from the body, and taken   
 the rapt and glorified person of vv. 2, 4, up disembodied) ; such an tobe followed, an   
 —and himself, the weak and atilicted and third resumes will a parenthesis, Cor. v. 5)   
 almost despairing subject of the thorn in scale, being only the material up) as far as   
 the flesh of 7 tf. Such glory belonged the third heaven. — What is the third hea-   
 not to him, but the weakness did. Nay, ven? The Jews knew no such limit of num-   
 so far was the glory from being Ais, that   
 he knew not whether he was in or out of   
 the body when it was put upon him; so   
 that the “I myself,” compounded of the